

POLLOK GOLF CLUB

Ditches Project Members' update

February 2022

Introduction

The ditches project was approved by members at a Special General Meeting on 17 November 2021. Since then, a tender process has been completed and a preferred contractor selected, Allgrass Scotland Limited ("Allgrass"). The cost of the work is within budget.

Allgrass have worked with the club to agree the detailed specification and a timescale for completion of the work. This document is intended to provide an update to members.

Timetable and Programme of work

Construction will commence on Monday 7 February 2022 and is expected to take 6-8 weeks. Following completion of the work there will be a period of recovery for the affected holes, but this should not significantly alter the playability of the course. It is anticipated that the work will have fully bedded in by Spring of this year, depending on weather conditions.

Work will commence in clearing of the existing ditch from where it connects into the River Cart on the 15th hole and then work back across the course behind the 14th green and across the 9th hole. Thereafter, the new ditches will be created on the 10th, 7th and 6th holes in that order. The ditch to the right side of the 5th hole will be last to be completed as this is largely outwith the playing area.

It is intended that disruption of the course will be kept to a minimum, but it is inevitable that there will be some changes required during the construction period. Where holes require to be closed, or temporary tees or greens used, this will be for as short a period as possible.

Details of the proposed work on each of the affected holes is included in the next section. We hope this is clear, but should any members wish to discuss the proposed work, please do not hesitate to contact Andrew McGregor or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Ally Mitchell Course Council Member



HOLE 5 Hippenstane

- The ditch will run along right-hand side of the hole, starting shortly before the bunker and continuing past the green to connect with the ditch which crosses Hole 6.
- The new ditch may catch drives or approach shots which are pushed to the right. The distance from the edge of the green to the ditch will be approximately 10m, allowing some margin for error on the approach shot.
- Two sleeper bridges will be installed, one adjacent to the fairway bunker on the right and one close to the green.
- The ditch will be approximately 1m wide
- The 5th hole is expected to remain open throughout the work (this may be subject to change), which will not impact on the line of play.





HOLE 6 Damshot

- The ditch will be opened which runs across the fairway in front of the green and will be approximately 1 metre wide.
- The ditch which runs alongside the 5th fairway will continue and join the main ditch at the right hand side of the green.
- Two sleeper bridges will be installed on the left and centre of the fairway.
- In addition, a wider turf bridge will be created which crosses both ditches. This will be to the right hand side of the green where the old stone crossing remains and will be incorporated into the design.
- The 6th hole is expected to be closed during construction for approximately one week.
- A temporary par 3 will be created between the 2nd and 3rd holes to be used as an alternative during this time, using the short-game practice green.





HOLE 7 Lawbush

- The ditch will be opened in the existing valley which runs across the fairway and will be approximately 1 metre wide.
- It will continue to the left of the 7th, cutting across in front of the 11th medal tee.
- A turf bridge, approximately 9 metres wide, will be created to the middle / left of the fairway. This will include feature stone edging.
- One additional sleeper bridge will be installed towards the right half of the fairway.
- During construction, a temporary tee may require to be created in the fairway in front of the proposed ditch.
- The distance from the existing tees to the ditch will be approximately:
 - White tee 130 yards
 - Yellow tee 110 yards
 - Red (silver) tee 70 yards





HOLE 10 Sunk Fence

- There is no real change to the layout of the 10th hole.
- The new ditch will follow the line of the existing one, slightly before it (further from the green), to allow access for machinery.
- Crossings will remain as currently on either side of the green.
- During construction, it may be necessary to use the winter green on the 10th for a short period.

<u>HOLE 11</u>

- The ditch will cross the 11th hole slightly ahead of the existing medal tee.
- This hole will not be significantly impacted as a turf bridge will provide the main crossing in front of the tee.
- During construction, play will continue from the existing winter tee.

