



GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

Autumn Winter 2017

The past few months have seen very mild temperatures that have given us extended growth into the latter part of the year.

This gives us some positives and negatives. The negatives are that we have been cutting the whole golf course well into October, combine this with the daily collecting of falling leaves and the green keepers day is gone. Secondly, we have had to spray more regularly to counter attack green disease that has been prevalent in the mild damp conditions.

The positives are that the greens maintenance work that we carried out in September has now recovered and we are well placed with our maintenance program going into winter, and overall the golf course is in good shape.

It is my intention, along with my team, to review each hole for sustainable playability and improvements over the winter period. This will involve reviewing plantations, bunkering and green complexes. On completion I will post my views in the New Year.

I have just completed my provisional five year plan for the golf course operation which will be finalised when the individual hole reviews have finished. This will also include course maintenance programs and the purchase of new machinery all to be written in our annual budgets.

Our continued effort is to make Bishopswood one of the best 9 golf courses in the South of England.

Kevin Pickett
General Manager