Chairman
As I see it...

How fortunate we are!

Golf courses are still very busy with golfers taking advantage of the continuing fine weather. Although we are enjoying the autumn sunshine and the growth rate is easing off, it is almost impossible to carry out our essential autumn maintenance programmes, aeration, hollow coring etc without interfering with the endless streams of golfers. So we will just be slitting our greens and coring one half at a time, by doing just two or three greens a day there is minimum disruption to the golfers. Within a few weeks the work that we have carried out will have almost recovered and then we will carry out the same operation to the other half of greens.

We have been using this method successfully for several years, after all there is not any reason why one should have all 18 greens under repair at one time and then have to listen to all the complaints from the golfers. I fully sympathise with the golfers as more often than not putting surfaces in October are probably as good as they get and it is difficult for them to understand why we have to spoil their fun! Golfers in Britain should think themselves lucky to be able to play throughout the whole year, compared with those from Scandinavian Countries who by now will not be able to play their courses at all, as most will be covered in frost and snow and closed for the next six months.

In my last report I stated that I was visiting Finland where my family joined me for a few days holiday and once there we met up with some friends. An incredible country that seems to have endless lakes (in the region of 200,000) and also seems to have endless streams of golfers as more often than not putting surfaces in October are probably as good as they get and it is difficult for them to understand why we have to spoil their fun! Golfers in Britain should think themselves lucky to be able to play throughout the whole year, compared with those from Scandinavian Countries who by now will not be able to play their courses at all, as most will be covered in frost and snow and closed for the next six months.

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