



Captain's Update September 23rd 2020

Dear Members,

Apologies for not being able to update you sooner re the lockdown issues that came in to place this evening.

As you may/may not be aware St Mellons golf Club spans both Cardiff & Newport boundaries and it has been very difficult to obtain a definitive from either: Wales Golf, Local Authorities, Trading Standards and South Wales Police, and it is still work in progress.

To keep you all updated, the club pays its Council Tax and Bar Licence to Newport, Trading Standards have informed us that ONLY Newport residents can access and use the Club House facilities as of 6pm tonight.

However, as the golf course can be accessed from St Mellons from the Cardiff borough and from the A48 from the Newport borough, clarity is being sourced as to the actual boundary that we need to adhere to. South Wales Police do not want our members crossing the borders, so it is advisable that Cardiff residents should only use the Vaendre Lane access whilst Newport residents should use the A48 entrance.

We therefore must stress the importance of the following:

1. Any gatherings on or around the first tee, putting green, car park areas are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
2. Please **DO NOT** turn up to play more than 15 mins before your tee time.
3. You **MUST** follow the Welsh Government social distancing guidelines.
4. You **MUST** only play golf with players who are from your county borough.
5. On completion of your round members from **OUTSIDE NEWPORT AREA** must leave the golf club area immediately.
6. **ONLY** Newport residents may enter the Bar/Restaurant area this includes outside seating area.

We are trying to ensure we meet the advice from all of the agencies we have been in touch with over the last 2 days. We are awaiting further clarification with respect to the border line, which might result in amended guidelines being sent out to members. We realise this email will raise even more questions and we will endeavour to answer them as soon as we have the correct information to do so.

Kind Regards

Steve Parry

Captain