

Course Update

Dear Members,

Just a short note to bring you up to date with the two major tasks in hand out on the course.

Works on the 17th

With the contractor finally having finished works on Thursday 4th September (14 months after starting a 3 month project) Bruce and his team have reinstated the area, shaped and sprigged it and are now heavily watering the area day and night. The germination of the sprigs has been excellent and the growth most satisfactory. Next step is to over seed the entire area with winter rye grass.

A target date of Friday 10th October has been set to re-open the hole, initially for competitions only, with the hole opening generally by month end.

Bugs

Look familiar ?



It will do if you have recently played the upper holes at the RMGC. These are Common European Chafers - *Rhizotrogus majalis*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_chafer

Or these ?



The rhinoceros beetle http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_rhinoceros_beetle

Our green keeping staff have been battling with these for some four weeks now. Daily spraying and collection is starting to see the numbers diminish but the war is not over. Every effort is being made to kill as many of these as we can this season so we do not face a problem of the same magnitude next year.

A full newsletter will be produced by our Superintendent in early October.

Paul Stoner
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