

Barnard Castle Golf Club.

**Management Meeting.**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

- **Attendees:**  
Colin MacLeod, Andy Hall, Lainey Hunt, Pauline Connelly, Ken Walters, Geoff Wall and Dave Sparrow
- **Apologies**  
Graham West
- **Actions List**  
Action list updated and communicated to committee.
- **Updates**
  - **Chairperson**
    - Issues remain with billing to members concerning 2024/25 season. Currently escalated to Club Systems for resolution... expected by 22-Mar.
    - Green fee income affected by adverse weather and consequential course closures through most of March.
    - Cash flow remained positive in March.
  - **Admin**
    - Update provided within Action List.
    - Advertising campaign (Membership rates and Green Fees) executed: -
      - ❖ Northern Echo
      - ❖ Teesdale Mercury
      - ❖ Northern Golfer
      - ❖ BC Cricket Club
  - **Welfare**  
Role development continues with the incorporation of Community Liaison activities. Updates given covering the following: -
    - DBS Verifier
    - Welfare Officer: Time To Listen Course
    - Junior Section Development
    - In house training
  - **Competitions**  
All competitions significantly impacted by course closures. Winter League finals 23/24-Mar.
  - **Greens Report**  
In the last 4 weeks we have had a further 83mm of rain with a total of 280mm since Jan 1st.  
  
We have been closed 5 days so far in March and 36 days closed in total since 1st Jan with 8 further days with reduced course.  
  
Work wise we have been very limited with what we could do on the golf course as it has been too wet for machinery but have managed to mow greens weekly as well as tees twice since Feb1st - Aprons 3 times and fairways once.  
  
All machinery servicing is now done and supplies for the new season have started to arrive (course furniture and fertilisers etc)  
  
Mowers are all set and ready to go when weather permits and we are hoping to get out and mow fairways this week and next where dry and hopefully a few areas of semi and rough again where possible.

Greens are extremely wet and we have completed another deep aeration to try and alleviate the surface water but unfortunately what existing drainage there is simply isn't working on many of the greens so are taking ages to dry out but when they do we are having more heavy rains. Drill and fill aeration is all we have left to try on a dozen greens or so when budget permits. We are hoping to redo greens drainage on 13th and 14th greens when weather allows us but greens need to dry out considerably first so we can machinery on them.

Like the greens we have major issues with the 10th and 17th fairways and external drainage contractor required to rectify although we may try 17th in house if time permits prior to main season. Quote has gone in re 10th fairway drainage but again nothing can be done until the worst areas have dried out more - unfortunately we can see this running into April. The 17th fairway is that wet we have not had a mower on it for 6 months and will need rough mower then semi mower on first before we can look at fairway heights again probably end of April.

We are due a feed on the greens but because they are so wet this will be put back a further couple of weeks until dry enough to be effective.

It is safe to say we are a good month behind where we would like to be and it will take a good couple of months to get us back to where we should be for the time of year

- [Captain's Report](#)  
Proposed Captain's Day format presented to Management Committee.
- [Ladies Report](#)  
No report submitted.
- [Seniors](#)  
Progress on the Bridlington, Dunstanburgh and Seascale trips continue, with an invite to Crook GC for the Invitational issued.

Currently, two of the Senior's Opens are almost full.

- [Matters Arising](#)  
None
- [Correspondence](#)  
All correspondence shared and actioned as appropriate. (Action: Colin)
- [AOB](#)
  - The resignation of the Chairperson, Colin MacLeod was submitted to the Management Committee, effective 31-Mar-24. The Management Committee unanimously voted to appoint Geoff Wall as interim Chairperson. Geoff will work with Colin to complete a handover.

[Minutes of meeting \(as stated above\).](#)

Proposed: Geoff Wall

Seconded: Lainey Hunt

The next management committee meeting will take place, Tuesday 16-Apr, 18:30 in the Admin Office.

**Colin MacLeod**