

DOUGLAS PARK GOLF CLUB

COURSE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

INTRODUCTION

Over the course of the 2011 season the Course Committee and Head Greenkeeper decided that a long term plan was required to document any significant future course maintenance and improvements. This plan is intended as a working document, to be amended as necessary in light of issues that may arise or as work is completed.

The initial time period for the plan is 5 years, however in the future there may be a requirement to look further ahead. This document's primary purpose is to allow course works to be prioritised and scheduled, however it will also provide the membership with information on course improvements.

Works are mostly split into one of four categories – Tees, Trees, Bunkers and Drainage. A large number of the proposed works are to be undertaken on the existing bunkers, this work is necessitated due to degradation caused by the sand, with bunker lips reducing and the extents of the bunkers increasing.

Below is a summary of the course work to be completed this year:

- 2nd Hole
 - Re-lay tee due to poor grass growth and some subsidence in areas
 - Small trees and foliage to be removed/pruned to try and improve air flow and sunlight to the 2nd tee – this will be an on-going project each year with the amount of cutting back being increased year on year if growth remains poor
 - Right hand tree, blocking view of fairway from medal tee, to be removed
 - 4th Hole
 - Medal tee to be re-laid due to subsidence
 - 7th Hole
 - Drains at rear of green to be inspected and any remediation carried out
 - 9th Hole
 - All bunkers to be reshaped and lips reinstated
 - Left hand greenside bunker to be filled in with a new bunker located front left of green with base raised above current level and hopefully out water table
 - 2 right hand bunkers, around 40 yards short of green, to be made into 1 large bunker
 - 11th Hole
 - New pedestrian bridge constructed, with steps, just short of front of green over the left hand ditch
 - Astro-turf to be laid on entrance to existing trolley bridge to reduce wear on grass in this area
 - Astro-turf to be used to cover all steps constructed from sleepers
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		<u>YEAR</u>
GOLF HOLES		
1st hole:		
• Greenside Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
2nd hole:		
• Tees: Medal, box and ladies tee to be re-laid to provide a flat teeing ground.		1
• Trees: Small trees and bushes to be pruned/removed to allow more light and air movement to tees		1
• Trees: Right hand tree, blocking view of fairway from medal tee, to be removed		1
• Greenside bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
• Drainage: Open ditch to be created just short and left of green to aid drainage in this area. Ditch to follow line of existing drainage line.		4
3rd hole:		
• Greenside Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
4th hole:		
• Tee: Medal tee to be re-laid to provide a flat teeing ground.		1
• Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
• Drainage: Ditch crossing 11 th fairway to be extended towards 4 th tee along edge of 11 th hole tree copse		4
5th hole:		
• Greenside bunker: Bunker to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
• Drainage: Gullies to be installed just short of green, where water collects after flowing down the hole.		1
6th hole:		
• Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		2
• Drainage: Drains to be inspected and unblocked/re-laid if necessary between 6 th green and 7 th tee.		2
7th hole:		
• Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		3
• Drainage: Drains at back of green, between green and 8 th tee, to be inspected for blockages		1
• Drainage: Main drain running east through the alley of trees on the left hand side of the fairway to be re-laid just left of fairway to be unobstructed from tree roots.		2
8th hole:		
• Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated		3
9th hole		
• Bunkers: Left hand greenside bunker to be filled in and moved to front left of green. This will raise the bottom of the bunker out of the high water table and away from the surface water flow and should keep the bunker drier in adverse weather.		1
• Bunkers: The 2 bunkers 30 yards short and right of the green to be joined together to form one large bunker.		1

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: All other bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated Drainage: New drainage to be installed between green and 10th tee to improve drainage in area. This may take the shape of a stone trench that can store the water. 	1 2
10th hole:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated Trees: Gradual felling of silver birches on right side of hole (150 yards short of green) to be replaced with green deciduous trees. 	2 2
11th hole:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated Pathways: New pedestrian bridge to be built across ditch just short and left of green. Pathways: Astro-turf to be laid leading upto existing bridge to reduce muddy area at entrance 	2 1 1
12th hole:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be rebuilt with raised tee, green pushed further back, new bunkering and regarding of slope to improve sight lines. 	1
13th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated Bunkers: New splash bunker around 50 yards short of green (similar to 6th hole) Green: To be rebuilt to sand based sub-base and to improve drainage of surface water away from green. 	3 3 1
14th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tees: Medal tee depth to be increased to create a larger teeing ground Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated 	1 4
15th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be rebuilt with left hand bunker moved to be more in view and encroach on left hand side of green. Raised 'hump' to be positioned left of green to stop good shots slipping off left side of green. 	1
16th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tees: Medal tee to be increased in depth and accommodate box tee. Existing box tee to be removed. Bunkers: Left hand greenside bunkers to be reshaped, with lips re-instated, to become a pot bunker front right of green. 	1 4
17th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated 	4
18th hole	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bunkers: Bunkers to be reshaped with lips re-instated 	4
Watering System	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broken pop-ups and pipework to be replaced 	2-5