

Captain's Update

Dear Member,

I would hope that you are enjoying your golf in a better format these days, now that we can play golf with people from two households. I appreciate that it is still not ideal, but your committee are working to improve the format as much as possible within the Welsh Golf Union guidelines. To this end we are introducing the opportunity to play as a 3 or 4-ball (still from only two households), to play in this format, members will need to contact Mike Swindlehurst, Golf Chair and arrange their game. Mike can be contacted by mobile 07789 258741 or by email airshot1@virginmedia.com and he will book a slot for you, please allow 48hrs notices for this. Please do not go out without a booking slot or you will be asked to leave the course. Under the Welsh Golf Union guidelines, all golf must be pre-booked.

We have also discussed playing competition golf and currently we are waiting for Howdidido to update their site to permit electronic scorecard input, as soon as this is set up we shall look at organising golf competitions, which will probably be over 2 days and open to all members with a competitive handicap.

Hopefully, all members are now aware that they may book, through the Pro shop, a time slot to go on the range or to use the chipping/bunker area. The practice nets remain out of use and the putting green is available to a maximum of 2 players and this must be for those who are about to tee off next. We must be conscious of the law governing social gatherings and keep a safe distance when in the 1st Tee area and putting green, this will be achieved by ensuring that we do not arrive at the club more than 15 minutes before our tee time.

We have had several complaints recently from a resident living alongside the 12th Fairway. He has had golf balls landing in his back garden and a few years ago was hit in the face by a golf ball, leaving a permanent scar. We have a responsibility to ensure that we play golf safely and with minimum risk to others, if you are aware that you are likely to send a ball in that direction, then you are at fault when it happens and you shall take responsibility for your actions. Please be careful.

We are having a serious issue with dogwalkers leaving bags of excrement in our bins around the course. Over the next week or so you will see that we are removing the bins from around the course so that they can be deep cleaned and eventually replaced with a sign at each bin asking dog owners to take the bags home with them. In the meantime, I would ask that all members please take their rubbish home and not leave any around the course.

As I talk about the course, I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Marc and his team of greenkeepers for their fantastic effort over the recent hot spell in maintaining the course at such a superb standard for us all to enjoy. As well as Marc's team there have been several supportive helpers including Andy Elston and Steve Anderton.

Around the course, I am sure you will all have noticed the flower beds and borders, tubs and planters, all flowering and blooming. We must thank the donors of the bedding plants and those volunteers who have given up a huge amount of their time, planting, weeding, watering, sweeping, trimming, and generally tidying up all areas. Organised by Jeannette Watkins, they have included Jeannette, Bev Dobbs, Linda Hughes, Sarah Fisk, Sandra Parry, Clive Powell, Keith & Sandra Paterson, John & Sally Curtis, Lizzie Brown and Gill Rees.

Finally, I would like to remind members that they may wish to attend the AGM on the 17th June at 6pm, it is a zoom meeting and should be fairly brief, to date there have been no enquiries regarding the accounts so unless we have a sudden deluge of questions the meeting should only last about 30 – 40 minutes.

Kind Regards

Steve Parry

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