



Chairs of Green Workshop Summary

REGISTRATION – from 9.15am for a 10.00am start

SECTION 1 - The Role & Responsibilities of the Chair of Green

- ❖ *The requirements of a Chair of Green, the role to play and the responsibilities involved.*
- *A Course Manager's key areas of responsibility*
- *The importance of effective planning and communication*
- *Consultation on Chair of Green Role – What do you think?*

SECTION 2 - UK Perspective: Environment & Climate

- ❖ *Soil type, Drainage, Grass types, The Environment & the effects on turf quality*
- *An overview of the UK in terms of latitude, rainfall, temperature & natural vegetation and how this has an impact golf course management.*
- *How soil type and grass species pose various challenges to managed turf with a view towards an improvement. Poa, fescue, bent explained!*

SECTION 3 - Basic Fundamentals in Managing Fine Turf

- ❖ *The Soil, Plant Growth, 4 Main Building Blocks*
- *A broad understanding of the soil and plant growth and how they affect golf course playability.*
- *This section also deals with the 4 main building blocks necessary for managing turf.*

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SECTION 4 - Cultural Practices & their Benefits

- ❖ *Aerification, Scarification, Top Dressing, Over-seeding*
- *An overview of why it is necessary to aerate turf, apply top dressing, disturb playing surfaces and when it is the optimum time to carry out this type of work which is an essential part of managing fine turf. (Often when the golfer thinks, why now?)*

SECTION 5 - Course Conditioning & Presentation

- ❖ *Overview & Fundamentals, Key Areas: Greens, Tees, Fairways etc. Bringing it all together*
- *The key aspects in developing a course conditioning strategy and to maintain and present it in the best condition possible, given the resources made available to the course management team.*

SECTION 6 – The new Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme

- ❖ *Outline of the new greenkeeper apprenticeship programme*

SUMMARY

FINISH at approx. 3.30pm

