



BEAUCHIEF GOLF CLUB

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

An open letter from the England Golf CEO Jeremy Tomlinson was published on 29th April thanking golf club members for their support and patience during the shutdown of golf courses. This can be viewed at:

As yet we do NOT have any precise details as to when golf will resume but it is felt that golf is likely to be a part of the first phase after lockdown is lifted. Let's hope so! We will all be seeing the phrase PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE once courses do re-open. All the various stakeholders in golf including the R&A and England Golf have been collaborating to build a robust framework for clubs to ensure a responsible and organised return to playing when the government allows it. England Golf has produced a series of guidelines to enable golfers and clubs to prepare in advance and these can be viewed at: with the Playing The Game Framework the one of interest to most of you.

When the time is right we will notify you of the final details but as this is still a fluid situation, these guidelines may alter before play can resume.

It is highly likely that a notice period will be given to allow clubs to properly prepare courses for play and arrange the necessary infrastructure, much of which will fall on SIV to provide. However, we will also have our part to play in terms of possible local rules and competition play etc. Tom Booth has been keeping clubs updated with SIV's situation on working and allowable course maintenance. Those rules are evolving, with grass cutting regimes being allowed to increase as well as some other maintenance jobs now permissible.

SAD NEWS

It is with regret that we must report the passing on April 17th of Chris Shaw, our 2018 Men's Captain, aged 64. He joined the club in 2012 and was always a very active member from the start.

Early in his captaincy year Chris was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer but he battled on, always with a brave face and spirit, despite the side effects of his treatment. He always retained his sense of humour throughout, whilst knowing that his time was limited. He made the most of that time, bouncing back from a few set backs along the way.

Prior to joining us, he was a member at Stanedge Golf Club, and played a very full part in the running of the club as secretary, among other roles. He was a regular at his local pub, The Badger in Brockwell, and ran the quiz there for many years.

Chris's family only cremation at Chesterfield Crematorium is scheduled for 2.30 pm on Monday 4th May. (Details of a webcast of the service are below). It is possible that some form of memorial service will be arranged in the future and Paul Baird, who has taken over the running of Chris's golf society, is arranging a golf day at Cavendish in his honour.

On behalf of the club and committee, we offer our deepest sympathy to Chris's family at this difficult time as indeed we do also to any other members who have suffered loss during this unprecedented period.

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COUNTY CARD 2020

Subsequent to the message in the April Newsletter, the YUGC (Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs) and YLCGA (Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association), to whom almost all members pay an affiliation fee (through the club), have made an offer to all affiliated clubs for the remainder of this year to 31st March 2021. This is due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

We have applied for and received 30 County Cards at no charge for the specific use of Beauchief members. These entitle users to discounted green fees at a large number of courses and full details are shown on the YUGC website at . The site also includes a full list of participating courses in Yorkshire and other counties.

When courses do eventually re-open, if any member(s) wish to take advantage of these cards, then please contact Martin Mould. They will be loaned out but must be returned after use so all members have the opportunity to take advantage. Let's hope we get the chance to use them!!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Tom Booth, SIV Golf Manager, has certainly not been idle during the shutdown and is keeping abreast of the constantly changing situation surrounding the maintenance of the 5 SIV courses and the guidelines for a return to playing.

However, in his quieter moments, he and fiancée Nicole, have been running a regular on-line quiz for SIV. This is currently every fortnight with the next one scheduled for Friday 8th May at 8.00 pm prompt. The format is 10 pictures to identify, 25 general knowledge questions then 10 music tunes to identify artist and song title. All this presented by Tom dressed up as some past pop idol!!! Worth tuning in just for that but well

done to both for providing some light entertainment on a lockdown Friday evening.

To join in go onto your Facebook page and search SIV: The Health and Wellbeing Charity next Friday. You can also watch last week's quiz and see Tom in all his Freddie Mercury gear!!

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