



HEVER CASTLE
GOLF CLUB

MASTERPLAN 2018



Further increasing our appeal and refinement of our facilities and services is our aim in 2018. Our strong membership reinforces our expanding reputation as an established and prestigious Club in the Region.

We are raising our green fees in April 2018 in recognition of the quality of our golf course and in turn aim to add further prestige to holding a membership of the club. Our staff will be working hard to further elevate our facilities and service in all areas of the club.

Rob Peers and myself share a strong vision of the golf club's future and have been working closely together to ensure we plan our finances for optimum club success in 2018 and beyond.



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Here are some featured improvements to our facilities for 2018:

New Tee Signage on all 27 Holes



We will shortly be installing new high-quality Tee Signage across all courses enhancing the visual appeal as well as providing key information. As part of this exercise all 27 holes have been named essentially reverting back to their field names as per the 1748 estate map we discovered (see front page), further tying the course to a land rich in history. Please see addendum for details.

We will also be installing new club crested embroidered flags, tournament pins and cups further elevating the aesthetic of the courses.

New Greenkeeping Equipment

Our owners have made a significant investment in green keeping equipment with the purchase of 4 new mowers and a tractor. This should facilitate improved course conditioning with fine turf, fairway and semi-rough areas now even more clearly defined.



We have also outsourced equipment maintenance ensuring our teams full focus is on greenkeeping.

Tee Levelling



Finance is now in place for us to undertake Tee Levelling with work initially being undertaken on the 12th (Red/Green expansion & rebuild), 15th (Red/Green expansion & rebuild), 4th (White/Yellow expansion & rebuild).

We are hopeful that Tee reconstruction will now take place every year and we can work our way around the course based on priorities.

Water Management

With water becoming an increasingly scarce resource for the irrigation of Golf Courses we are pleased to announce that the Environment Agency has approved use of the 6th Princes pond as a water source which will give us protection in times of drought allowing the establishment and expansion of the teeing areas referred to above. You will note the pump house is nearing completion.



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Princes Course

As well as new signs, flags, pins & cups, 5 new benches have been built at the request of the Princes Section to be situated in areas of most convenience as recommended by your Princes representative, David Haugh.

Princes will of course benefit equally from the new equipment and water resources available to the Club.

Flooring Replacement in Bar & Restaurant

Aiming to deliver a stylish finish, while remaining practical to clean and maintain. The new look bar flooring is designed to enhance the prestige feel to the main bar, while still very much giving the air of a Club rather than a Pub. We have used quality Engineered oak flooring and 3 layers of lacquer.



Glass Partition Doors to Restaurant

We have carefully sourced and installed bi-folding doors to the restaurant granting a number of benefits.

- More privacy for members in the bar and for groups eating in the restaurant
- The ability to change the spaces for different days requirements
- Add an enhanced style to the Club bar and restaurant

Closing Comments

As we hope we have demonstrated, with the support of our owners and our loyal membership we remain committed to the sustained improvement of all areas of the Club. Whilst time, money & disruption preclude us from attending to all matters at once, we aim to make improvements each year that will further elevate the club's good golfing reputation.



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Addendum – naming the Holes

The question of naming the golf holes at Hever has come up on many occasions since the course opened in 1992. Once it was determined that new tee signage was to be commissioned the question was inevitably raised again. But where to start?

A small team from the Castle & Golf Club walked the course armed with the 1748 Estate Map. Things soon seemed to take on a life of their own as many of our holes fitted within the original field boundaries with uncanny accuracy and with evocative names such as Bogey Plat, Hop Garden & Old Smugglers the rest is history.....so to speak.

Complete list of hole names.

Kings

- Kiln
- Bogey Plat
- Cleves Walk
- Pipers Grove
- Slip Pasture
- Old Smugglers
- Park
- Coney Burrough
- Yew Tree

Queens

- Hop Garden
- Great Pond
- The Coign
- Cranstead
- Orchard Plat
- East to West
- Little Plain
- Patch Pond
- Alms House

Princes

- Butchers Mead
- Strake
- Brook Haven
- Pond Meadow
- Banky
- Spring
- Five Acre
- Cow
- Bakehouse

