



## **Pavenham Park Golf Club**

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# **Update - February 2020**

### **Course:**

The course is drying out well after what has been one of the wettest winters on record. Rainfall at Pavenham measured 32.6cm for Oct19-Dec19, with total rainfall for 2019 standing at a high of 92.3cm.

The wet weather caused difficulty with course maintenance as machinery use was naturally limited to reduce unnecessary damage. Project work continued where possible with the extending of the 17th path, the enlarging of the 3rd yellow tee, enlarging of the 13th white/yellow tee and the construction of a new bridge on the 9th hole and the 4th hole which we hope to complete in the coming weeks.

All bunkers have seen a complete re-edge and sand repositioning, albeit with the continuous rainfall it is an endless task moving sand back into position.

Tree work has continued around the course to give a uniform higher canopy enabling golfers to find and play their golf balls without delay. Notably some self setting trees have been removed from around the 6th pond to ensure good visibility from the tee of shots hit offline.

The greens were verti-drained to a depth of 10 inches at the start of November 2019 with a repeat process provisionally scheduled for March 2020. This process is vital for aeration and root growth which in turn leads to less compaction and ultimately better putting surfaces for the season. The greens have just been fertilised with a micro prill winter feed to help with turf health and turf hardening against disease, especially with the damp conditions and fluctuating temperatures.

The fairways have recently been cut and re-shaped. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a mild February/March in order that we can start to see some recovery and growth, further enhanced by the 5 tonne of fertiliser we have waiting to feed all tees, fairways, semi rough, approaches and surrounds.

### **Machinery/Equipment:**

The greenkeeping team has taken delivery of a brand new John Deere Fairway mower and a Tru Turf Greens Iron. Tru Turf used on the PGA & European Tour are a dedicated greens roller to enhance ball roll, add speed whilst also reducing compaction by being lighter than the standard greensmowers. The iron is used alternately with the greensmower thus also reducing stress to the plant by reducing continual cutting. The team have also been provided with a new Stihl leaf blower to aid clearing bunkers, tees and fairways of unwanted leaves.

### **Membership:**

The membership goes from strength to strength with a positive 94% renewal rate. Pavenham Park is renowned for its friendly welcoming atmosphere, alongside a very well supported competition and social calendar. The fun, respectful politeness on show throughout the clubhouse is testament to a diverse membership enjoying their golf, their friendships and experience at Pavenham Park.

### **Captain's & Officials:**

We are very thankful to all outgoing and incoming Captain's & Officials who give their time and energy in organising, assisting and promoting Pavenham Park. Your efforts are very much appreciated.