**Dear Member,**

**Many thanks for your patience in awaiting the below list and booking procedure for our alternative play options for WATC.**

**In advance of the detail, please read the below message from John Plummer, our Golf Course superintendent which may allay any fears of the course closing in advance of August 25th and its condition prior to and post championships:**

*“Dear Member,*

*Course presentation and maintenance will be high priority for the full 2018 playing season, and beyond.*

*We will have all elements of maintenance geared toward Quality and Standard for the whole Season.*

*We already have a number of scheduled meetings from R+A and USGA Advisory Committees, these will continue through 2018 Season.*

*The Courses will be closed from August 25th and open again on September 10th.*

*I am confident that the golf course standard will be excellent Pre, During, and Post Event.*

*I am delighted that Carton House was Chosen to Host this prestigious event.*

*John Plummer*

***The alternative playing options are as below:***

***Sunday August 26th:***

Co. Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point. 2 times, 8 Golfers, 13.00pm and 13.10pm

Lucan GC, Select afternoon times available, booking as per below.

***Monday August 27th:***

Co. Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point. 2 times, 8 Golfers, 12.00pm and 12.10pm

The Island Golf Club, 7 times, 28 Golfers, from 2.10pm

Portmarnock Golf Club, 7 times, 28 Golfers, from 3.00pm

Dooks Golf Club, Co.Kerry, 3 times, 12 Golfers, from 2.10pm

Lucan GC, Select times available, please request

***Tuesday August 28th:***

Lahinch Golf Club, 7 times, 28 Golfers, from 11.50am

Lucan GC, select times available, please request.

***Wednesday August 29th:***

Powerscourt (West Course) 21 times, 88 Golfers from 8.00am

Killeen Castle Golf Club 15 times, 60 Golfers, various times (Please request)

Lucan GC, 10.00am to 12 noon, All Semi-Open times, Men’s day at LGC, 48 golfers, FOC with €5 entry to comp.

***Thursday August 30th:***

Co. Louth Golf Club, Baltray, 7 times, 28 Golfers, from 3.00pm

Lucan GC, 12.30pm-2pm, Ladies day at LGC, 10 times, 40 Golfers.

***Friday August 31st:***

Mount Juliet, 3 times, 12 Golfers 11am.

Lucan GC, Select times available, please request.

***Sunday September 2nd:***

Co. Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point. 2 times, 8 Golfers, 13.00pm and 13.10pm

New Forest Golf Club, 21 times, 88 Golfers, 110.00am

Lucan GC, Hoping to have select afternoon times available, please request.

***Monday September 3rd:***

Co. Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point. 2 times, 8 Golfers, 12.00pm and 12.10pm

Ballyliffen Golf Club (Old Course) 7 times, 28 Golfers, 11.00am

The Royal Dublin Golf Club, 7 times, 28 Golfers, from 15.00pm

Lucan GC, Select times available, please request.

***Tuesday September 4th:***

Lucan GC, Select times available, please request.

***Wednesday September 5th:***

Killeen Castle Golf Club, 60 golfers, please advise of preferred time.

Lucan GC, 10.00am to 12 noon, All Semi-Open times,48 golfers, FOC with €5 entry to comp.

***Thursday September 6th:***

Lucan GC, 12.30pm-2pm, 10 times, 40 Golfers.

***Friday September 7th:***

Lucan GC, Select times available, please request.

***Saturday September 8th:***

Lucan GC, Hoping to have select afternoon times available, please request.

***Sunday September 9th:***

Moyvalley Golf Club, 21 Times, 88 Golfers from 10.28am.

Important also to remember that this day has been kept as an extra day for the WATC in case of rain delay and if not required will be open for member play from am.

***Extra Golf:***

**Fota Island** in Cork have kindly honoured their long term agreement with us and will offer 2 four balls on a daily basis to Carton House members, bookable with ourselves in the golf shop from August 12th, 2 weeks in advance of the Championships.

**32 times, 128 Golfers, times available on request subject to availability.**

**Killen Castle,** along with their generous offer of golf for 120 players on the two Wednesdays of the championships, have also offered us evening dates for **some evening golf where Carton House will run some fun events for our members.**

We will release the evenings as soon as they are to hand and organise start sheets/formats through the Golf Shop at Carton House.

**Lucan GC** have very kindly offered us golf wherever possible, closer the time, which will be requested by ourselves in July rather than Pamela in the initial round of playing time requests.

**Castle GC** are discussing our request at the end of month board meeting. TBC.

**Hermitage GC and Headfort GC** will also confirm in the coming weeks their course availability.

***The booking procedure is as follows:***

Please contact Pamela@gui.ie to submit your request for golf along with your Golfnet number. The booking window will be open strictly **from February 15th to March 25th** and if your plans change after booking, please notify Pamela at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any further requests, need to book **Fota Island or Lucan weekend/evening golf,** or we can do anything to help you during this period, please e-mail David Kearney directly on dkearney@cartonhouse.com and we will do our very best to help you.

I am sure you will join me in thanking the above clubs who have supported us whilst the World Championships are in Ireland.

We have an availability of approx. **980** rounds of golf and as we had **1110 member rounds** over the corresponding period last year we hope there is enough to satisfy the needs of our membership.

The inconvenience of some extra travel in some cases will hopefully be tempered by the chance to play some of Ireland’s finest golf courses and perhaps enjoy a break with some friends and families.

Whilst Wednesdays, and Sundays to a lesser extent, are well catered for, we have an obvious issue with Saturday play as all the other courses are so busy.

Having said that, we really hope that as this is the final days play in both events, you might join us to watch play and have a drink in the player’s lounge which will be open to Carton House members and guests only, along with players and officials.

Parking, as per cups and shields will be available in its normal guise and in the grass area between the current car park and the hotel.

Members will have access to the clubhouse area along with teams and officials.

The Espirito Santo and Eisenhower trophies, The World amateur team championships are the biggest ladies and men’s amateur events in world golf and have been most recently competed for in Mexico (2016), Japan (2014), Turkey (2012) Argentina (2010) Australia (2008) and South Africa (2006).

It is the first time that the championships have been in Ireland and will see 56 countries play in week 1 for the Espirito Santo trophy for Ladies and 72 Men’s nations in week 2 for the Eisenhower trophy.

The teams will consist of 3 players, 4 round stroke-play with the best two scores each day making up the team total. The teams will be using the student accommodation at Maynooth University.

Ireland was the only country to medal in both trophies at the last championships, Mexico 2016 and your support for the teams would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

David Kearney

Director of Golf