



# Melton Mowbray Golf Club



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## Greens News – May

Dear all,

Well what a contrast, in my April news letter I had to report it was too wet, now it is too hot! Those doubters of global warming doubt no more.



Paul, his staff and the artisans have been doing a tremendous job over the last few weeks and as Brendon mentioned in his recent Golf Operations memo, all of the stops were pulled out to make sure the course was in the best possible condition for the Seniors Open on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. This came one day after a bank holiday weekend, however due to the dedication and extraordinary commitment of Paul, his staff and many of the artisans, all working well above and beyond the call of duty for the whole weekend the course was



presented in amazing condition. There have been many positive comments from visitors and members.

For the vast majority of us members this is all unseen work and sadly as we play our games of golf we are all too quick to find things to criticise and complain about. The simple fact is with the resources we have we prioritise those jobs that most impact the condition of play; greens, fairways, semi rough and tees. This means that some areas of long rough, like this example down the right hand side of the 11th are unlikely to be managed in the near future.

I hope you will agree that the tining we did as part of the spring maintenance had a minimal impact on playability and the greens have now recovered to a great standard in a very short period of time.

The staff plus volunteers have completed most of the bunkers on the back nine and if we have sufficient support in place the 17<sup>th</sup> will be complete on Wednesday this week.



12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> green side bunkers



15<sup>th</sup> Fairway and 16<sup>th</sup> Green



We have also purchased some new bins with money allocated from Liz Snow's captaincy year and new rakes sponsored by the club captain Glenn Price. Glenn has put up signs on the 18<sup>th</sup> pond and 16<sup>th</sup> bunker, if your ball finds its way into either or both of these hazards please donate to the captains charity.



Paul has also managed to spray the weeds on fairways 2, 3, 8 and 10, and some of the ditches.

All of these details accumulate to make sure we are presenting the course in the best possible way for members and visitors. After a long wet winter **enjoy our golf again.**

On a final note, it would be an enormous help if 2 or more people came forward to give up some regular time as part of our artisan contingent, if you are interested to find out how you can help then please contact me, Paul or the office team and we can take it from there.

Tim Mortimer, Greens Director

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