

# NEW FOREST

Our greenkeepers have also been working on the smaller jobs that sometimes go unnoticed. All the following jobs have been completed.

- All our tee boxes were sanded in October and are coming back nicely.
- All the drains on the golf course have been cleared in January.
- All our bunkers have been edged.
- All pathways on the golf course and around the clubhouse have been cleaned.

Looking forward to this coming year we expect to be extremely busy, with full timesheets on all days. Our greenkeepers will be continuing to carry out work on the course while trying to avoid any disturbance in play.

Investments have also been made in other areas of the business that will be beneficial to our members.

Artificial grass tee boxes were purchased in Autumn. In using these playing surfaces over the winter months our tee boxes will not have to endure heavy traffic in poor conditions. In the springtime when the tee boxes are opening the playing surface will be fresh after a much-needed break.

An order has been placed with Srixon for 20000 grade A range balls for the 2021 season. The first delivery will arrive soon after opening, a second will arrive in the summer and the final delivery will arrive in autumn.

New Forest now has a Trackman. The Trackman is a ball flight analysis device that most golfers will be familiar with. Trackman allows a golfer to gain statistics and access data on ball flight and clubhead information. This will greatly improve the information gathered from a lesson, club fitting and club gapping sessions. The professional shop staff will be trained to use the Trackman and members will be offered preferential pricing for club gapping sessions with us.

The professional shop will be stocking TaylorMade, Titleist, Callaway, Cleveland & Wilson custom fitting equipment this year. All the latest technology will be available to test. Members can book Individual custom fitting sessions with myself. Demo days will be advertised throughout the season for everyone to test the new products available.

The professional shop will also be stocked with Footjoy, Calvin Klein, Skechers, Motocaddy, Masters & Green Lamb. There is also a wide range of products that can be sourced for our members.

During the first lockdown in 2020 I held online meetings with our men's and ladies' committees. Throughout those meetings we discussed many topics. Our main goal was to achieve a successful outcome from the course closure for all parties. As a privately owned golf course it is important that we make decisions based on what is best for the overall golf business. Both committees agreed that the best course of action was to have the competitions ran in house with the full fee paid to management. All prizes would be purchased by management. Both committees would not be subject to expenditure from inter club competitions and therefore were able to vote for this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our committees and the members for supporting this decision.

On the back of a fantastic summer, we were able to have our committees run competitions and generate some income into both clubs. The Presidents Prize was held in August over 2 weekends. I was personally delighted to have our then outgoing President; Peter McKenna host his prize for our members. The entries in this major were the highest I have seen since I have been in the club. In September our men's committee, along with sponsor Paul Bray held our first Club Championship. This competition is a very welcome addition to our calendar and will add to the competition between our best golfers in the club. In October both committees began to run hamper, turkey and winter league competitions that were also well supported by the members.