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News

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A super day was had by all in the sunny and very warm conditions, so much so that some were seen wearing large sombreness to keep the sun off, and which also saw one forgetful greenkeeper cover himself in sun lotion, and then try and play the next few shots with sun lotion over his hands and grips.

There was also a near emergency call out when John Shepard ventured into the long rough to retrieve a ball, only to find the rough taller than him and thus lose his way back to his team!

The course was in fine condition and a heartfelt thanks go to Malcolm and all of his team for allowing the section to play their prestigious course and for the condition in which it was presented, well done all.

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A simple and cost effective tool that, if used on a regular basis, will help to reduce the incidence of disruptive remedial work done on greens. It is intended, giving the golfer more options and more challenges.

The test is an aid to monitoring the reliability of putting surfaces, and should be used in conjunction with firmness and speed data. The R&A will be reviewing the prototype and opinions as necessary. See www.randa.org/thegolfcourse for more detailed information.

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When you miss a short putt is it always your fault? Leaving aside the putter, the wind and the jangling of coins in your opponent’s pocket, what else comes to mind? Could it be the surface of the green, which so often gets the blame for those three putts? Yes it could, and more often than you might think, as Malcolm Peake tries out the Greenstester.

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Fintan Brennan, Course Manager at Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links, had 15 years experience in the steel industry, and with his engineer brother Ray immediately grasped the potential of the Holing Out test, and developed a special surfaced ramp.

The testing on the exceptional true fescue dominant greens of Waterville and Portmarnock Links produced excellent results, but it was felt the ramp needed to be trialled on a wider variety of playing surfaces. It was agreed that testing should be undertaken on my home course of Temple, and I was soon invited to use other local courses such as Beaconsfield, Bearwood Lakes, The Berkshire, Heronhurst, Maidenhead, and Stoke Park.

The Course Managers became involved in the tests, contribut- ing with suggestions and comments on the performance of the prototype, which helped define the final model.

The testing in Ireland was on a links course dominated by fescue grasses, while in the Thames Valley the testing was on downland, heathland and parkland with fescue, bent dominant or nearly pure Annual meadow grass (Poa annuas). With some of the courses having push-up greens over 100 years old, Keith Adderley, Secretary at the Asian Turf Centre, said “Having been a facili- tated observer during the process which saw the Greenstester con- ceived, tested and manufactured, I can see nothing but benefit from its use.

A simple and cost effective tool that, if used on a regular basis, will help with creating a bank of meaningful and more important, useful, statisti- cal information relating to the performance of putting greens.

From where I sit the golf industry appears to be a winner and which more golfers seem genuinely interested in finding out more when they see the Greenstester being used on course. It will benefit Course Man- agers, Secretaries, Managers, Green Committee, and golfers.

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Justin Rose’s glorious victory was completed with a classic drive and 4-iron when the 18th tee was moved forward to measure 511 yards but one interesting factor was the near fatal car smash the previous year was nothing short of miraculous. What is more, Rose’s second year was nothing short of miraculous. Hogan’s at the front left. 20 years on, players either couldn’t, didn’t want to or didn’t need to, take a driver - one solution for a 379 yard par four being a 7-iron and a sand wedge. Most courses were never designed to suffer some of the indignities and battle lines have to be drawn early but a particular pet hate is encircling greens with collars of choking rough and remote pin positions that can be virtually inaccessible even from the shortest range.

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Merion’s reinstatement was a cause for rejoicing, a triumph for Matt Shaffer, Director of Golf Course Operations, whose brief was to set up Merion so that nobody broke par. Nobody did. Merion is a classic course of welcome variety that has contributed more than its share of glory to America’s golfing history. One of its favourite features is a first tee right outside the locker room, its Englishness accentuated by its original title of Merion Cricket Club in the outskirts of Philadelphia. However, as Shaffer states, “Merion isn’t European and it isn’t American in design. It is Merion.”

He added crucially, “there was so much at stake for this championship but the question was whether change could be made fairly and who decides? It would have been far easier to move greens but we established early on that, more than anything, would ruin the integrity of Merion”. The weather is always the mitigating factor and greenkeepers everywhere will have spared a thought for Matt who had to contend with a very wet build up to his preparations and a tornado on the first morning.

By contrast, Muirfield, firm and fast, was bathed in sunshine. It is impossible not to make comparisons with Merion if only to underline that the Gods invariably have the last word. A year ago, they were pumping water out of bunkers at Lytham. Matt is a huge advocate of “firm and fast”, as all greenkeepers recognise, he had to accept the fact of Merion Cricket Club in the lushness accentuated by its original title of “firm and fast”. He had to accept that width of fairway and rough cannot be grown to order and that wind has lost its position in course presentation.

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Nevertheless, Merion in the latest example of almost obligatory course adjustment to suit current needs. Previously, in 1981, “the US Open was played with a soft ball, true temper shafts and persimmon woods”. To my mind, which is not an expert on course set-up is encouragement of good driving, a point picked up by Paul Lawrie in Golf World recently. “The ball and the size of the driver head have changed the game most. The ball goes further and doesn’t move as much in the air, which isn’t a good thing. A lot of mediocre to decent players are winning a lot of money. Before, you had to be really talented to do that. The art of driving has been lost.”

On the eve of Muirfield, talk inevitably centred on iron off the tee, one leading player asking “when you hit a 2-iron 350 yards, why take a driver?” However, a precedent for iron was set in 1987 when, in the third round in terrible conditions of wind and rain, also at Muirfield, Sandy Lyle went round in 71 without hitting a single wooden club for any shot. 20 years on, players either couldn’t, didn’t want to or didn’t need to. Take a driver - or solve his problem for a 379 yard par four being a 7-iron and a sand wedge. Most courses were never designed to suffer some of the indignities and battles lines have to be drawn early but a particular pet hate is encroaching greens with collars of chang rough and remote pin positions that can be virtually inaccessible even from the shortest range. Does anybody really applaud the need for a full swing to dislodge a ball within a few feet of the pin, knowing that, if they do, it will roll off the other side somewhere just an unsavoury?

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inflicted on them nowadays even if it is acknowledged that width of fairways and pin positions are key ingredients in course presentation. Long ago, it was said that “with out fast greens and thick rough, Merion, for all the strategic niceties of the holes, couldn’t hope to stand up to the present professional brigade”. But narrow fairways and thick rough can curb aggression which isn’t always what people pay to see although, happily, links golf should never respond purely to muscle power. Subtly, touch, feel and judgement are greater requirements.

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