



## **Course Update – February 2014**

Dear Members,

January has not been kind to us in respect of the weather but, notwithstanding this, we are pleased with the overall look and feel of the course. With so many days closed our staff have embarked on a big tidy-up and maintenance upgrade to our machinery facility. All is now looking spic and span.

### **Weed control**

Broad leaf weed killer has been applied to all areas where it has been dry enough – all at the top (Qormi) end of the course. As soon as the ground is hard enough to withstand the weight of the spray tanks a further application will be applied to the rest of the areas.

### **Bunkers**

All bunkers have now been edged, strimmed, dressed and re-filled.

Bunkers are raked three times a week as an integral part of our maintenance program. This means every other day. We therefore ask members to ensure that they rake the bunkers after they play from them thus insuring the enjoyment of other who may 'visit'.

### **Works on the 17<sup>th</sup>**

We have just heard today that Enemalta will be starting works to lower the cable that is hampering progress. If all goes well the cable will be lowered and the remaining section of the new tunnel can be built.

Following many requests to the contractor, all of which have fallen on the proverbial deaf ear, our staff have today re-instated the access from the 17<sup>th</sup> tee from the usual route. A ramp has been constructed to facilitate this so we would ask please that you use the old route and stop using the route across the approach to the 1<sup>st</sup> green.

### **Bulk ordering**

In order to save valuable funds, in 2014 we are focusing on sourcing a good number of our products for use by the green keeping staff from the USA. Consumables, hardware (ball washers, bins etc), replacement parts and sundry other items. We will ship these inside the container that will house the new rough cutter from Toro.

### **Any questions**

From time to time we understand that members will have questions and queries about the course. This is only natural. I will be more than happy to address any of these so if you have anything you wish to discuss just email me on [greens@royalmaltagolfclub.com](mailto:greens@royalmaltagolfclub.com) and I will get back to you directly.

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