

Report on Trees for Kinsale Golf Club Farrangalway

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5. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a structured plan for the development of the tree plantations at Kinsale Golf Club Farrangalway. The course opened in 1995 and a large number of trees of various species have been planted. The result of the planting has produced positive results but at this stage of the Club's development it was felt that a review of the entire tree population on the Golf Course should be undertaken.

Inspection

The inspection of the trees was held on Tuesday 8th of November 2011 and present on the day were :

- Joe Dumigan Chairman of Kinsale Golf Club,
- Barry McCarthy Trustee and Captain of the Club,
- Hilary Madden Trustee,
- Pdraig Crowley Head Greenkeeper.
- Also in attendance was Tom Prendercast former Manager Of Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Tom is graduate of the Dept. of Forestry Training College 1960-1963. Tom worked for over 20 Years with the Dep.of Forestry before taking up a post with Killarney Golf and Fishing Club as General Manager in 1986.

Recommendations

Tom's initial reaction while there are many fine plantations and a good variety of trees planted i.e. Oak ,Beech, Scotch Pine, there is also a lot of weak species planted i.e Cyrpress. Leylandii and

Alder. He recommended that there needs to be a thinning out and removal over time of selected Cypress Leylandii and Alder trees and the planting of hardwood species i.e. Oak, Beech and evergreen Scotch Pine. The new trees planted should and will need to be **protected** from rabbits and machinery.

The reasons and need for the selective removal of the Cypress Leylandii and Alder trees are:

- Provide an environment to enable the healthy development of existing Hardwood and Scotch Pine trees.
- From a golfing aspect(trees impeding drive lines from tees boxes 16,17) trees in front on bunkers, trees too near greens.
- From an Agronomic Point of Views (trees too close to greens , tee boxes)

The plan will take a number of years to complete and should form part of the winter maintenance programme each year. The planting of new trees should the take place during the period of Dec, Jan, Feb and Mid March. When selecting the trees to be planted it is important to ensure that they have a good root system and an undamaged stem.

Hole 1

Remove five large trees to left of 1st tee (decaying Trees) . Remove all dead or dying trees on left of fairway. Remove one marked large evergreen on left to enable oak to grow . Plant Beech trees in the Cypress Leylandii plantation front left of the green.

Hole 2

Thin out Alders on right hand side of fairway and remove all dead or dying Alders. Remove one Cypress Leylandii at the dogleg corner . Thin out trees at back of green with selective removal to allow healthy trees develop. Plant Oaks or Beech where Alders have been removed. Plant some trees in the area to the left of the old 3rd Green.

Hole 3

Consider planting Oak or Beech in existing plantations.

Hole 4

Remove trees at end of practice ground which will impede drive line from 4th tees box .

Hole 5

Thin out plantation to the right of green with selective removal of trees to allow healthy species to develop.

Hole 6

Remove trees right front side of green, with tree on extreme right remaining.

Hole 7.

Remove trees on left hand side of fairway that are too close to fairway and remove all dead or decaying trees. Remove tree over mound of left side of green. Remove large Cypress Leylandii around green as marked . Thin out Alder plantation between Clubhouse and 7th green to enable green to be seen form clubhouse. Planting of gorse in this area should be considered.

Hole 8

Remove Cypress Lleylandii on left side about 80 yards from tee box.

On the left hand side 230yards from green selective removal of small evergreens and plant with Oak or Beech. Left front of green remove Cypress Lleylandii trees and Alder remove marked trees around green. The evergreen plantation on left side of fairway about 180 yards from green may need further discussion. The Golf Architect Hawtree recommended that this plantation would be removed as this impedes visibility of the green.

Hole 9

Thin out Alders at corner of Dog Leg and selective removal of Cypress Lleyandii over time and plant with Beech and Oak. Consider more extensive planting in this area or plant gorse. Remove of Alders left side of green and Cypress Lleyandii between green and Clubhouse.

Hole 10

Plantation on left hand side remove dead or decaying trees plant Beech/Oak.

Remove Cypress Lleyandaii front left hand side of green and also lone trees around the green.

Hole 11

Remove trees near tee box. Thin between 14th & 11th holes as marked.

Hole 12

Remove selected trees from line of new tee Box. Remove trees at edge of fairway 150 yards from green. Remove selective evergreens, over time, approx. 30 yards for green (very near fairway and greenside bunkers)

Hole 13

Removal of dear or decaying trees..

Hole 14

Thin out plantation of left hand side with removal of selected trees

Hole 15

No requirements on this hole

Hole 16

Remove marked Alders on left hand side adjacent to ditch to allow more visible drive line.

Plant Scotch Pine behind lone tree (for future generations) Selective removal of trees right front of greens and also trees to close to green.

Hole 17

Remove Alders left side 30yards from tee to improve drive line. Remove dead or dying trees adjacent to green.

Hole 18

Remove dying trees front left of green . Selective removal of Cypress Lleylandi and Alders from plantation on left and right hand side of fairway. Removal of trees behind green which are restricting views from the clubhouse.

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Programme

Obviously the work on the trees will be an on- going programme a number of area should be prioritised Suggested programme

- *Clubhouse views*
- *Removal of small dead trees and trees around greens i.e. 14th 7th 8th*
- *Trees on Drive lines 16th , 17,12*
- *Trees near fairways*
- *Trees off 1st tee*

We might meet to discuss the above

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