

Captain's Update

Dear Member,

As we are now well into Summer, I thought a brief update might be timely, so I have summarised the update by section.

Golf

I have received several emails complaining about the booking system and talking to other clubs, it would appear that it is a common issue mainly caused by us having to remain in 2-ball format. I should say that I have also received a number of emails from members who are extremely pleased with the booking system as they no longer have to turn up to the 1st Tee to find a group of perhaps 20 players waiting to tee off.

The Wales Golf Union have just advised that we can adjust start intervals that best suit the club so we shall have 8-minute start intervals on the days that have proven to be the biggest issue. From next week we shall introduce 8-minute start intervals on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, this will be for a trial period, if there are any safety concerns, we may have to revert to 10 minutes. For the duration of this trial, there will be only 2-ball slots on these days, 3 and 4-ball slots may still be booked in advance for the remaining 4 days.

We follow guidelines issued by the Wales Golf Union in conjunction with the Welsh Government, "Social distancing" means that we must keep our tee booking sheets in place for some time to come. We are aware that there are a variety of opinions regarding whether this remains in place for the long term. Your Committee have discussed this but, at present, there are many more pressing issues to deal with relating to the COVID-19 crisis. However, when the time comes to consider this point it is clear that this would need to be a Club wide discussion and the decision would need to be made by the members at a General meeting- either at the AGM or by the calling of an EGM.

Greens

Some of you may have noticed a new face on the Greenkeepers team this week, James Hawkins has joined us from Newport Golf Club, he is a fully qualified Greenkeeper and I'm sure that we will welcome his input with the team. The team is now back to full strength and are now busy playing catch-up to get on top of the work that would normally have been achieved at this time of year. I would also like to thank Andy Elston and Steve Anderton for their help over recent months and especially to Marc for all his time and effort in getting through a demanding time.

House and Social

I am sure that by now, most of you are aware that we are allowed to commence an outside bar service from Monday 13th. There has been a great deal of discussion on how to manage this as safely as possible and I am pleased to say that the Bar will be open for outdoor service from 12 noon on Monday.

Initially the bar opening times will be:

Sunday - Wednesday 12 noon - 5pm

Thursday, Friday 12 noon - 7pm

Saturday 12 noon – 8pm

During inclement weather, the Bar will not open.

During the first week, John Curtis has agreed to cover all Bar times, please be patient while we assess our future needs.

Finance

Hopefully you will all have seen the recent message from our Treasurer, advising that there will be an opportunity for all those members who renewed their annual green fees by 1st April to claim a discounted loyalty reward which may be used this year to top up their bar card or have vouchers for the Pro Shop, or they may prefer to have it as a reduction in their next years green fees.

If you choose to take the discounted loyalty reward for your bar card you will receive a 15% saving when using your card, if you would like to take the discount loyalty reward and top it up to £200 you will receive 20% saving on your card.

Our Treasurer will be in the office Saturday 11th July if you would like to take advantage of this, please feel free to call the office and he will work through it with you.

Kind Regards

Steve Parry
Captain