



# BEAUCHIEF GOLF CLUB

## APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

### GENERAL UPDATE

We are currently living in unprecedented times and I hope that you are all keeping well and surviving the enforced layoff. When we can get back to playing again is clearly unknown but I'm sure we'll all be out in force as soon as that is allowed. In the meantime I must re-enforce the message that playing golf is not considered permissible exercise and the vast majority are abiding by that government decision. The club will certainly take a very dim view of any member who ignores this.

I was aware of an imminent email from SIV to members/season ticket holders with their update and that email was delivered earlier this afternoon. It confirms that golf memberships are frozen until playing can resume and that direct debit payments have been suspended.

When play does resume we will have new scorecards showing our latest local rules and also incorporating several changes to hole indexes. The new tee signs already show these but we will remind you again nearer the time!

The change to the World Handicap System (WHS) is still intended to take place on 2nd November when the CONGU system will cease. I have started a new page on the website under "The Club" heading and in the coming weeks will add plenty of information and links to provide more background.

Stay safe and follow all the guidelines. It's not easy but if we all do our bit we'll get there sooner rather than later!!

Best wishes and stay healthy.  
Martin Mould

### COURSE NEWS

Despite the fact we cannot play, the course is looking pretty good as a result of the recent good spell of weather. To say this is frustrating for all of us is an understatement as we've had to put up with terrible conditions for several months!

In terms of course maintenance, Tom Booth has advised that the greens staff are still working but under strict guidelines that have been imposed by the R&A and BIGGA (the greenkeepers association). These state that essential maintenance can be carried out, such as grass cutting regimes, but limit many other activities which we might consider would be appropriate in this down time. We have to accept these restraints are due to coronavirus guidelines and not SIV instructions.

## SUMMER MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUTS

We have passed the deadline for entries but are no nearer to getting back on the course to play. It is highly unlikely that we will be able to run any of these competitions this year, so all entry fees have been credited back to your competition accounts. (Ladies who have paid in cash will be refunded at some point).

## WINTER MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUTS

Most of these competitions had reached either the semi-final or final rounds when the course was closed. We will be allowing them to be completed once play is able to resume.

## CLUB AND OTHER COMPETITIONS

It will not be possible to re-schedule many of our club competitions and decisions will have to be made when play resumes as to a revised fixture list. Clearly at this time that is impossible to predict other than stating that we will try to accommodate as many as we can. Most will need to be considered as cancelled once their date has passed.

For information, all SUGC fixtures are currently cancelled up to the end of May, including SUMA's 1 and 2. Entries for later SUMA's are suspended for now. The Wednesday scratch team league matches and 6-18 foursomes leagues have been cancelled for 2020.

The S&DLGU have suspended all competitions until further notice. All YLCGA inter-club leagues have been cancelled.

## INSURANCE

As was advised to all members in the newsletter that accompanied the AGM papers and subscription renewals in November, and subsequently announced at the AGM itself, the committee had agreed to discontinue the member's insurance policy with Golfguard. This expired on 31st March.

With effect from 1st April, a new policy is in place which is provided through your affiliation with England Golf and details of the cover will be published shortly on the website under The Club / Insurance. If anyone requires more information before this webpage is updated, please contact Martin Mould.

## COUNTY CARD 2020

Details of the 2020 County Card issued jointly by Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs and Yorkshire Ladies County Golf

Association have been released. The card runs from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, costs £10 and provides for discounted Green Fees at a large number of participating clubs, not only in Yorkshire but around the country. There is additional information on the Union website at [www.yugc.co.uk](http://www.yugc.co.uk) under the County Card tab. If you play at away courses regularly then this could be for you.

Note that applications have to be made through the club so please contact Brian Summerson in the first instance. He will collate individual applications to obtain cards.

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