

Nuneaton Golf Club takes advantage of our many strings !

Nuneaton Golf Club have used the services of Avonmore Associates on a number of occasions for many different projects – like the construction of a water circulation and waterfall feature across the 15th fairway but nothing like the past winter of 2011/12.

In October 2011 Brian Buttler and John Shepherd met with James Mannion, the Nuneaton Golf Club course manager to discuss a number of varying projects from irrigation, water storage lake construction to autumn renovation. James worked for **Avonmore Associates** many moons ago, before departing to The Burning Ridge Golf Resort South Carolina USA to expand his knowledge of Golf Course management, so the meeting reinforced well established connections.

Irrigation – The existing irrigation system had been installed just over 10 years ago and whilst the pipework was in a sound condition, the Caprari pump station needed to be brought up to modern control practices by the installation of a new variable speed control panel – **this resulted in smoother operation and also a reduction in power consumption and subsequently running costs.**

James purchased a number of Hunter G75B gear driven pop-up sprinklers to replace the ageing impact sprinklers on the greens. John, the ex European Golf Project Manager for Hunter explained **the addition of the gear driven rotors again improved the efficiency of the system especially when fitted with the correct nozzle and stator.**

James was extremely conscious of how precious his water reserves were and to that end his long term aim was to be self sufficient in water. He is in the early stages of looking at recovering his irrigation requirements over the winter months and storing them within an out of play irrigation reservoir.

Autumn renovation – Following on from the harsh winters of 2009 and 2010 and with forecasts looking pretty dire for 2011 James decided to best prepare the course for the onset of winter by hiring our Chris Hall together with his John Deere 4320 and 1.8m wide verti drain fitted with 14" deep tines to verti drain the entire fairways and greens.

In addition to verti draining, **Avonmore assisted James's team with draining the 13th green. This was accomplished with our laser-guided AFT trencher machine.**

Lake extensions – Our Contracts Manager Phil Buttler had a pleasant few weeks working alongside his former colleague designing, extending and constructing a number of lakes



across the course with a major focus put on the lake adjacent to the green on hole 13 . *"The lake went from penalising the wayward approach shot to becoming a major feature of the hole and in the players thought process when playing the entire hole"* – commented James.

Hire Services – The final string to be played by James was to use our hire service. **Avonmore supplied 20 bags of PM45 seed mixture from DLF Trifolium to over seed fairways and bare areas. The seed was sown via our 2m Blec multi-seed drill mounted on James own machinery.**



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