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Dear Members & Visitors,

You do not need me to tell you that the long hot summer of 2018 was particularly testing for golf courses. Despite being fortunate enough to have access to a bore hole for the supply of irrigation water, we were able to maintain our tees & greens but unfortunately not our fairways and bunker surrounds.

The club is soon to enter one of the busiest and most important periods in its history. Not only will the club implement important infrastructure upgrades to raise standards across all aspects of the club; such as the refurbishment of members changing facilities and the upgrading of irrigation and storage tanks, but we also have the great honour of hosting the 41st Curtis Cup in June 2020. All of which means we must take every opportunity to aid the recovery of the Links after this testing year.

As a result of a recent visit from the STRI (Sports Turf Research Institute), it was agreed to introduce a Winter Fairway Mat Policy with effect from MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER.

With temperatures providing little growth during the winter months these small pieces of Astroturf will help protect the turf from divot damage which would otherwise take until the summer to repair.

The mat will be carried by the golfer and if the ball lies on the fairway, the mat is positioned as near as possible to where it lies. The ball is then placed on and played from the mat.

On all other areas of the Links the ball is played as it lies.

Mats will be collected by all golfers on the 1st tee and deposited in the facility provided by the 18th green. High quality mats have been purchased which limits us to just enough mats for a full tee sheet. Therefore, under no circumstances should a member or visitor take the mat off the Links.

The likely duration of this policy is difficult to ascertain presently but the success of the policy will be regularly reviewed.

The Committee hopes that you understand the reasons behind the introduction of this policy and will continue to support its implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Your sincerely

Matthew J. Parsley
General Manager

