



Captain's Update October 30th 2020

Dear Members,

I trust you are keeping well and staying safe in these unusual times, I appreciate that it has been an ordeal for golfers recently with a 2 week closure of the course and clubhouse, closely followed by a number of closures due to inclement weather. I think we would all agree that our Head Greenskeeper and his team have done a fantastic job of presenting the course in such good condition this year and I'm sure we would all like to maintain that condition so it is always a difficult decision on whether we should close the course.

I was pleased to see that John Curtis and his team offered to open the bar to members, while the course was closed and hope that some took advantage of the opportunity. Many of you have taken advantage of the home-cooked food and prepared sandwiches and rolls being offered on Saturdays and my waistline is testament to the excellent quality. John has done a superb job of managing the clubhouse safely during these difficult times and it is to his credit that a visit from Trading Standards last week agreed that the clubhouse was being safely managed for the membership. Unfortunately, in line with today's announcement, we shall be closing the bar no later than 6pm daily.

You may have noticed that the 12th Tee position has been moved forward, this is because of too many stray shots going in the houses and gardens. There has been damage caused to properties, but my greater concern is for the safety of families living there. We are currently looking into opportunities to make changes in several areas of the course and after due consideration and cost effectiveness study, I shall update you with a revised winter plan for the course.

The Worldwide Handicap System is now up and running thanks to a huge amount of work by Mike Swindlehurst and Jeannette Watkins inputting and correcting data, ensuring the accuracy of members details and because of this the club will also save money that we are required to pay to Wales Golf Union.

Some of you may have noticed that the tee time slots on a Saturday have been reduced to 6 minutes, this is because of the high demand by 7-day members. This is being trialled by Barry and he will be seen out on the course during the day to ensure that there are no build ups caused by waiting on the tees. I would encourage all players to focus on playing 'ready golf' and let us try to get as many as safety permits to enjoy the day. I have received comments from members recently about the number of players turning up early for their games and causing an excess of numbers around the practice green and 1st Tee, I do understand that there are some large societies playing later on a Saturday and it is always enjoyable to get together before a game, I would encourage those members to consider the safety aspects and enjoy the time in the clubhouse after the game.

I am pleased to announce that, following a successful meeting with the Select Committee, Steve Anderton is now the Captain Elect.

Please stay safe.

Kind Regards

Steve Parry

Captain