
Proposal and Plan for Greens

VISION

Our Vision is for Salford Golf Club to become the club of choice for people who want an outstanding golf course

MISSION

Salford Golf Club Greens Committee are committed to providing the best single quality golf course, which is playable 365 days per year off tees & greens.

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Introduction

Salford Golf Greens Management Committee are fully committed to the plan of adhering to our Vision and Mission.

The plan is a living document that works towards our success over the next five years. It has been developed subject to the members of Salford Golf Club giving their 'buy in' and any major changes to the golf course 'will' be put before the membership.

The plan has been adopted from what is thought to be the main priorities to ensure that Salford Golf Club remains on one golf course, on tees and greens for as long as practically possible and subject to the Fog, Frost & Waterlogged Policy.

Control of the policies will be through the greens staff, via the professional shop at all times.

Fog Policy

The course will be closed if the Scots pine on the left of the first fairway is not fully visible.

Frost Policy

This should be simple and easy to implement within the UK, however it still produces substantial amounts of discussion. However it is true to say that the majority of golf courses in the UK do have some form of policy for this and do protect their summer play surfaces from damage accrued during a freeze or thaw.

It is true to say that following periods of permafrost, thawing does create some substantial problems including physical damage to the plant as well as levels on putting surfaces.

White frosts are the most common in the UK and these leave the crystals on the surface of the leaves. These then can damage the outer parts of the grass plant, particularly if traffic or trollies are introduced. Damage caused at this time can always be seen on golf courses (as black and then subsequently yellowed and damaged plants) subsequent to this and the level of damage will generally dictate the length of time it takes to heal.

It is a fallacy to consider that permafrost (or black frost) precludes damage to the grass plants. Pressure from foot traffic (spikes, soft spikes) can actually damage the leaf blade and ice crystals within the plant themselves can cause internal damage to the plant which can actually result in death of individual plants and colonies.

In short, it is important to have some form of protection in place for weather periods where there is frost or snow. Any damage caused at this time of year will inevitably be unrecovered until the following late spring and this is why winter greens for instance are often seen well into the summer months, despite intensive recovery work by green staff. It is therefore sensible to have a policy, which precludes the use of the main greens during a **white frost and in periods of permafrost or thaw**. Should decisions be taken to the contrary, then some level of understanding should be left in place with the club membership as to the damage that can potentially be caused.

Waterlogged Policy

The greens are deemed to be unfit for play when surface water exceeds the sole of the shoe.

Health & Safety

The course may be closed for Health & Safety reasons. Where the course is deemed to be dangerous and risk of serious injury.

Salford Golf Club Improvement Plan

Key to Priority

1= Within 6 Months. 2= Within 1 year. 3= Within 2 years 4= 3 years or over or when funds available.

Hole	Area	Outline of improvement	Priority	Cost /Comments
All	All	Return course to satisfactory state after irrigation works	1	Ongoing – To be done 7 th & 3 rd Green. Any main line trenches to be seeded in spring 2007
All	Tees	Replace Tee Markers	2	In negotiation regarding advertising
All	Paths	Remove Cockle Shell from existing Paths	2	Scrape existing and replace with (tbc)
	Practice Area	Build Level Practice Tees & Enhance Practice Facilities Accommodate more chipping areas/Bunker	1 1	Major Project funded by John Wilcox – Target for completion April 07
All	Fairways	Install 100 Yardage Discs in the fairway	2/3	14 Needed – cost £300
1	Tee	Remove coffin planter by shelter	2/3	
1	Tee	Improve Path/grass area at front of tee	1	Comp
1	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	3	
1	Old Temp Green	Reduce the size of the old green to allow a approach.	1	
2	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	4	
2	Fairway	Trim back the right hand Poplar tree on the ridge to allow a shot into green? or consider removal and planting slightly to the right an available Scots Pine? Or Do Nothing?	2	DM to consult with CSGC green keeper who have used contractor to reshape Poplar. – Ensure Comms
3	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	2	

4	Tee	Cut a teeing area for all year round play	1	Comp 2006
		Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	4	Perm solution required
5	Tee	Winter tee – permanent solution	2/3	
6	Tee	Repair dry stone wall and install path around fairway	3	Can this be done with a grant from the Duchy? Bath Golf club received grant
6	Tee	Cut the area next to existing 6 th tee to accommodate all year round play	1	Comp
6	Fairway	Additional Bridge in copse on LHS	1	Comp
6	Fairway	Once 2 nd Bridge installed improve area of existing bridge	2	Winter Project 2006 – Funding from GH – DM to discuss best option
1,6,7 18w	Greens	Temporary Greens are poor, bring up to a playing standard?	2	Work will continue as part of the greens program to treat winter 7 th & 18 th . Main focus has to be to improve main greens. Consider making 1 st , 6 th Winter Greens smaller t improve approach to main green.
3,4,15		Temporary Greens 3 rd , 4 th & 15 th	3	Year on year look to improve the size and playing surface of these greens
6	Green	Reshape bunker LHS	2/3	Was for old green
6	Green	RHS bunker – move slightly to right to improve approach.	3	For Discussion & communication
7	Tee	Install wide steps to medal tee	3	
8	Tee	Cut grass area to LHS/Front to accommodate all year round play	1	Comp
		Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	3	

8	Green	Reshape to allow wasted top half to be used	4	Major Project – For discussion/budget
9	Tee	Increase teeing area to accommodate all year round play or install matted area for winter use	3	Utilise not used part of tee for as long as feasible – 2006 allowed approx 2 weeks wear, before mat was brought into play
10	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	2/3	Initial thought to make new tee directly behind ladies existing in woods.
10	Fairway	Install water hazard at base of valley, with bail out area on RHS	4	May be feasible to obtain grant from Duchy as an environmental project?
10	Path by LHS Green	Path being washed away due to slop, consider repair with rubber crumb and turf	2	
11	Tee	Thin out area on RHS and increase size of tee to accommodate all year round play or install permanent matted solution for winter	2	Moved priority as the 11 th tee needs more light
11		Path from 11th to 12th resurfacing	1	Comp – Could do with another roll – TW/DJ
12	Path	Extend path from 11/12 to 13 th for vehicle access and include a buggy path on RHS of 12 th (through woods, along hedge)	2/3	
12	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	3	
13	Medal Tee	Improve Safety for new medal tee	2	Trees to be planted to shield tee – BL agreed to supply FOC
13	Tee	Install steps up on to tee (wide)	2/3	
13	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	2/3	

14	Tee	Tidy up wall /steps, increase size & permanent winter tee solution	2/3	
15	Tee	Improve path from 14 th green around tree to 15 th	1	Comp
15	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	2/3	
16	Tee	Increase the size of the ladies tee and install permanent matted solution for winter	2/3	
16	Tee	Improve safety for blind tee shot	1	Concrete base comp Merv Adams making steps FOC
17	Tee	Increase size of championship tee Consider cutting out part of bank in front of championship tee for winter tee	2/3 2/3	
17	Tee	Access for ladies tee to be improved	1	Comp
17	Green	Clear banks & thin trees from behind green to allow more light	2	DM feasibility.
17	Green	Walk to 17 th green can get muddy meaning that it gets taken out of play early winter – needs drainage solution	2	Dependant on funding
18	Tee	Path from bridge always muddy – needs Permanent solution	2	Funding found
18	Tee	Path/Steps to ladies tee from bridge	2/3	
18	Tee	Improve size of tee or install permanent matted solution for winter	2/3	
18	Fairway	Measures to allow hole to be used all year round	1/3 3/4	When fairway wet consider placing in rough LHS, placing – This year the fairway has proved very wet and access is limited Feasibility on permanent

				solution TBA
18	Green	Improve Path from green	2/3	
18	Green	Consider work to allow pond in front of green – membership decision?	3/4	
18	Fairway	Trim back the trees that are over hanging the 18 th fairway (a little)	2	The trees have encroached to much on to the 18 th - DM to speak with contractor.

To ensure that Salford Golf Course is to remain in the best possible condition there will be a running program from the greens staff on the following:-

Micro Tyning

Verticutting

Airiation of fairways & greens

Bunker replacement, Renewal & Improvement based on priority

Replacement of Leylandii Trees - *DM is working alongside a Nick Mauld (Duchy) and John Nicholson (arborculturist) who specialises in golf course trees, to program the replacement of Leylandi trees and gain funding from the Duchy.*

Improve Drainage for waterlogged greens

Ecology, constant awareness of wildlife with consideration for this when ant works are planned on the course and the surroundings

Winter Program 2007

- Complete the seeding and turfing from the irrigation work

- Complete fine Turfing around the greens that have been affected by the irrigation work
- Continue the path from the 12th for vehicle access to the 13th. – Moved to Spring 2007
- Install Steps on the back of the 16th men's tee.
- Complete Practice Ground Project – Priority 1
- Remove Cockleshell paths
- Replace Turf around the stone bridge on the 6th - Spring 2007
- Clear some of the shrubbery behind 17th Green