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Report On 18th Hole

Present:

Birgit Peitersen, Green Chairman, Mogens Nielsen, Greens Committee Member and Martin Nilsson, Head Greenkeeper of KGK for the course walk.

For MandE: Tom Mackenzie

Brief

To look at the 2nd Greenside back left greenside swale

Advise on the 9th teeshot.

To look at the 18th Hole and report on the impact of the loss of the Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*).

2nd Swale

The swale at the back left of the green is wet in the spring and is a little sharp for maintenance.

Investigate whether there is a drain there which has capped off. If there is expose the gravel and add sandier soil over the gravel. If not then install a new drain.

Raise the base level of the swale by 50mm to 100mm but no more than that.

9th Hole

The tee position is fixed and the existing bunker is on the ridge where it is visible. There is no hope of adding a tee further back as things stand. The longer players can drive over the bunker and then have little challenge apart from missing the deep rough. It is therefore proposed to add a grassy hollow that sits at about 270m from the back of the main tee on the left hand side. This grassy hollow should be inspired by the hollow in the right rough and will mean that the player going there has a large variety of stances and lies.

A bunker is not a good idea because it will not be visible from the main tee and it will also be too dominant for the ladies playing from their tee.

18th Hole Conclusions

1. The loss of the *Aesculus* on the right of the 18th teeshot will open up the hole, but not so much that it will cause a problem. The left one is the important one and it still looks healthy. The large oaks beyond the right tree that is dying will mean that when it has gone it will not appear to be a big gap.

2. Until the left tree dies, there is no scope to move the green to improve the hole. When it does go, there is the potential to move the green left away from the fence and the shade from the oak trees, but a detailed study of the shading will be needed to ensure that the new green position does have enough light and air movement to resolve the current difficulties with turf health. The hole may play slightly better in design terms, but it would be hard to justify moving it if the technical issues are not addressed at the same time.
3. Replacement trees were discussed to maintain the row of trees in the landscape. TM suggested that the following configuration is best. This will create a wider gap.

