



# Belton Woods Members AGM

# Introduction

- ▶ Alex Davies – PGA Advanced Professional, PGA Director of Golf Qualification and over 17 years experience in golf industry
- ▶ Started at Belton Woods in May 2019

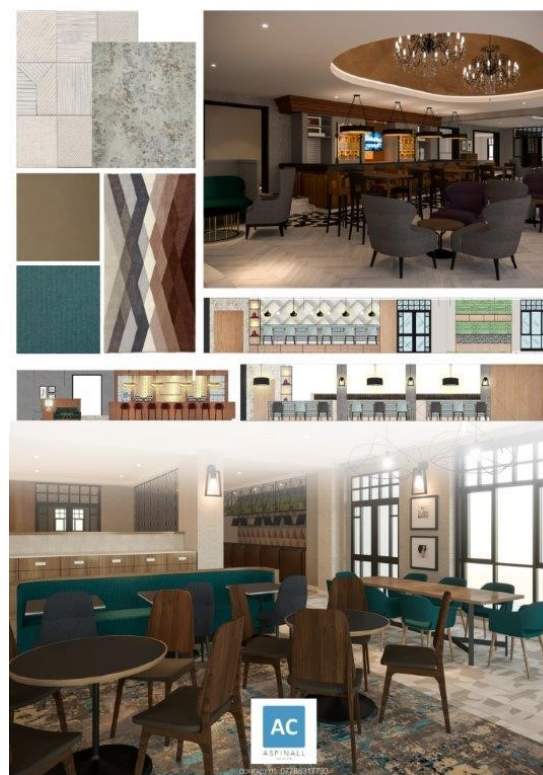
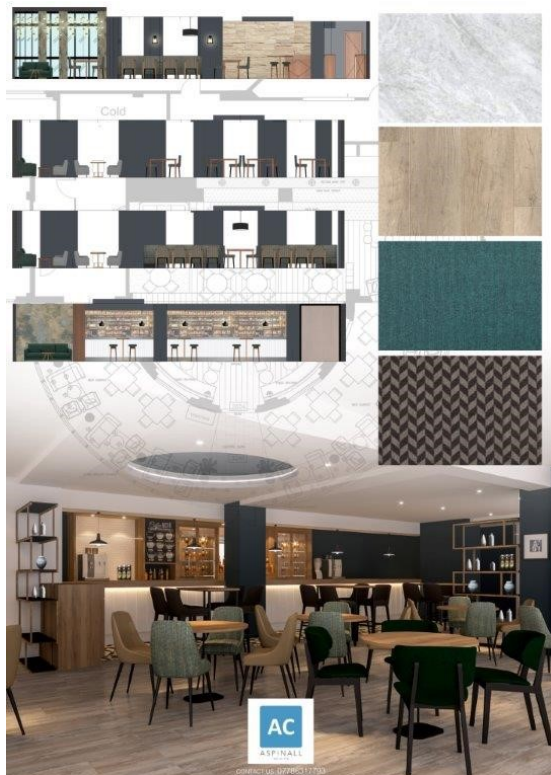
# How did 2019 go?

- ▶ A mixed year would be an honest reflection
- ▶ We have suffered with weather this year mainly due to rain, 2 days closure in June and 7 combined in November/December
- ▶ Changes of management company and staff always challenging
- ▶ New Director of Golf, New Course Manager, New Assistant Golf ops manager and New Membership Sales Advisor.

# What does 2020 look like?

- ▶ Belton Woods will become a Hilton Double tree
- ▶ This is the brand and the refurb will be inline with Hilton double tree brand standards
- ▶ Belton woods is managed by the management group Almarose who we report to.
- ▶ In regards to membership; Belton Woods Country club, Golf only and Points membership nothing has changed.
- ▶ The refurb is planned to take 6 months and the following will take place;

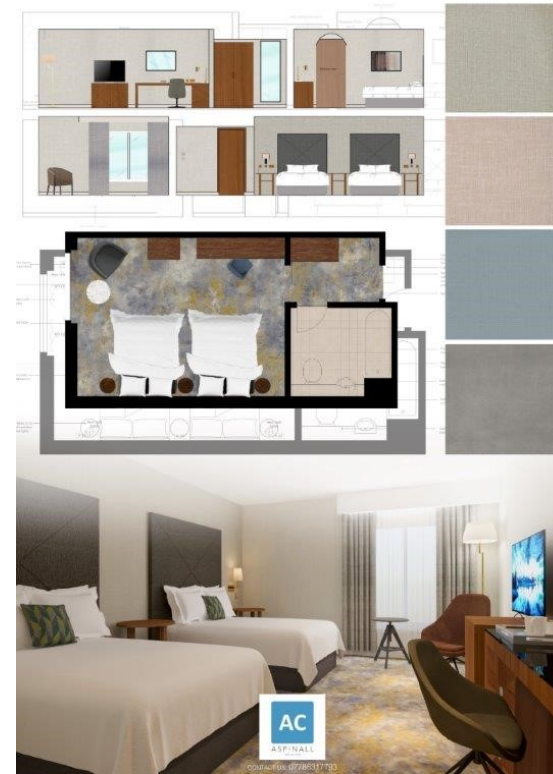
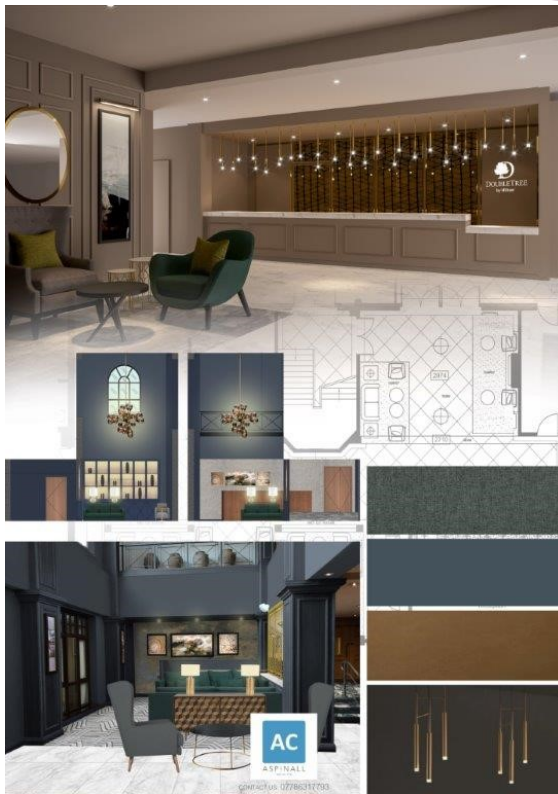
# Claret Jug / Bar and restaurant



# Reception

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# Bedrooms



# Golf work in 2020

- ▶ Work on golf course, investment in machinery
- ▶ Driving range, investment in driving range, new mats bay dividers and golf balls
- ▶ Changing rooms, not part of refurb but we have put aside money in budget to improve both changing rooms.
- ▶ Concept – new computer system

# Golf Operations Team

Matt Bradley

Assistant Golf Operations Manager



Rachel Woodcock

PGA Assistant Professional



Tom Johnson

Membership Sales Advisor



# PGA Teaching Professional

Iain Fulton – PGA Teaching Professional



- Golf Foundation Sinclair Award coach of the year for work done in south Lincolnshire in the development of Grass roots junior golf.
- Runner up in Lincolnshire Active coach of the year (behind Lincoln Football manager)
- Voted PGA coach of the year by fellow PGA professionals.

# Course Manager Andy McEvoy



# Golf Course Report

## ▶ **Greens:**

- ▶ Greens have just been pencil tined to 3.5 inches to help get more oxygen into the rootzone.
- ▶ Over the next two renovations in 2020 we will be concentrating on reducing the volume of moss on the surface and decreasing the levels of thatch in the top 4 inches of the soil profile.
- ▶ Greens will receive an application of moss pro killer in the middle of February. This will then be scarified out before renovation week.
- ▶ Renovation in March will involve the following practices;
- ▶ Greens to be scarified 4mm deep using 2mm tungsten carbide tipped blades.
- ▶ Hollow core to 4 inches using 12mm diameter side eject tines
- ▶ Bentgrass seed at 5g/m<sup>2</sup> drop spread over aeration holes and brushed in on greens.
- ▶ Greens to be vertidraind using 12mm diameter tines to a depth of 8 inches.
- ▶ All greens to be topdressed using compatible USGA Specification sand which will be brushed in afterwards.

# Golf Course report continued...

## ► **Fairways and Tees**

- Fairways are starting to dry out nicely over the past week.
- First cut of the year on lakes on Tuesday this week and hoping to get Woods course cut by Friday.
- The club has recently purchased a Charterhouse Vertidrain to aerate the fairways. This will help decompact the soil profile, encourage deeper rooting of the turfgrass plant, improve nutrient availability and help with drainage going into the Autumn and Winter of 2020.
- Vertidrainage of all fairways will take place week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. This is subject to delivery being on schedule. We are hoping to have completed the aeration of fairways, approaches and tees by the end of February.

# Golf Course report continued

## ► **Tree and Pond work**

- Pond clearance has been completed on holes 2, 12 and 18. This involved cutting back the dead Bulrush which will allow the new leaves to come through in the spring. We have also started a 3 year cycle of cutting back willow species around ponds. These willows that have been pruned back will also regenerate in April.
- Pond work has now started on the 8<sup>th</sup> Lakes.
- Tree work will continue on the course during January and February.
- Wood chip from the Tree work will be put down on paths around the course. The first ones to be done will be the paths on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Golf Course report continued

## ► Irrigation Work

- All defective sprinklers have been replaced on the Lakes Greens.
- We are due to replace the remaining defective sprinklers on the Woods Greens in early march.
- The irrigation tank has recently had a new liner and Roof installed.
- Last summer the irrigation system was not operating at the correct pressure which meant we had dry areas on some greens. Two new Hydrovars (Variable speed drives) which help regulate the pressure of the irrigation pumps are getting replaced in February. The pipework in the irrigation store is also getting replaced. This will provide us with a more consistent pressure operating the sprinklers and mean we can run the two greens at the same time without reducing the overall pressure.

# Social Media

- ▶ Social Media is a great tool for us all when used properly and appropriately.
- ▶ It's a great way to advertise the club and spread positive news about what we are up to and what we are looking to do
- ▶ Its also great to communicate and have fun with each other
- ▶ Its not for slating the golf club and hotel
- ▶ Its not for having a go at certain individuals for any decision that may be made

# Moving forward

- ▶ I want to hear feedback of any kind, I will always endeavour to do my best to fix things and make things right and give the answer you want to hear.
- ▶ Feedback must come in a more formal Manner, via e mail or booking in a one to one meeting with me in regards to any golf course or hotel issue
- ▶ On a club level an e mail should be sent to the secretary whereby they can answer formally and constructively on any issue

# Thankyous

- ▶ A few Thankyous are in order
- ▶ 2019 Lady Captain – Julie White
- ▶ 2019 Men's Captain – Brian Robinson
- ▶ Good Luck
- ▶ 2020 Lady Captain Kim Davies
- ▶ 2020 Men's Captain Graham Bell
- ▶ Special Thank you to Paul Perrin Men's Secretary stepping down
- ▶ Good Luck to Rob Vine who is stepping in Pauls shoes



Any Questions?