

# Course Update - March 2011

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Just a quick note to let you the members know what work has been completed and what is on our program in the coming weeks. The bunker modification on the 14th and mounding between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> greens has been completed and in my opinion it is a major improvement on what existed a month ago. The koppers logs around the path near the 11<sup>th</sup> tee will be removed and replaced with Kwik Kerb. Kwik Kerb will also be placed around the garden near the left hand side of the 14<sup>th</sup> green and the path will be widened. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tee has been laser levelled and the turf was put down yesterday. Again I believe this is a massive improvement and we now have a tee big enough to handle the traffic we deal with daily. Green renovations are on Monday and we are Verti draining with ½ inch hollow tines, fertilising, adding gypsum to counteract sodium issues, and topdressing. Tees will be Verti drained, fertilised, top-dressed and seeded for winter during the last week of the month. This past summer was the driest in 8 years and the hottest in 5 years and you may have noticed the dry areas on fairways which are caused by tree roots a few inches under the surface searching for water to survive. During August we are going to root prune approximately 3km of tree line to eradicate this problem. Trials of a new machine have been conducted at Pennant Hills and Cabramatta and the results are extremely noticeable. A small modification will be made to the bunker on the right hand side of the 17<sup>th</sup> green to allow more traffic area in what is a highly concentrated wear area. The area will be rotary hoed and turf applied. It has been extremely busy in 2011 with the NSW Medal and all the renovations taking place and it will be nice to be able to concentrate on course maintenance only and provide the best conditions possible.

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