

# Canons Brook Golf Club

## Course update 9,1,12

### Course works

First of all I would like to wish you all a happy new year.

We have been very lucky with the weather this winter so far and the course is holding up well. Due to the temperatures averaging around the 9-10 degrees mark, we are still getting a nice slow growth in the grass, I hope this continues.

As you would have noticed we have been carrying out a fair bit of tree work around the course. I have removed three trees by the 16<sup>th</sup> green to reduce root ingress under the 16<sup>th</sup> green, reduce moisture take up, shading and to allow more air circulation in that area. I still have the poplar trees to reduce that are towering over the green and trees. Apart from the above reasons there is also a safety aspect to the reduction of these Poplars.

You would also have noticed some rip lines in certain areas around the course. This is where I have pulled a mole plough through the ground to sever roots just below the surface. These roots have been encroaching into bunkers and stressing out certain areas of grass. Any signs of this ploughing will recover.

### Reduction of the 13<sup>th</sup> green/ 9<sup>th</sup> tee - Ash tree

I am afraid that the Ash tree behind the 9<sup>th</sup> tee will need to be reduced to make it safe. I have been monitoring this tree over the last few years, after noticing some decay and fungal fruiting bodies present on this tree. The bracket fungus present is *Inonotus hispidus*. This fungus causes white rot, which decays the heart wood of the trunk and branches.

Due to its obvious size and location I have decided it is time to make it safe.

### The 9<sup>th</sup> net

As you will have seen we started to replace the ball stop net on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to the weather conditions and hire charge of the MEWP, we will finish the rest of the netting when weather and time is more favourable, before the main tee is back in play.

### 16<sup>th</sup> tee

We will be starting to relevel the 16<sup>th</sup> tee within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

### Course wear

I would ask members and visitors to please be vigilant of areas that look worn around the course. Although areas are roped or hooped off, if a patch looks brown or thin of grass could you please walk or drive around it. This is your course and we are all responsible for trying to preserve its condition through the winter months.

Thank you

Mark Paxton - Course Manager