

The Greenkeepers

JOHN SCOTT has been Head Greenkeeper of Wetherby Golf Club since 1967. Prior to this he was Head Greenkeeper/Steward of Town Moor G.C., Doncaster from 1959-1967, Head Greenkeeper/Steward of Rushden & District G.C. from 1957-1959 and earlier Assistant Greenkeeper of Sandmoor G.C. from 1952-1957.

Wetherby is an 18 hole course, hilly from the 14th in, otherwise flat, clay loam. It borders a river and is well wooded with a mixture of mature and young trees. There is a playing membership of approximately 550.

To assist him, John Scott has a First Assistant, one further assistant and a boy. The club owns a fairly varied range of equipment including 1 Leyland 245 Tractor, 1 Tractor Mounted Sprayer, 1 BMC Mini Tractor with Loader, 3 20" Auto Certes, 1 Toro GM3, 2 Flymo 21", 1 Ransome 5 Gang Mower, 1 70" Toro, 1 26" Hayter, 1 Greens 3 Gang Mower, 1 Sisis Auto Turfman Spiker, 1 Sisis Rotorake, 2 Cyclone Fert. Spreaders, 2 ICI Knapsack Sprayers, 2 Trailers (Tipping), 1 Light and 1 Heavy Tractor Rollers, 3 Hand Rollers, 2 Barrows, 1 Patisson 6' Rotary Soil Screen, Pop Up Sprinklers (Toro), Thatching Reels.

John's preference for fungicides is Maysan, Brassicol and Troposan; for

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fertilizers he relies on Rigby Taylors and for seeds, Finneys.

Most of the course is very little above river level making drainage very difficult. When the river is high, water has to be pushed off the greens manually, when the river lowers drainage is very good. Being a very picturesque river-side course there is tremendous visitor traffic causing very heavy wear on the tees, especially as being a very compact course, there is very limited teeing ground room. This may be alleviated in the future as the club have purchased the railway embankment which runs through the full length of the course. Due to its position, the course suffers from annual meadow grass and Yorkshire fog, this in turn causes quite a fungus problem, and requires spraying regularly once a month. Dew is usually very heavy and has to be swept every morning. Better fungi control is obtained by alternating between the three above mentioned fungicides and better control of poorer grasses has been achieved since the purchase of thatching reels for the GM3.

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