

Happy New Year?

Its customary to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we sincerely do, but sadly for the golf course it's a very depressing start to the year. In my last report I wished for a dryer new year, well we must be on Santa's naughty list as we could not have had worse weather over the holiday and start to the new year. The first 4 days of 2024 have seen 45mm of precipitation and sadly no golf. The forecast for the coming week is looking dryer but cold with little wind so the course will need a few days to dry before we are able to reopen holes for play. We are assessing everyday and doing all we can to see golf is played whenever possible.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2023	74	7	112	84	33	81	131	61	103	198	66	186	1136
2022	34	78	52	19	56	36	26	36	59	101	144	51	692
Annual Averages 1991-2020	59	49	45	47	49	66	65	63	57	71	69	69	709

I am sure everyone is well aware of the unprecedented rainfall certainly over the last few months. Fields, roads and homes all around the area have been flooded. 2023 ended with yet another month of heavy rainfall. Last winter was very wet and restricted play and maintenance of the course. We had hoped this was an anomaly as no previous winter had been so wet for 60 years but this year is making the last look mild.

Below are a number of photos taken yesterday, 3rd January 2024. I am going to let the images do the talking. Needless to say, the greenkeeping team are going to have a very busy start to the year if and when we get improved conditions. Bunkers, Paths, tree, leaf and debris clearance along with some improved drainage work will need to be done prior to the main season start. All work that normally we would complete during the winter months but currently unable to. This will add pressure to our normal pre-season course preparation and we thank you in advance for your patience.



Conifer right of green 5



Tall Pine Left of Green 3



Silver Birch Right of Tee 8



Path Tee 1



Path Tee 2



Path Tee 5



Path Hole 8



Path Hole 14



Hole 1



Green 2



Bunker Green 3



Hole 5



Fairway 2



Fairway 7



Hole 7



Hole 14



Typical foot damage Fairway



Leaf Debris Tee 18



Bunker Green 18

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