

Forrester Park Course Committee Suggestions Review, February 2024

| Title | Commentary | Action |
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| Practice Net | Re-instate use, using an old mat (e.g. one from beside the 14 th temp tee?) pending arrival of a new mat to replace the one stolen. However, currently, safety issue as construction traffic is passing close by with ongoing works between car-park and new greenkeepers' compound. | Agreed, when safety issue is resolved. |
| New Route 9th green to 10th tee | Players leaving the 9 th green (especially when round terminates) are apt to stroll between side of 18 th green and 10 th tee. Risk of injury from [unheeded] players playing to 18 th from some distance down their fairway. Suggest new route on other side of the adjacent hedge, (i.e. on 9 th side), exiting near hut and bringing players to the rear of the 10 th tee. | Conduct trial in Spring when ground firmer. |
| Practice Bunker | Reinstate practice ground bunker (to rear of Pro's covered area) | Check first status of use for Col. Utd's training area |
| Install power to 10th hut | To expand facilities for catering especially for signature events: Ladies Spring Meeting, Captain's Day etc | Agreed, as part of new compound project |
| Shoe Cleaning | cleaning apparatus Improve performance of shoe | Agreed – service engineer's advice to be sought |
| Bunker Rakes | Supports to be fitted to bunker rakes to keep handles free of the sand and accessible without having to enter bunker. | Greenstaff to investigate |
| Bucket Cups | On temp greens, replace 'white circle' with "bucket cups" – believed to be somewhere in greenkeepers' store! | Greenstaff to locate/install |
| 4th tee Info Board | Information Board shows the wrong Red-Tee stroke index (reads 10, should be 4...) | Will be corrected |
| Pace of Play signage | Current example on Bill Goodwin hut, on path to 5 th – review timings advice and location for additional signage | Will progress |
| Winter Tees 'Shoulders' | Install sloping earth 'shoulders' to rear of tees to deflect ricochets from wayward drives on Summer tees - upwards instead of straight backwards | Evaluate if necessary once play restored to normal tees |
| Greenside Bunker 16th | Install - only green on the course that doesn't have a greenside bunker | Rejected–cost +implications for stroke index |
| Pick 'n Place AstroTurf | In use at various other clubs: players carry a 6" square of astroTurf, placed beneath the ball during Winter Rules to protect the playing surface from further damage. | Players free to adopt in casual play, but will not be adopted for Competitions |
| Dual OOB Posts | Where OOB posts run between two holes, paint one side black to indicate that it does NOT apply to that hole | Has merit, but decided complicated/not necessary |
| OOB Consistency | Alter positions of OOB so positioning on 3 rd (ditch) is consistent with 4 th and 5 th (ditches)...or... vice-versa. Complex range of pros & cons – ramifications for enjoyment, pace of play, course index, handicapping... | Likely to be a host of varying members' views on these points! |
| Internal OOB | Why on 8 th if not on 4 th (or even 15 th and 16 th)? Again, several pros & cons involving safety, difficulty, course index | Course index is due review by EGU as part of forthcoming Rules adjustments, so before this takes place and to get an independent/expert view, will seek their opinion on how to proceed. |
| Tree on 18th Fairway | That old chestnut! Well, actually it's an Ash. Does it unreasonably interfere with members' drives from the tees, or is it a feature of the course? It's believed diseased, so should it be removed? Another one with multiple pros & cons... | |
| | <b style="color: red;">It must be appreciated that not every suggestion can be accommodated, and there will be cost and time constraints to consider. Some ideas initially 'rejected' may be revived if circumstances change. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to engage in the process. | |