



Captain's Update December 18th 2020

Dear Members,

In response to several queries, I felt it best to send out another update regarding the opening of the course and clubhouse.

This is an extract from the Wales Golf Union website.

The new restrictions will apply to all of Wales.

- We have had confirmation from the Welsh Government today (December 17) that **Golf Courses will need to close from 6 pm on the 25th December (Christmas day).**
- All non-essential retail (this includes Professional Shops, click and collect is still allowed), close contact services and all leisure and fitness centres will close at the end of trading on Christmas Eve.
- All hospitality premises will close from 6 pm on Christmas Day. After this licenced premises can run a takeaway and delivery service only between 6 am and 10 pm.

So we could open Christmas Day until 6pm, this would involve staffing the clubhouse, we could open the course, this would involve Marc our Head Greenskeeper coming to the course to ensure that it is safe to open and in line with the guidelines we should have someone such as Barry, our Club Professional, at the course to ensure we follow the guidelines, we know that we have to adhere to a booking system.

My view is that we would be asking too much of people, who have already done everything asked of them this year, we should just let them enjoy their Christmas, it is already greatly limited anyway.

This year had been a tough year all round, we have endured course closures because of Covid, and more recently been closed because of the weather. Many of our staff have been on Furlough with a reduced income, but with thought and consideration from our finance team, we have found a way to ensure all jobs have been retained, personally I feel this is a great achievement in these difficult times.

I hope that the new restrictions will enable us all to safely get past the worst of the pandemic and see a glimmer of hope for a more normal future.

Finally I would like to thank all of the staff and the committee for their commitment this year in establishing a safe environment for the members to be able to get out and play and enjoy some social activity afterwards.

Again, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year

Please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Steve Parry

Captain