

Coronavirus- Club Action

Dear Member

We are living in extraordinary times. With guidance from the Government and England Golf changing daily we thought we would advise members of the steps that we are taking with the golf club.

Firstly, the Boards objectives is to try and carry on as best we can subject to taking all the necessary steps to keep our staff, members and visitors as safe as we practically can.

We all have a responsibility to take sensible precautions and act in a socially responsible way. In particular if you have any symptoms of the virus, we would ask that you do not visit the club to play or for any other reason until your self-isolation is over.

Below we highlight the steps we are taking within the different aspects of the club: -

Golf and Course

All competitive golf will cease for the time being. We are very supportive of maintaining social golf and the changes detailed below are aimed at keeping this going taking notice of the advice we have received.

1. It is usually frowned upon to change in the car park but we would encourage you not use the club house other than using the toilets and hand washing.
2. Rakes have been removed from the course and you should treat bunkers as GUR.
3. We will leave the flags on the greens to act as a target for members and visitors. But to prevent the green staff from handling the flags they will cut the greens to close to the hole. This means we think it sensible, as we are playing social golf, to allow gimmies within your playing groups. The suggestion is to use a standard putter length as a guide. You are advised to not touch the flags.
4. Social distancing is a new phrase we are all getting used to. We have considered the guidance from Golf England that suggests playing in two balls only, but we feel that three balls would be a sensible compromise with the guidance to try and keep 2 metres apart whilst playing.
5. Please try and use only your own equipment and avoid touching other people's balls!
6. I think we have all got the message about not shaking hands.
7. Please don't use the ball cleaners and the air line will be switched off. Bins are being removed from the course and we would ask that you take your own rubbish home with you.
8. As we are only playing social golf we would ask that you don't use a scorecard and we can't see any reason why you would swap these with another player.
9. The flags have been removed from the putting green. We are leaving the putting green open, but you may wish to wash your hands afterwards if you hole out.
10. We would remind you of the guidance to wash your hands before and after play.

Bar and Catering

We are taking a number of steps to try and maintain continuity of service.

1. Emma has a mobile catering van and we have agreed with her that this will be sited in the Caravan Park. Emma will offer a limited range of snacks and hot drinks. Opening hours will be a little flexible but for the time being in the range of 10.00am to 3.00pm.
2. We are endeavouring to create an outside covered seating area so you can continue to enjoy the social aspect of golf but in the fresh air.
3. We will continue to provide a bar service. Those that wish to come into the club house can (maintaining the 2 metre rule) and the bar will be open.
4. In addition, for those who wish to make use of the outdoor space, Andras will deliver drinks. These can be ordered by phoning the bar direct telephone number (47167).
5. There will be no inside catering service.
6. Paying for Food and Drinks – We do not want our staff handling cash or cards. You will be asked to sign for your food and drink and your account will be debited manually through the office.

Pro Shop

The shop will remain open. We would ask you to be prepared to pay via card and not cash.

General Comments

We have increased the sanitisation of all contactable surfaces in around the club house, but this can only be a good as the people who use it, we respectfully ask that you wash your hands on entry and exit of the club house.

The situation remains very fluid and your management is having regular discussions to adopt our steps to the ever-changing guidance. Please bear with us and be understanding if we have to change things quickly.

Emma is doing all she can, being flexible and imaginative with solutions to keep trading. Can we ask that you support her and the club at this difficult time.

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