

To the Officers and members of Rickmansworth Golf Club

Firstly apologies for my non-attendance this evening, it would have been nice to address you in person however other commitments has meant my report to you in writing instead.

Another year has gone quickly, one which has again been weather dominated where we have experienced extreme heat, storm damage and the wettest weather recorded in history. Above all this the green-staff, lead by Jack Ellis, have worked tirelessly to maintain the course throughout and indeed to keep it playable throughout the recent months albeit with a few necessary hole closures and are looking forward to a much better season to enable them to present the course once again to its best condition.

On the development side we have seen the refurbishment of the Pro Shop which now enhances the golfers experience at our facility and provides us with a much improved service to our customers.

Our Junior Golf Academy continues to grow in numbers and popularity within the local community, and with the assistance of Jon Darby on board as Teaching Professional and the enthusiasm of both Steve and Dan this can only strengthen the junior section at RGC.

Course wise we have during the year been subject to 2 course audits as part of our contract with TRDC and following these a subsequent tree audit which did affect our ongoing course development programme due to costs. As a result of the tree audit, it has identified priority and non-priority works which will progress throughout the year on a needs basis to ensure safety of our users and local residents and indeed the health of our trees for years to come.

Moving forward into 2014 we aim to resurrect our bunker renovation plan and also we are hoping to begin major pathway renovations throughout the course. This will entail both tarmac and hardcore works which will be programmed to avoid minimal disruption to play. In respect of building maintenance there will be a CAPEX plan to include any necessary structural works needed in maintaining the fabric of the building.

May I take this opportunity once again to congratulate the club on their golfing success in the Bourne Vanneck Cup and to both Mick Rogers for leading them to a more or less clean sweep and to Sherril Bryden for her support and enthusiastic approach to encouraging ladies golf especially Nine & Dine.

To end I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the committee for their continued support and also the membership for their support of both staff and shop during the year. May I also wish both Stefan and June best wishes during their captaincy year and I look forward to working closely with the club in the coming season to ensure continued growth and further success.

Best Wishes

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