

WASSENAARSE GOLF CLUB

Notes made during and after an inspection of the
Course made on 9th August 1939.

PATHS AND STEPS

Much progress has been made in the last two months, but they are not yet completed. Board paths should have stronger ribs and at closer intervals. Each pace should have its rib. In particular:-

11th Hole. T.B. requires a path and steps on the direct line to the fairway, to keep people out of the way of the 10th hole.

14th Hole. Path, board and steps are required from the 13th green to 14th T.B., round the hills on the right, steps and a board are wanted to connect the green with the path to T.A. This is very essential, not only for comfort, but because people will make a mess of the bank if they have to scramble up it.

MOWING MACHINES.

Boxes are wanted for the hand motor mowers, to save labour in raking up grass. The approaches should be mown closely and more frequently during good, growing weather, and with the boxes on. At present some of them are a bit soft. This of course does not apply to the ticklish ones, such as the 14th.

OTHER ITEMS

Hydrants.

The ground round hydrants should be made level with the cover, and should be top-soiled and seeded.

1st. hole.

Notwithstanding previous instructions, please leave the hill on the left of the green, and plant it with helm.

The hydrant at the front of the green, on the left, must be abolished. A hydrant can be put behind the green on the left.

The depressed hoof marks in the fairway should be filled with light top-soil and seeded. Before filling, the bottom of the hoof mark should be loosened.

3rd hole.

There is a very bare region at the beginning of the fairway. Also, a path of loose sand behind the green requires top-soil and seed.

5th hole.

There are a number of bitten ridges and ruts in the fairway. The ruts be filled in with light top-soil and seeded. Before this is done, the ridges should be loosened with a fork

if you cannot get the ground level enough to be mown, the ridges will have to be removed. The same remarks apply to other similar places. 8th.

In accordance with Mr. Schill's suggestion, a bunker should be made behind the green on the right, outside the water-pipe, in order to stop wash. There is no objection to a bunker in this position; second shots will very seldom get into it, and third shots may very well be bunkered there.

6th hole.

The front tee should be pricked and sanded. The hollow on the left, near the end of a pretty good drive, is intended to be fairway. This is very wide otherwise be much too narrow. I note that the bare ground which is to form part of the fairway on the left is being dealt with. The green is not yet very grand.

7th hole.

The green is immensely improved, and looks very promising.

8th hole.

The messy hollow on the right of the green requires to be cleaned out and converted into playable, non-ball-losing rough.

9th hole.

Bushes on the left of the fairway should be removed to a distance of 15 metres from the edge. This does not apply to the large, green bushes etc. near the beginning of the fairway on the left.

The ground behind the green, and near the hydrant, requires attention.

10th hole.

The ground on the right of the green requires to be tidied up.

14th hole.

The green is much improved, and now looks promising. The hollow behind the green should have grass in it.

In this fairway, and in the 15th, there is one particularly bad puddle.

G E N E R A L.

MOWING.

Care should be taken not to mow in squares and rectangles, There are no such things on the plans.

When the course is in play, moderately long grass should be left in places where it is desirable to stop a trickling ball; e.g. at the 7th, beyond the green and to the right of it.

NURSERY.

This has not been kept in putting-green condition, but nevertheless it has some good, strong turf on it. Please do not hesitate to use this on any large, bare patches. It will do all right if watered.

BUNKERS.

It will be noted that the faces remain to be revetted in the Autumn.

In
Please to Mr. Haverman
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CONCLUSION.

I wish to repeat some remarks which I made in my letter of June 8th 1939 to Mr. Haverman.

"In conclusion, you have noticed that when I visit Groot Heesebroek U search for faults and talk a great deal about them. If I did not, my visits would be of little assistance to you. But, viewing the course as a whole, the work has been efficiently and beautifully done, and the turf is fully as far advanced as, under the weather conditions, we could reasonably expect."

The effect of the last two months of good growing weather has been very notable. I do not think that I have ever seen a sand-sune course in better condition for its age, and I can see no reason why you should not open it for play on September 10th.

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