

## **Tier 4 Restrictions - Effective Tonight**

30<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Hello All

Unfortunately Cumbria has been placed in the Tier 4 Covid 19 alert level from midnight tonight.

Seascale Golf Course can remain open for play but only in the following formats -

- \* Individual play.
- \* Two-balls from the same or different households/bubbles.
- \* Households only.

I will now have to delete all the bookings that have been made in the BRS Tee Booking sheet and set all the tee times up in 2 balls only. Starting with tomorrow morning 8.00am.

The BRS Tee Bookings have a 7 day advanced booking limit on them.

Please note all competitions will be cancelled until further notice and all Golf must be re-booked through the BRS Tee Booking system. This will include Wednesdays and Sundays.

The Clubhouse must close. The locker rooms will remain open until Sunday night for members to collect their equipment.

This is an incredibly frustrating time for many of us and I thank you for your patience through this whole ordeal. At least we still have some form of Golf to enjoy.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **Clubhouse Closure**

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Hello All

Unfortunately due to members of staff feeling that they should self-isolate because of positive Covid 19 tests within their wider family we have no option but to close the Clubhouse area for 10 days. Effective immediately.

We are also worried about continuing to maintain a safe environment within these areas given the acceleration of Covid over the last few days. Our staff and members safety is our priority and I'm sure you will understand.

The Pro Shop will still be open on competition days only for sign in and score entry. You will also have access to the locker rooms only between 8.00am - 3.00pm. These areas will be cleaned daily,

please continue to observe social distancing requirements. There will be no access to the rest of the Clubhouse areas.

The phone will be manned today between 8.00am - 4.00pm for you all to top up your cards. Please make sure you have enough on your cards to enable you to sign into the upcoming competitions. You can pay over the phone with your debit cards. The phone will not be manned after today.

The best form of communication over the coming days will be email. This will continue to be monitored.

Please remember you must book a tee time through either the BRS Tee Booking system or, for comps, Howdidido. This is for track and trace purposes.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy your Golf.

Adam

## **Christmas Clubhouse Opening Times (Revised)**

21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 (Revised 23<sup>rd</sup> December)

Hello All

The Clubhouse/Kitchen opening times are as follows

21st Dec - 8.00am - 4.00pm ( Kitchen 8.00am - 4.00pm )

22nd Dec - 8.00am - 4.00pm ( Kitchen Closed )

23rd Dec - Clubhouse Closed

24th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

25th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

26th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

27th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

28th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

29th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

30th Dec - Clubhouse Closed

31st Dec - Clubhouse Closed

1st Jan - Clubhouse Closed

2nd Jan - Clubhouse Closed ( Pro Shop open for Alternative Comp sign in )

3rd Jan - Back to normal - hopefully

Remember we are in Tier 2 restrictions with a ban on mixing indoors. When the Clubhouse facilities are available all members must sit at a table on their own or with members of their own household. Alcohol must only be served accompanied with a substantial meal. Table service only unless you are wanting take away drinks or snacks from the bar where you must queue with a mask on. Observe social distancing requirements at all times.

We have had two on the spot inspections by Copeland Borough Council and have passed both with flying colours. Thank you all for your co-operation, keep up the good work.

Merry Christmas to all. Hopefully we will get back to normal soon.

Adam.

## **Optional Mats in the Semi-rough**

15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Hello All

Due to the condition of parts of the semi rough after the recent rainfall and the subsequent traffic issues we have decided to revert to the usual winter rule of "Mats Compulsory on Fairways / Mats Optional from Semi Rough". Members had also commented that there was confusion around which parts of the course were semi rough and which were fairway. We believe this rule clears up any issues and protects the course.

The WHS will not allow qualifying competitions with this rule so all competitions from now on will be non qualifiers, until further notice.

Please see the attached Local Rule, effective immediately.

Many thanks  
Adam

## **Damage to the Course**

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Hello All

Unfortunately after 35mm of rain over the weekend we have seen extensive damage to the course through buggies and to a lesser extent trolleys on already saturated ground.

The attached photos are proof that we must act to protect our main asset and limit the use of ride on buggies. If we continue to allow the volume of traffic through this spell of wet weather the turf will decline to an extent that we cannot bring it back without major renovations. The photos are only a snapshot of the damage, we could have taken photos on every hole. I'm sure you'll agree that they are shocking.

So this is a "PLEA" to you all as members to do your bit to protect "YOUR" course.

If you feel you are able to walk and leave the buggy behind please do. If you can carry a bag then that would be even better.

If you need a buggy or a trolley to play Golf then you must continue to exercise your right. We do not want to stop anyone enjoying the course and there are members who need buggies but if we see a further deterioration of the playing surfaces we will need to go one step further.

Anyone who does feel that they have no other option other than use a ride on buggy please stick to the "Buggy Route" that has been emailed out previously and is always displayed on the notice board, on the bar and now in the Pro Shop aswell.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Tier 2 Restrictions – Clubhouse**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Hello All

Our area has been placed within the Tier 2 area of restrictions. Unfortunately this will have a significant effect on Clubhouse activities.

A ban on mixing indoors means you must sit on your own at a table or with people within your own household/support bubble. Table service will still be provided.

This means we must operate a scaled back operation but provide enough service to care for our members.

Therefore opening times for the Clubhouse will be 8.00am - 4.00pm 7 days a week. We will have soft drinks, coffee, snacks etc available as normal within these times, alcoholic drinks must only be served as part of a substantial meal. This week we will be trialing a reduced food menu on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday only between 11.00am - 4.00pm. This will give us enough time to see if we can carry on with the kitchen opening times.

We feel it is important to staff the front of house as much as possible to deal with the many queries we receive, sort buggies, take payments and generally provide as much help as we can to you so all members can simply enjoy their Golf.

All other Covid 19 restrictions that were in force before lockdown are still applicable.

Tier 2 is extremely restrictive and we have been forced to cancel our full programme of Christmas Dinners, Steak Nights and Sunday Dinners. Looking through the bookings we found we couldn't fit any of them within the restrictions and make it viable.

Many thanks for your understanding and hope to see you sometime this week.

Adam

PS remember to look out for the Alternative Day Competitions on some Saturdays and Mondays. Please check the HowDidIDo fixture list on your profile. Tee bookings for the Monday Alternative Day Competitions will be through BRS, simply book your tee and swipe your card in the PSI Touchscreen for sign in/score entry.

## **News from Council**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **‘Virtual’ AGM**

All voting members received a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts 2020 and were able to vote on acceptance of the Captain’s Report and the Annual Accounts by the 25<sup>th</sup> November. Out of the 453 members who could vote 73 (16.11%) did so and the vote was unanimously in favour. A normal AGM usually sees about 50 members attending and voting on such matters. No queries were raised and therefore there was no requirement to produce an addendum to the Annual Report and Accounts. Thank you to all who participated.

### **‘Virtual’ Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

We have continued to hold Council Meetings virtually throughout the emergency. The draft minutes are available to members via the website: Club/Members Hub/Council Matters. Among the matters covered in November were:

- Latest on our Coronavirus Response
- Rewarding member loyalty – subscription freeze and extending members’ 10% discount to include food.
- Greens equipment purchase decisions
- Parking extension plan
- Hadrian’s Cycleway – approach from Sustrans
- Setting playing handicap limit of 36 for major competitions

Regards

Adam

## **Revised Plan for Reopening**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Hello All

With the Prime Minister's surprise, but welcome, relaxing of restrictions for the safe return of Golf we have decided to run the competitions as originally planned for December.

This means the first competition will be Wednesday 2nd December and this will be available to book through HowDidIDo from tomorrow morning.

We are going to trial a 7 day advanced booking limit for all competitions going forward, replacing the existing 3 week advanced booking limit. We hope this will reduce the amount of no shows and general chopping and changing of tee times that exists presently. The sign in and score entry will still

be through the PSI Touchscreen located within the old Pro Shop. It is basically "as we were" before Lockdown.

All other social Golf will be booked through the BRS Tee Booking system, again with a 7 day advanced booking limit.

Please note we will be on Fairway Mats when we return.

To sum up -

- \* Competitions are back on through December. Look at HowDidIDo for details, including any Alternative Days.
- \* All comps will now have a 7 day booking limit on them.
- \* 2/3 and 4 balls are allowed.
- \* The Open Texas Scramble on Saturday 5th December will run as normal.
- \* Sign in and score entry still through PSI in Pro Shop.
- \* Clubhouse will be reopening. Waiting on which Tier we will be in for relevant restrictions but looks promising.
- \* Mats to be used on all Fairways. No Mats in rough or semi rough in competition play ( new directive from WHS ). See Local Rule before you play.
- \* Take all restrictions that are in force both on the course and in the Clubhouse seriously. We don't want to be locked down again.

Many thanks and enjoy your Golf.

Adam

## **Golf Clubs and Courses Must Close**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**SEASCALE GOLF CLUB AND GOLF COURSE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THURSDAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Following on from the Prime Minister's statement on Saturday 31st October, golf clubs and golf courses in England must now close from Thursday 5th November.

We had hoped to maintain some sort of level of play, be it social 2 balls or similar, but the Government have stated that Golf is not an essential leisure pursuit. We are disappointed with this as we had overseen a very safe return to social and competitive Golf but we must now follow the instruction.

Guidance from Government -

“To reduce social contact, the Government has ordered certain businesses and venues to close”. Those included: “Indoor and outdoor leisure facilities such as bowling alleys, leisure centres and gyms, sports facilities including swimming pools, GOLF COURSES and driving ranges, dance studios, stables and riding centres, soft play facilities, climbing walls and climbing centres, archery and shooting ranges, water and theme parks.”

The Clubhouse will only be lightly staffed during lockdown and the phones manned periodically. Emails will be monitored every day, please try not to message my personal phone. With a full closure you obviously now don't need your equipment from the locker rooms. If you wish to take your gear home please do it before Thursday morning.

I would like to place on record my thanks to the staff of Seascale Golf Club who have been superb throughout this disjointed season and helped make my job easier. They have, and will continue to, provide excellent service to all our members.

I would also like to thank the members, management team, council, and competitions committee for continuing to support me and the Club in general.

We got through the first phased lockdown successfully and there's no reason why we can't come through this one with the same positivity.  
See you soon.

Adam.

## **Lockdown**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Hello All

Just a quick note to say we are still awaiting news from England Golf as to where we stand regarding the national lockdown. The issue is still with the All Party Parliamentary Group for Golf and i'm sure England Golf will inform us as soon as possible.

I have two emails ready to go out to you all. One for closure and one for possible social 2 balls. Hopefully it will be the latter but you never know.

One thing for sure is that the Clubhouse will close from Thursday morning onwards. Please make arrangements to collect your equipment from the locker room before then.

As soon as I hear any news I will get some communication out.

Many thanks.

Adam.

## **World Handicap System**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Hello All

As you know the World Handicap System will be up and running from November 2nd.

From this date onward you will all be using your new WHS Handicap.

Please click the link below to access your projected new Handicap Index via England Golf's "My England Golf" profile. This will be used to determine your Course Handicap when you play any course, including Seascale.

To register you will need your CDH number to hand. You can find your CDH number on your HowDidIDo profile.

<https://members.whsplatform.EnglandGolf.org/signup>

Please be aware we have not set your Handicap Index. This is a calculation derived from the average of your best 8 scores from the last 20 qualifying score entries you have returned.

The platform is experiencing a large volume of golfers trying to register and there may be a wait during your application. This is not something I can help you with, it's a problem you would need to take up with England Golf.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Alternative Day Competitions**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

As you all know our competitions are extremely busy with people unable to book into the times that they would like. During the Winter months this is only going to get more complicated.

Like last year we are going to run Alternative Day comps on any Saturdays we can. We cannot run them on all Saturdays as we have Opens, Visiting Parties etc already booked in. The Alternative Saturdays will be available through HowDiDiDo/PSI and will be strictly restricted to 11.00am - 12.00pm, we wouldn't want to lose the social aspect of Golf on a Saturday morning.

When booking for the Alternative Saturday/Sunday weekend you must only put your name down once. For instance you cannot put your name down for both the Saturday and Sunday each weekend, this would defeat the object of getting everyone a game within a shorter time frame.

We trialed this system last year and it proved very popular. This year we are also going to trial some Mondays to alleviate some congestion on a Sunday. The Alternative Mondays will not be available to book through HowDiDIDO, you would simply book your tee time through the BRS Tee Booking System, as if you were booking your social round, and swipe your card/enter your score in the PSI Touchscreen as normal.

The Alternative Mondays will be as follows -



Monday 9th November - Club 4BBB

Monday 16th November - Men Stableford

Monday 23rd November - Club Texas Scramble

Monday 30th November - Club 4 Person Team

Monday 7th December - Club 4BBB

Monday 14th December - Men Medal

Monday 21st December - Men Texas Scramble

Monday 28th December - Club 4BBB

Any Alternative Day Competitions that end up stretching to the Monday will not be closed down until Monday night, with results published then . Competitors will not be able to see any scores that have been posted until the Comp is closed down.

On another note we are seeing an increase in people pulling out of comps without letting their playing partners know. Some are often left on the booking sheet alone and a few instances have seen people travel to the Club only to be left on the tee with no game. With the speed in which comps are booked up I'm sure you'll agree that pulling out closer to the time is not great etiquette. Booking a tee is a commitment to play at that time. If you need to pull out, for whatever reason, please try and get someone to take your place.

Any questions please only email back.

Many thanks

Adam

## **2020 AGM Arrangements**

26<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Member

Due to the continuing Coronavirus Emergency and further restrictions announced in September the 2020 AGM will be arranged as follows:

A 'Virtual AGM' to allow the membership to vote on acceptance of the Annual Report and Accounts -which will have been sent to them electronically – and any proposals to alter the Rules. Any votes to be completed by 25th November 2020.

Points to Note:

1. A 'Virtual EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting)' considered the Council Proposal to continue with the existing Council members, office bearers, Captain and Vice-captain for the next year

2020/21, and this was confirmed in an e:mail and postal vote by the membership.

2. Proposals to alter the Rules must be with the Secretary before Tuesday 20th October 2020.

3. Amendments to proposals to change the Rules must be with the Secretary not later than Sunday 15th November 2020.

Adam Lamb  
Manager/Secretary

## **Covid 19 Update**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

There has been a bit of confusion surrounding the latest guidelines issued earlier this week involving Clubhouses.

Please note the following

**FOR FOOD AND DRINK -**

- \* Find a seat
- \* Bar Staff will come and take your order and take payment
- \* Please be patient
- \* Wear a face covering until you are seated

**FOR CARD TOP UPS, GREENFEES, BUGGY PAYMENTS, TAKEAWAY DRINKS/SNACKS,  
ANY QUERIES -**

- \* Access the bar via one way system and queue safely in "Bar Queue"
- \* Only one person in "Bar Zone"
- \* Wear a face covering

All other guidelines that have been communicated to you this year can be found on the website. Click "Members Hub" then "News".

Please also utilise the QR Code scanner that is situated through the entrance. Download the NHS Covid 19 App and scan our unique QR Poster. This will help with our Test and Trace requirements.

Many thanks

Adam

## **World Handicap System Privacy Notice**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

Please read the attached privacy notice from England Golf in connection with the World Handicap System.

There is some more information regarding the WHS on the notice board within the entrance to the Clubhouse.

<https://www.staddonheightsgolf.co.uk/whs-privacy-notice.pdf>

Many thanks

Adam

## **Covid 19 Update - New Guidelines**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Hello All

After the latest statement from the Prime Minister every member must take note of and act upon each new guideline set out by the government. Failure to comply may lead to a hefty fine against the Club or yourself personally.

Effective Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 8.00am -

- \* Face masks must be worn in all parts of the Clubhouse. You may remove your face covering only while eating or drinking at your table.
- \* Table service is now mandatory. If you require a drink or something to eat you must find a seat and wait for a member of staff to come over to take your order. Please be patient at busier times.
- \* Observe the Government's Rule of 6 guideline and our own table restrictions.

All of the previous Play Safe/Stay Safe Return to Golf instructions are still valid.

We are waiting for any further update that may come from England Golf. We will forward this on if there is any.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **Greens Renovation**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

Just a note to say we intend to do some work on the greens this week. Details below -

Monday 14th September - Overseeding

This operation will be carried out by a Vredo Overseeder. The machine cuts slits in the surface and deposits seed approx 10mm into the rootzone, giving germination the best chance. We will be using a pure Fescue mix which is common on Links courses due to its ability to withstand the adverse weather that a seaside environment experiences.

Tuesday 15th September - Top Dressing

Early on Tuesday morning we are hoping to top dress all the putting surfaces with our own Dakota Top Dresser. We will be using our own sandy material which will be spread thinly on the greens. The benefits of top dressing are that it will even out any blemishes in the sward, help reduce the build up of thatch and encourage the finer grasses to grow through.

We will aim to keep disturbance down to a minimum and the bulk of the work will be done before 8.00am. If, for whatever reason, we fall behind please use patience and give way to greens staff working on the course.

Commonly asked questions -

Q . Why are you doing this work when the greens are so good ?

A . A green that is simply left to it's own devices will, over time, accumulate too much organic matter within the top of the rootzone. This will lead to disease, moss and other related issues quite rapidly. Top dressing will dilute this thatch and help the greens to drain excess water.

Q . Why this time of year ?

A . Fescue seed needs to be drilled into the surface for it to germinate. It is a large seed that needs soil contact and a light dressing over the top. September is the best month for soil temperatures, indeed the temperature in the soil at present will be higher than on a hot summers day in June.

Q . Will it disrupt my game ?

A . There will be a disturbance to the surface through both processes. These will be minimal and by the end of the week the ball will even be rolling better than it was before the work.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Adam

## **Covid 19 Update**

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

As you are all aware this year has been an extremely testing time for everybody and with the latest government guidelines being tightened, remains so.

The vast majority of members have adhered to the social distancing requirements superbly and have contributed to our safe Clubhouse experience.

Unfortunately the staff and some of our members have reported some laxity creeping in over the last couple of weeks and with the Prime Minister's statement yesterday I thought it would be a good time to cover some of the rules that still need worked on and must be strictly observed. These rules are in place to protect yourself, our staff and everyone else in the Club and have been endorsed by Copeland Borough Council. We have been advised that inspections can happen at anytime and will be unannounced.

\* Social distancing must be observed at all times and particularly while seated. No moving chairs or tables to join other groups and do not sit on the taped off areas of seating on the booths.

\* There is no service from the bar around the corner ( near the high tables ). This is cordoned off to enable the staff to return empty glasses safely.

\* Everyone must be seated. No standing around in the bar. If all the seats are taken the dining room will be utilised for over spill.

\* The one way system is still in operation. If you need to exit the building you must use the fire exit ( marked "Exit" ). You may go to the toilet via the clearly marked arrows adjacent to the bar queue. There are Stop/Check/Wait signs on the entrance to the corridor leading to the toilets.

\* Take note of the new "maximum number at this table" signs that are located on each table.

\* Take note of all Covid related signs within the Clubhouse and react to them.

\* From Monday the locker rooms will be reopened for storage of equipment only. The showers will still be unavailable. Please observe social distancing in these areas.

As I mentioned earlier the majority are making this work so we can all feel comfortable in our Clubhouse. Please refocus the minds and alleviate some of the worries that the staff and some members are experiencing.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Over-seeding**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Hello All

We will be over-seeding Fairways and Greens this week. The machine is on hire so we need to do as

much as possible whenever it is dry.

Please give way to the greens staff when the machine is in operation.

Many thanks for you understanding.

Adam

## **Golf World Top 100 Links Courses**

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Hello All

After a recent visit by a writer from Golf World I am proud to announce we have been listed in the Top 100 Links Courses of Great Britain and Ireland. Coming in at number 85 ahead of some prestigious Clubs.

The writer commented on the tremendous condition of the course (especially the greens), the superb natural terrain and the routing. He also remarked that the Clubhouse staff were efficient and very polite upon his unannounced visit.

Testament to a young Greenkeeping team, just learning the ropes, and our ever willing House staff.

Adam

## **Competition Divisions etc.**

21<sup>st</sup> August 2020

Hi All,

Over the last few months, we have been reviewing the numbers of players in our divisions with the aim of ensuring that we get the best possible balance. We have not changed the division splits for our Sunday competitions – what we had is the best fit and will continue as:

Div 1 <0 to 9 Div 2 10 to 14 Div 3 15 to 36(54)

For our Wednesday competitions our review shows the best fit to be:

Div 1 <0 to 10 Div 2 11 to 16 Div 3 17 to 36(54)

All Wednesday competitions until further notice will operate on this basis.

We have also monitored prize-winners in Division 3 and find that players on lower handicaps are just as likely to be in the prizes as those on higher handicaps. Therefore, we will not be introducing a 4th Division, as some players have requested.

With the large numbers of competitors in our competitions, we have also reviewed the numbers and values of prizes in each Division. An upper limit of £35 has been applied for 1st prize with a consistent share-out for subsequent placings, up to 7 prizes for a field of 166+.

Competition Team

## **Today's Comp**

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Hello All

Please note that today's comp is cancelled. The extreme weather has seen over 1 inch of rain fall in the last hour and at 8.10am the greens were still unplayable despite the best efforts of the greens staff.

You are welcome to come and play today as a social round. Please stick to your tee times already booked.

We will rearrange the Development Trophy for a later date.

Many thanks.

Adam.

## **Steak Night / Sunday Lunches**

14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Hello All

Just to make you all aware the kitchen is now open for our Steak Nights and Sunday Lunches.

Steak Night is on a Thursday from 5.00pm until 9.00pm and our Sunday Roast Dinners are from 12.00pm until 4.00pm.

Due to social distancing we have a reduced number of tables so please book early through our bar staff or phone 019467 28202.

Many thanks

Sam

## **Preferred Lies**

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Hello All

After much debate with the Cumbria Golf Union they have agreed to our request to adopt a local rule of Preferred Lies, effective immediately and until the end of the season. The decision was reached after an on site meeting with a representative from CUGC.

This will cover all Fairways and closely mown areas. You must not prefer your lie in the semi or rough.

The local rule will help the greens staff with the renovation of these areas which have suffered during the drought earlier in the year.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **Seascale Golf Club 2020/21 Council**

6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

The result of the 'Virtual EGM' vote on the proposal for the 2019/20 Council and Office Bearers (including Captains and Vice captains) to continue in post for the 2020/21 year at Seascale Golf Club was:

139 replies (31.8% of members entitled to vote)

Yes 137 (98.6%)

Spoiled 1

No 1

The proposal is accepted by the membership.

Thank you to all who replied.

Adam

## **BRS Tee Booking**

30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Hello All

Another way to get into the Members Online Booking, if you are still having problems, is to go to our website and click "Club" then "BRS Members Online Booking" at the bottom of that menu.

You would then login using your details.

Hope this helps.

Adam

## **BRS Tee Booking**

30<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Hello All

A number of you may be experiencing difficulties logging into the Members Online Booking section of our website. This is linked to the BRS Tee Booking.

BRS tell me this is due to an update from Google Chrome that happened through the night. It is only affecting Google users. You should be able to log in through other search engines.

One way round it is to clear your browsing history and retry. Another is to download the Members App from BRS. BRS will email you details on how to do this soon.

Sorry for any inconvenience. They are trying to fix it.

Adam

## **Buggies**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Hello All

At our recent Council Meeting dated 21/7/20 the topic of buggy use on the course was brought up.

Council highlighted the use of buggies on our old Links was getting excessive with 22 buggies counted on the course on one particular Wednesday Medal. The wear and tear is clear to see and a costly winter programme awaits.

Also debated was the issue of buggies parked on our car parks and Clubhouse area and the thought of "when will this end". Council decided they need to act swiftly.

The immediate decision is this -

\* No more personal buggies are allowed to be stored on our property ( 21/7/20 ).

\* The Manager or his deputy must give his/her approval for all buggies taken onto and/or parked on golf club property.

There is a waiting list for anyone's buggy to be housed within the buggy store whenever the time arises. Anyone's place in the buggy store is allotted to them personally and not the buggy. For instance if a buggy is sold to anyone not on the waiting list they cannot take that place, it must go to the next person on the list. This is only fair.

Council also talked about ways of alleviating the damage caused on the course by the use of buggies. Adam has been instructed to gather information and experiences of other similar golf clubs and incorporate this into an updated "Seascale Golf Club Buggy Policy".

It is still our aim to let members and visitors, who need a buggy, the opportunity to enjoy our great course. This must now be controlled to preserve the future of our Links.

## **Buggies and Trolleys**

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Member

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the etiquette surrounding the use of buggies and trolleys around the course.

The greens staff, greens committee and members have reported instances of total disregard and ignorance of age old etiquette practices where the usage of buggies and trolleys are concerned.

Benefit of the doubt has been given on many occasions, perhaps members are not aware of the damage caused by these pieces of equipment, but now we must act before the ground conditions suffer anymore.

We are seeing record levels of play at Seascale Golf Club and with that comes a greater risk of the surfaces being damaged. The golfer who carries their bag has a very limited effect on compaction issues, they who use a trolley have a greater impact and the buggies have the biggest link to causing compaction and damaging the fine grasses on Links courses.

You may think the winter season is the main time to protect from buggies and trolleys but it is an issue all year round. This season we have seen a lot of turf deterioration around high traffic areas during the dry spell and this has been only heightened by the misuse of buggies and trolleys.

Adam has been out with white marker paint on all holes. You all **MUST** take note of the white barrier lines and the arrows indicating where buggies and trolleys **MUST** be driven. It is time for you, as a member of Seascale Golf Club, to help the greens staff prepare a suitable golf course for all to enjoy and alleviate some damage on these high traffic areas.

Below are the main etiquette issues for you all to take note of when using a buggy or a trolley -

- \* Do not drive anywhere near greens, approaches or tees unless you have prior consent.
- \* Do not drive past a "No Trolleys Past This Point Sign" with a buggy or a trolley unless you have prior consent.
- \* Do not drive around looking for a golf ball unless you have prior consent. Please get off and look for it.
- \* Do not drive up big hills where you are in danger of wheel spinning.
- \* Do not turn tightly with a buggy.
- \* Do not spin your wheels with a trolley to remove grass from them.

Points to be aware of hole by hole and should be adhered to unless you have prior permission. Points are describing the green and approach areas for each hole. -

1. Do not go between the green and yellow tee. Use the astro turf path or go around the right hand side of the green next to the lane.

2. Do not go past the white line. Head straight to the astro turf path on the left towards the 3rd tee.
3. Do not go past the white line. Head to the astro turf path which leads through the gap and on towards 4th tee.
4. Do not go past the white line. Keep to the right of the little dyke that runs parallel with the green and on to the astro turf path next to 5th tee.
5. Do not go past the white line. Keep to the left of the first bunker and on to the astro turf path located next to Ladies 6th tee.
6. Keep to the right of the front bunker and on to 7th tee. Do not go in between the two front bunkers.
7. Keep well left or well right of the green and head to the gravel path leading to 8th tee.
8. Keep to the right of the right hand side bunker. Do not go left of the green or around the back of the green.
9. Head to the astro turf path that leads to 10th tee.
10. Do not go past the white line. Head to the bridge that leads to the 11th tee.
11. Do not go past the white line. Leave trolley or buggy at the "No Trolleys Past This Point" sign.
12. Do not go past the white line. Keep to the left of the left hand side bunker and head to 13th tee.
13. Keep well back from the green then head to astro turf path leading to 14th tee.
14. Do not go past white line. Leave trolley or buggy at the "No Trolleys Past This Point" sign.
15. Do not go past white line. Park next to 16th tee.
16. Keep right of green side bunker and head to astro turf path that leads around 17th tee. Do not go near the green.
17. Do not go past the white line. Head towards astro turf path that leads to 18th tee.
18. Buggies should not attempt the hill. Head towards the tarmac that leads around the 1st tee. Trolleys can go up the hill but keep well away from the green.

All these points will be clearly marked out on the course. We do not want to go to the extreme of unsightly ropes and fences during the playing season.

Please help us by sticking to these guidelines.

Greens Committee

## **Club Championship**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Hello All

Just a few points to make note of for this Sunday's Club Championship. This year is a bit different to most with Covid 19 restrictions in place.

\* There will be no presentation afterwards. We will do this at the end of the season along with all other Trophy winners ( restrictions permitting ) .

\* Double check all scores and enter correctly into the PSI Touchscreen. We are still not allowed to check scorecards. If there is a problem please come and see me on the day.

\* Lunch will be available in between rounds if you require it. This will be a Bacon Sandwich and Chips for £4.50 and will be delivered to your table.

\* There will be no scoreboard in the bar.

\* With a full field it is important to tee off in a timely fashion. If the tee is free in the afternoon please go earlier if possible and avoid slow play at all times ( we may need a play off ).

Many thanks for your understanding. Hopefully we will have a more traditional Club Championship next season.

Adam

## **White Tees**

6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Hello All

Please can all stop practicing from the following White Competition tees -

2nd

5th

8th

10th

13th

With record number of entrants in our competitions and being short staffed it is proving difficult to manage these smaller tees through divotting and moving the markers. We want them to be their best for the comps.

I don't mind people using the other white tees for practice.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Clubhouse Reopening Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Member

The Clubhouse will reopen this Saturday at 8.00am. Please don't assume that all will be back to normal, decisions have been made taking into account social distancing requirements, safety and the ongoing financial security of Seascale Golf Club. This year has been extremely difficult and we have been very careful not to jeopardise both people's health and the Club's business interests going forward while maintaining a service to our members.

We will still need to offer only a limited bar and catering service focusing on our member's needs as our priority with restricted seating reflecting this.

We will still be light on staff numbers, please do not bombard them with questions and demands. Any abuse of our staff will be reported back and dealt with by Council. Their safety is our concern.

Please note the following –

\* Clubhouse opening times will be -

Monday - 8.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday - 8.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday - 8.00am - 8.00pm

Thursday - 8.00am - 8.00pm

Friday - 8.00am - 8.00pm

Saturday - 8.00am - 8.00pm

Sunday - 8.00am - 8.00pm

\* Kitchen opening times will be -

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Thursday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Friday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Saturday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Sunday - 11.00am - 4.00pm

\* If you feel unwell or have been around someone who has displayed symptoms of Coronavirus you must not come to the Club.

\* When you enter the bar area there will be a one way system, clockwise around the dance floor, leading to a queuing area. You must queue 2 metres apart until you reach the bar zone. Only one person is allowed in the bar zone. When you have received your drinks you must exit the bar zone to your right and locate your seat. All this will be clearly signed.

- \* To ensure a one way system when leaving the building exit via the fire exit.
- \* With limited capacity there will be no standing. You must have a seat.
- \* If the bar area is full we will utilise the dining room. This will be "Members Only" and will only be available if all the seats in the bar are taken. Seats will be spaced out to comply with social distancing.
- \* Bar service will only be available from the main bar. The bar around the corner, near the high tables, will not be operational. This is to keep our staff safe when they return empty glasses and falls in line with the Government guidelines. The bar in the dining room will also not be available to serve drinks from. Members seated in the dining room must enter the main bar safely and queue accordingly.
- \* Toilets are strictly one in/one out with the upstairs toilets available if needed. Use the safe queue alongside the bar queue. If you are using the stairs please check they are clear before you proceed. No passing on the stairs and observe social distancing.
- \* The lockers will still be unavailable. This is to restrict numbers entering the Clubhouse and is in line with England Golf's Play Safe, Stay Safe return to golf. Which is still applicable.
- \* The showers will be unavailable.
- \* There will be a Stop/Check/Wait sign on the narrow corridor leading to the bar area. You must check the corridor is clear before walking through. The same applies if you are walking the opposite way. Again this will be clearly marked.
- \* There will also be a Stop/Check/Wait sign on the corridor leading to the dining room.
- \* We must record all customers who use our facilities as part of the Government's Track and Trace programme. Please use your Gold Cards at all times, this will register that you are in the building on our software. Visitors must register their names with a member of staff.
- \* We are aiming for cashless transactions - Loyalty Cards and contactless payments.
- \* Do not return empty glasses to the bar.
- \* Staff will bring any food ordered directly to your table with a selection of condiments.
- \* Our staff will be working hard to clean down tables and chairs in between serving on the bar. Please respect this.
- \* Sanitizer stations will be located around the building. You must use them regularly.
- \* We will still be using the Pro Shop for all competitions. The PSI Touchscreen will still be located in there but the interior door to the dining room will be locked. If you need to come into the bar after entering your score etc you must enter through the front entrance.
- \* Do not push the boundaries regarding bar or kitchen closing times. Remember the staff may have

had a long day.

\* Please use common sense and etiquette while you are inside the premises. Observe social distancing requirements and think about others who may be waiting for a seat.

This is obviously a hard task to undertake, especially with the numbers we are getting in the competitions, but if we all work together and help each other out we can keep a level of service going for you all to enjoy safely.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these difficult times.

Adam

## **Competitions**

25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Yesterday we had 175 signed into the competition and 175 scores were entered into the PSI Touchscreen. That is a great achievement, well done to all.

One note to add is that, as previously communicated to all, we close the staff service at 4.00pm. Please ensure you have enough money on your card to enter the competition in advance of signing in. Either top up enough to get you through a few comps when you are down here or phone Kirsty to top up during her hours of work. 8.00am - 4.00pm Wednesday - Sunday.

Many House Staff are still on Furlough so we are doing a lot of work with minimal staff. This will still be the case until we bring more help in next week in preparation of reopening the Clubhouse on July 4th.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Adam

## **Score Entries**

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Just a note to say it's very important that you enter your competition score into the PSI Touchscreen, even if you have an NR. These scores will still affect the standard scratch.

During our Stay Safe, Play Safe return to golf we are not supposed to touch any scorecards until these restrictions are relaxed therefore please try to enter all scores carefully.

Tomorrow looks a great forecast and with 180 booked into the Mixed Tee Stableford I'm sure it will

be a good day.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Stableford Competitions**

21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Please note a couple of changes to the fixture list.

The planned Mixed Tee Medal Competitions on Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 1st July will now be Mixed Tee Stableford Competitions.

The Competitions Team feel after today's conditions you all deserve a break from Medal play.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **Leatherjackets**

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Member

You probably will have seen an issue with our greens this year with less grass coverage and small scars within the sward. This has occurred due to a combination of factors but the most damaging and worrying for the longer term is a Leatherjacket invasion.

Leatherjackets are the grubs from Crane Fly or "Daddy Long Legs". The insect lays a number of eggs in late Autumn which hatch out in early winter and feast on roots throughout the winter months. The damage can only be determined as we progress through Spring/early Summer and the plant struggles to grow uniformly. The grubs head up to the higher profile of the soil and their feeding now becomes intense. You will have seen old aeration holes not healing up, this is the Leatherjacket crawling up the aeration hole and eating around the crown of the plant through night.

The grubs used to be easily treatable through an insecticide called Chlorpyrifos, this killed them instantly. You may have seen birds feasting on them in years gone by as they came up to the surface after the chemical was applied. Unfortunately this chemical was banned in 2017 and there is no effective treatment for them anymore.



I have been in contact with the Head Greenkeepers at Silloth, Powfoot and Southernness Golf Clubs today, who have also been hit hard by them, and we intend to lobby BIGGA ( British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association ) and some chemical companies to try and come up with an effective treatment for these damaging pests. The west coast of Cumbria has always been an active area for Leatherjackets.

We had hoped the larvae would have gone back down through the soil to pupate by now, but we are still witnessing activity at the surface. Until that happens all we can do is try and keep the plant healthy through nutrition and repair any scars with soil/seed. Any recovery has been hampered by the dry Spring/Summer which has seen no effective rainfall since mid March.

The greens are slowly fighting back and will continue to improve with the greens staff putting 100% into the putting surfaces, hoping the grubs will go dormant soon and we get some much needed rain.

There is a bigger issue here for the future, we may see a more severe outbreak next year, we may not but myself, along with our local clubs are trying to find a remedy before then.

Thanks for your understanding and I hope this goes some way to explaining our issue. Please bear with us.

Adam

## **Four Balls**

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Hello All

It has been agreed that you can go back to Four Ball golf from Saturday 27th June 2020. Bookings for this date will be available to book tomorrow through the BRS Members Online Booking system.

The 2/3 balls that are already in the system up until Friday 26th June will remain.

Please note you still need to book a tee time in line with England Golf's safe return of the game.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Take Away Menu**

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Hello All

This week's limited take away menu is below. This service is available 8.00am - 4.00pm Wednesday - Sunday. The bar service also covers these times to reflect the hours Kirsty is at work.

Bacon Sandwich - £3.00

Chicken Fillet Burger with Cheese, Bacon, Salad and Mayo - £5.00

Ham Salad Baguette - £3.50

Cheese Salad Sandwich - £3.00

French Fries - £1.50

Many thanks

Adam

## **HowDidIDo Problems**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

You may have seen a problem this morning with booking via HowDidIDo for the competition in 3 weeks time. This is the Monthly Medal on 5th July.

I have been on the phone to Club Systems, who run HowDidIDo, and they have said it is a national problem. All the Golf Clubs in the UK are in the same boat. They are trying hard to fix it but unfortunately there is nothing we can do at our end.

However, booking via the PSI Touchscreen in the Pro Shop is working for this competition so you would need to come down to the Club and book your tee time for 5th July using this method.

Hopefully they will fix it soon.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Adam

## **Competition Local Rules**

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Please see the attached Local Rules. This has been updated to provide a clearer guideline on Preferred

Lies in Bunkers.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Public on the Footpaths**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Member

I have received a number of phone calls and emails from members of the public recently stating they have had near misses from flying golf balls. With increased traffic on these rights of way it has become a major concern.

Please remember it is your duty, and our rules, for you to ensure all footpaths are clear before taking your shot. The consequences of someone being struck could be horrific.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Adam

## **Food Take Away Service**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Kirsty will be offering a food take away service out of the Pro Shop from this Saturday at 8.00am. This will obviously be a limited menu which will change from time to time.

This Saturday we will be serving -

Bacon Roll - £3.00

Ham and Tomato Roll - £3.50

Cheese Savoury Baguette - £3.50

Cumberland Sausage Baguette - £5.00

Hours of service will be Wednesday - Sunday 8.00am - 4.00pm.

Please order in good time if you require food before your tee off and bear with us as we adjust to the

demand.

We also have a good stock of drinks and snacks.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **Competitions**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

With tomorrow's Wednesday Medal looming I thought I would remind you of a few things to consider

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- \* Competition sign in and score entry will be in the Pro Shop.
- \* One person per 2/3 ball to sign in and enter scores for the group.
- \* Clean down PSI Touchscreen with spray provided after use.
- \* Sanitize hands on entering and leaving the Pro Shop.
- \* One scorecard for each group with one person nominated to write down all scores and sign card at the end of the round.
- \* Verbal confirmation for each hole must take place with all agreed on each player's score for that hole.
- \* Place scorecard in white tub located next to the PSI Touchscreen after entering scores.
- \* We will not be checking scorecards for 4 days, and only at a last resort, so it's vitally important that you enter the scores fully and correctly.
- \* Tomorrow is a multi tee competition. Ensure you press the correct tee that you are playing from when you sign in. Yellow, White or Blue.
- \* Arrive in good time to ensure an orderly sign in/tee off process. Remember only 2 allowed in the Pro Shop at any one time.
- \* Tee off on your time booked, not before or after.
- \* Bunkers will be raked in the morning. Make best efforts to smooth the sand after your shot. Remember there are many players after you.
- \* Do not congregate in the car parks after your round.

Please stick to the rules so we can continue to enjoy our competitions safely.

Enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Take Away Drinks**

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Member

The Pro Shop will be open from tomorrow morning at 8.00am. Serving Take Away drinks and bar snacks “Kirsty’s Kabin” will also be your point of contact for card top ups, scorecards and greenfee/buggy payments.

Social distancing and hygiene requirements are in force with only 2 people allowed in at any one time.

This service is available Wednesday-Sunday 8.00am-4.00pm until further notice. The door will be locked at all other times except competition days where the Pro Shop will be available to enter scores on the PSI Touchscreen only.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Updated Fixture List 2020**

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello All

Please find attached our updated fixture list for 2020. Amended due to Covid 19.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Practice Ground**

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Hello All

We are allowing members to use the practice ground from Friday 5th June. Members must use their own balls and pick them up afterwards, the ball machine will remain switched off. Please keep 2 metres away from everyone and do not pick anyone else's balls up.

The greens staff will still be cutting the Practice Ground on a certain day every week. In this instance the "Practice Ground Closed" sign will be up. Please do not leave balls lying around because the staff must not pick these up.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Competitions - Covid 19**

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Hello All

In preparation for our return to Competitions on Wednesday 10th June please see the attached Local Rules and note all of the following. We have the PSI Touchscreen located in the Pro Shop for all sign in and return of scores. Kirsty will be returning to work to help with this and will also be running a limited bar take-away service for all members.

Guidelines related to this -

- \* Sign in and enter scores on PSI Touchscreen. One member per tee time may sign in/enter scores for all competitors in their group ( 2 or 3 balls ).
- \* All scores for each tee time may be written on one card. All competitors within that tee time to verbally agree on the scoring for each hole and, importantly, on completion of the round before entering score in PSI. This will cut down the number of cards and the related risk.
- \* Place the completed scorecard in the tub next to the PSI Touchscreen.
- \* Wipe down PSI screen with anti bacterial spray provided after each use.
- \* Sanitize hands when entering and exiting the Pro Shop.
- \* Only two people at any one time in the Pro Shop.
- \* Myself and/or Kirsty will be on hand to top cards up. Kirsty will return to work this Thursday so please try and ring up and top up your cards over the phone before next Wednesday.
- \* Kirsty's hours of work will be Wednesday - Sunday 8.00am-4.00pm. This means after 4.00pm on competition days there will be no one in the Pro Shop. The door from the Pro Shop into the Clubhouse will be locked. I will return to lock the Pro Shop in the evening. Please take great care and complete entering your score correctly in the PSI Touchscreen.
- \* If you feel at all unwell or you are in the "at risk" category, described by the government, you must stay away from the Club.

Enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Queries**

29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

I may add that if you are shielding and must or feel you need to play on your own or with members of your household only you can book your tee time and insert your name again in the 2nd/3rd tee slot.

Many thanks  
Adam

## **England Golf Statement 29/5/20**

29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

You may have seen England Golf's recent statement allowing 3 and 4 balls to recommence from this Monday 1st June.

PLEASE NOTE -

As we have 7 days of bookings already in the Casual Member Booking system we will honour those already booked in. So the 2 ball format will still be played until Saturday 6th June at Seascale Golf Club.

Sunday 7th June will be opened up for 3 BALLS ONLY. 4 balls will not be allowed at present. We feel 4 balls will create too many problems out on the course and in the booking system. We have a high demand for tee times at present and 4 balls will only add to the pressures on the course and off. The pace of play recently has been refreshing.

There is still a requirement from England Golf to book tee times and prove we are returning to golf safely.

The first Club Competition will be the Wednesday Medal on 10th June, this needs to be booked via HowDidIDo in the usual competition booking manner. The Ladies will have their tee reserved each Thursday for their comp.

This means we will be reverting to Wednesday/Sunday Competition booking with the normal HowDidIDo format and the BRS Casual Member Booking for all other social golf, like you have been doing since our return to golf.

An updated fixture list will be sent out in due course but in the meantime please look at the Competitions available on HowDidIDo.

The method of signing in to competitions and returning scores are being reviewed and information on this will be sent out next week.

All other restrictions that were enforced on our return to golf still apply in reference to England Golf's "Play Safe Stay Safe" message from 13th May 2020.

I'm sure you are aware that this has and still remains a monumental organisational headache for the Club. We are trying our best to accommodate all of our members needs and we thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Adam

## **Buggies**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Hello All

If anyone feels that they need a Club Buggy and cannot play without one I can arrange this for you.

I will need confirmation via email with at least 48 hours notice of your tee time and payment will be required before your round via bank transfer.

Your buggy will be left immediately outside the front door of the Clubhouse and will have been sanitized. Can I also ask that you bring your own means to sanitize the steering wheel, forward/reverse button etc. This way it will get a double wash.

Price is £15 per buggy or you can buy 10 tokens for £100. The tokens will be posted out to you.

Bank details are -

Natwest

Sort Code - 55 81 37

Account number – 90266307

Please put "Buggies" in the reference.

Can I ask that only people who need these buggies order them as we are still short staffed. I have no problem helping members who require a buggy.

Remember only one person per buggy.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Queries**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

It's now a week since we started our Members Online Booking system and I think it is working very well, both in the booking system and out on the course. Credit to you all for adapting so well.

We said that we would review the booking rules after a week so I will highlight any changes below,



along with answering a few more queries -

\* The 3 bookings per person limit will remain. Although you can now book additional tee times BUT only on the day of your intended round. This means you must still only book 3 rounds per week initially and then add any more rounds after seeing any spare spaces on the morning of your intended extra rounds. We feel this is the fairest system all round to allow all categories of our membership to play golf.

\* The booking limit window for your 3 bookings is Wednesday 8.00am - Tuesday 7.00pm.

\* If you feel you need to play alone you can blank the 2nd slot in your tee time with your name.

\* No one must tee off before 8.00am or after 7.00pm ( timesheet reflects this ).

\* You must not turn up for your tee time any earlier than 15 mins before you tee off. This is to prove we are in control of our car parks and 1st tee areas. You must also leave the area as soon as possible after you have finished your round.

\* Only one group on the Putting Green at any one time.

\* The Practice Ground remains closed. This is because we cannot ensure maximum hygiene control due to cross contamination of golf balls.

\* Families from the same household can play in a 3. Any families of 4 must split into 2's, unless they are the last tee time out.

\* With the rakes being removed it's important that you smooth the sand after you have played your bunker shot and take extra care that the following players will have a fair lie.

Hope that clears a few things up.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Adam

## **Knockouts 2020**

18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

Unfortunately we have taken the decision to cancel all the Club Knockout Competitions for 2020. We

debated a few ideas of how to get them played but in the present climate we believe it's sensible to cancel.

I would like to thank Gordon and the Competition Team for their help and dedication during this difficult time.

Many thanks.

Adam

## Queries

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

I would like to thank you all for how quickly you have got to grips with the new Members Online Booking, it seems to be working really well. I would also like to thank you for respecting the health and safety rules that have been implemented. Please keep it up.

There have been a few queries around the new regulations so I will try to answer them below. I have also added a few points of my own -

\* The 3 bookings per person limit time frame is Wednesday 8.00am until Tuesday night. This is because the regulations went "Live" on Wednesday so we wanted to mirror that. The 3 bookings per person limit will be reviewed on Wednesday.

\* No one must tee off before 8.00am or after 7.00pm ( timesheet reflects this ).

\* You must not turn up for your tee time any earlier than 15 mins before you tee off. This is to prove we are in control of our car parks and 1st tee areas. You must also leave the area as soon as possible after you have finished your round.

\* The Practice Ground remains closed. This is because we cannot ensure maximum hygiene control due to cross contamination of golf balls.

\* You will notice a travelling sprinkler on some parched fairways. Please do not touch it or turn the water off. You are able to retrieve your ball and drop it away from the spray.

\* If you feel you need to play alone you can blank the 2nd slot in your tee time with your name.

Hope that clears a few things up.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Adam

## Competitions

12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

The R&A's and England Golf's guidelines on the safe return to golf highlight that there will be no competition play for a period of time. This will be reviewed by the relevant authorities as the government learn more from the easing of restrictions.

Some of you have booked into competition time slots in this time frame, these are now cancelled. All of our tee bookings are through the BRS Members Online Booking, available through the website. Click "Club" then "Members Online Booking". You cannot use your HowDidIDo App for Members Online Booking. The competition team will be monitoring any developments that may enable us to return to competitive golf.

There is a 7 day advanced booking limit on the Members Online Booking so we can review restrictions.

Many thanks.

Adam.

## Reopening

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

Following on from the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday night and after seeking guidance from England Golf yesterday we will be reopening the golf course from Wednesday 13th May at 8.00am under the following restrictions -

- \* Tee booking is limited to 1 or 2 balls only. If you book a 2 ball this may consist of yourself plus another member of your household or one person from outside of your household. You must keep at least 2 metres apart at all times if you play with someone from outside of your household.
- \* Everyone who plays golf at Seascale must book a tee time. If you haven't already registered for this service please visit the website and click "Club" then "Members Online Booking". When you have registered you can book a tee through "Members Online Booking".
- \* In the interests of fairness booking will be restricted to 3 bookings per person, per week. This will be reviewed.
- \* Play will be from the 1st tee only.

\* You must not arrive for your reserved tee time any earlier than 15 mins before you tee off. Please come ready to play.

\* The Practice Ground will remain closed.

\* The Clubhouse will remain closed.

\* The on course guidelines have already been issued. These include no touching of the flag stick and no picking up stray golf balls. The bins and benches have been removed and the ball washers covered over.

\* Please respect the safety of the Greenkeepers. We will try and keep ahead of play so there is minimal interaction. To help achieve this the tee bookings will start no earlier than 8.00am.

As you are aware this is a very difficult situation and we must all work together to resume play in a safe and controlled manner. Hopefully we will return to a more normal way of playing golf sometime soon.

Hope you are all ok.

Many thanks.

Adam

## **England Golf**

11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

I was ready with an email detailing how we would reopen on Wednesday. England Golf have just emailed me to say they are working with the government to possibly alter their restrictions.

Many of you are emailing and messaging me to ask about the tee booking system going "live". I need to wait for a further announcement from England Golf and adapt the message to you all, detailing any changes they may decide.

Please be patient, I will update you as soon as we know any more.

Many thanks

Adam

## **Guidelines**

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Hello All

Firstly I hope you are all safe and well at present and not missing golf too much.

If you haven't seen already, through news channels or social media, the golfing authorities have prepared some guidelines for when we return to golf. I must stress that even the R&A do not know when we will return but they, along with England Golf, are in communication with government and are hopeful for a return soon.

Below are some points to take note of and how it will affect us at Seascale when we get the green light. I must stress that we are still closed and these requirements are for when the government let us open.

\* Course set up -

We will remove all rakes, benches and bins. The ball washers will be covered over along with the bells on 9 and 17. The flags will remain and foam inserted into the hole cup so the ball does not drop below the turf. The practice ground will remain closed. Gimmes will be encouraged in social golf.

\* Before the round -

Bookings -

It looks like we will be advised that non-competitive golf will resume for a period of time before we can get back to our Competitions. We will need to revert to members booking their tee time ( Casual Member Bookings ) to prove that we are in control of our course usage. I have prepared this behind the scenes and we are ready to go when we get the call. You will receive an email from the Club asking you to register, this is straight forward and mostly auto-fills. I will then receive an email back at the Club asking me to confirm you are a member of the Club and can reserve tee times. Any issues with this please email me. The Casual Member Booking will have a 7 day advanced booking limit on it so that I can monitor the tee and react to any further announcements from government that may affect the fixture list. The maximum number of golfers per tee time is still to be revealed. Tee times will be at 10 minute intervals. You will be allowed to book a playing partner into your tee time. If you know of anyone without internet please tell them to get in touch with me or book them in with you.

Arriving and waiting to play –

The Clubhouse and locker rooms will be closed. The toilet at the rear of the Clubhouse ( next to trolley store ) will be open and social distancing guidelines will be enforced. You will be required to arrive for your tee time no earlier than 15 minutes before you tee off and use the putting green in turn, awaiting your time ( only one group on putting green at any one time ).

\* During the round -

Members must keep 2 metres apart at all times around the course. Do not pick up stray golf balls. With rakes removed please try and smooth the surface of the sand with your foot after each bunker shot, or take your own small rake with you in your bag.

\* After the round -

You must leave the Club as soon as possible after your round, no groups to gather around the Clubhouse or parking areas.

\* Rules of golf –

It will be recommended that non-competition play is used during the initial period and friendly matchplay will be encouraged. When we return to competition golf the means of returning your score will change until the pandemic eases. Scorecards will not be exchanged meaning players can enter their own scores on each hole ( with verbal verification from playing partners ) and the scorecard will

not be returned to the Competition Team. At present we are looking into an App that allows you to return your score electronically, we may still have the PSI located in the Pro Shop for each individual to enter their score. We hope to return to a more traditional method in the longer term.

Hope that makes sense, more information can be found on the R&A website. Please look out for an email in the coming days, asking you to register for Casual Member Bookings and here's hoping we are back to some sort of golf soon.

Keep safe.

Adam

## **Essential Maintenance During Lockdown**

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Hello All

After last weeks memo, many of you asked for a few photos to remind yourself of the course in these uncertain times. Please see attached.

Myself and Guy are out working every day to keep the course in a condition where we can easily bring it back to playing quality when we are given the green light.

Hope you are all well and we will see you soon.

Adam

## **Update**

17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Hello All

Firstly I hope you are all safe and well during this unfamiliar and stressful time.

I would just like to update you on what's been happening within the Club during lockdown.

Essential maintenance is being carried out on the course by myself and Assistant Greenkeeper Guy Lawson. The R&A and BIGGA ( British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association ) have outlined what they interpret as "essential" and anything outside of this is deemed against the law.

Mowing is the more obvious one with greens, fairways, tees, semi rough, and practice ground getting a weekly trim. On top of this we are also strimming bunkers, signs, river edge etc whenever possible.

The guidelines also allow nutrition/irrigation and we are now working hard to keep the greens and tees well watered every night with the irrigation system, this being supplemented by hand watering throughout the day. The bottom fairways are starting to dry out but the overall health is good owing to the large remedial work carried out last Autumn, where we hollow cored and over-seeded vast areas with Fescue. The greens are very healthy with a good coverage of the desired grasses, again owing to the hard work by the staff over the last couple of years where we have turned the tables on the Annual Meadow Grass and produced a Fescue dominant sward.

The closing of the Clubhouse has enabled me to do some painting in the entrance and the bar so it will have a fresher look when you all return. Many thanks to Graeme Borrowdale for lending me some dust sheets.

Myself and the Management Team are in regular contact, keeping up to date with any Government changes there may be to the current situation. I'm also in dialogue with England Golf and any relaxing of the conditions will be sent directly to me. At present there is no change for at least another three weeks.

I would like to thank you for your patience and your commitment to Seascale Golf Club, we will get through this and you'll be back on the Links in the not too distant future. I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

Keep safe.

Adam

## **Message to Members**

7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Member

We would like to thank you all for your continued support in what has been, and remains, a very

difficult situation for our Golf Club, our industry and our great game.

Loyalty of our members is vital to the long term well-being of Seascale Golf Club and your understanding is very much appreciated during this unprecedented time.

The Management Team are in regular contact with myself and I will continue to manage the Club in a hands on role.

We will be discussing initiatives at a later date to show our appreciation to our loyal members for the 2021 season. The Covid 19 situation is still on going and we will take stock when it is finished.

All the staff are now on the Government Coronavirus Job Retention 80% Scheme with the exception of myself and Assistant Greenkeeper Guy Lawson who will help me on the course. We have also taken the decision to top up wages so they get 100% of their pay. Before this scheme was introduced we had already put a plan in place for staff so they wouldn't be financially challenged through this ordeal.

I hope this goes some way in helping you understand the situation and the future plan.

Stay safe

Adam

## **Golf Courses Must Close - Englandgolf**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

SEASCALE GOLF COURSE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ENGLAND GOLF -

Following on from the Prime Minister's statement tonight (23 March), golf clubs and golf courses in



England must now close.

It is England Golf's position that this deeply regrettable, but highly necessary and responsible course of action must be implemented with immediate effect and be maintained until further notice.

The government has identified an urgent need to introduce new restrictions on public life and on non-essential businesses opening their doors.

This has been done to limit the spread of the coronavirus and relieve the growing pressure on our National Health Service.

Keeping golf courses open is simply no longer compatible with the updated policy of government which is designed to save lives in a time of national emergency.

The health and wellbeing of the nation is the only consideration that matters at this moment in our history.

These are incredibly testing times for the country. The golf industry cannot be shielded from the economic and social ramifications caused by this temporary shutdown of normal life.

We would like to assure the golfing community that England Golf staff will continue to work remotely with all affiliated golfers, clubs and counties to try and minimise the damage caused by this suspension of regular golf club life.

We will continue to signpost clubs and counties to the latest government advice and schemes designed to help the economy cope with the disruption caused by coronavirus.

Monday 23rd March 2020 - 22.30

PERSONAL MESSAGE -

I would like to thank the membership, staff, management group and competition team at Seascale Golf Club for the support through this testing time. We have followed strict government guidelines to make your golf safe and now it is time to protect everybody associated with this Club, even further, by closing our great Links.

We will come through this stronger.

Please stay safe and I will update you when I can.

Adam

## **Opening Hours etc - Covid 19**

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Hello All

As you know we have been using the Pro Shop as our general contact point for all activities. Our general staff opening times for this room will be as follows-

Monday - 8.00am - 4.00pm  
Tuesday - 8.00am - 4.00pm  
Wednesday - 7.30am - last tee time enters score on PSI  
Thursday - 8.00am - 4.00pm  
Friday - 8.00am - 4.00pm  
Saturday - 8.00am - 4.00pm  
Sunday - 7.30am - last tee time enters score on PSI

Please respect the hygiene rules in the Pro Shop

- \* Only two allowed in at any one time.
- \* Wipe down PSI Touchscreen after use ( bring your own iPad pen or similar to use if possible ).
- \* Sanitize hands on entering and exiting the room.

Some observations from the weekend for us all to consider, we must help to minimise risk to yourselves and our staff -

- \* Do not congregate around the 1st tee, respect the social distancing guidelines.
- \* All buggies must be emptied of any personal items after completion of your round.
- \* Top up your cards over the phone, within office hours, using your debit cards.
- \* Do not use the bins on the course.

Other than that I believe we are doing well and I must thank all of our members for your co-operation and support over the last few days. It's times like these that we realise what a great membership we have.

Keep going and look out for each other.

Adam

## **Competitions - Covid 19**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Hello All

I have managed to rig up the PSI Touchscreen in the "Pro Shop", ready for tomorrow's Winter Trophy comp. Please use the Pro Shop exterior door and sign in/enter scores as normal before placing your scorecard in the white plastic tub located on the table.

Guidelines related to this -

- \* Sign in and enter scores on PSI Touchscreen. One member per tee time may sign in/enter scores for all competitors in their group ( 2, 3 or 4 balls ).
- \* Take great care not to move the PSI until we have secured it to the wall/table. This will be done next week, before Wednesday 25th March.
- \* All scores for each tee time may be written on one card. All competitors within that tee time to verbally agree on the scoring for each hole and, importantly, on completion of the round before entering score in PSI. This will cut down the number of cards and the related risk.
- \* Two signatures still required on each card ( marker plus one more from the group ).
- \* Wipe down PSI screen with anti bacterial spray provided after each use.
- \* Sanitize hands when entering and exiting the Pro Shop or front entrance area.
- \* Front entrance area and locker rooms are available until 30th March. Observe the Government Guidelines on social distancing in these areas.
- \* Only two people at any one time in the Pro Shop.
- \* Myself and/or Kirsty will be on hand to top cards up as a last resort but please try and ring up today and top up with your debit card over the phone if you think you have a low balance.
- \* If you feel at all unwell or you are in the "at risk" category, described by the government, you must stay away from the Club.
- \* All bunkers are GUR. Local rule on notice board.
- \* We are working on solutions to the hole cup issues. Being a windy course we must have stability so the pin doesn't "lie" towards you. Please be patient.

There may be more issues that I haven't covered but as you all know this is a rapidly changing situation. Please bear with us.

Many thanks and try to enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Government Closure of Hospitality Outlets**

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Dear Member

GOVERNMENT CLOSURE OF PUBS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS ETC

The Government announced at 17.15 on 20/3/20 that Pubs, Clubs, Restaurants etc must close this evening closed until further notice.  
Seascale Golf Club will therefore be closing its Bar, Kitchen and Dining Room at 21.00 tonight.

The following will apply from close of play tonight ( Friday 20th March ) :

- \* The Course remains open for social and competitive golf, under the on-course guidelines previously issued.
- \* The course will be maintained by the greens staff, even if golf courses are closed nationally.
- \* The bar, kitchen and dining room will be closed until further notice.
- \* The locker rooms will be available until 30th March 8.00 – 16.00. Members should remove their golfing equipment and look to change shoes etc in the car parks.
- \* The rear external toilet will be available to use.
- \* The 'Pro Shop' will be the contact point for members and visitors during the emergency.
- \* The PSI touchscreen will be relocated to the Pro Shop and competitions administered from there – with strict hygiene and social distancing enforced.
- \* All social functions and events are postponed until further notice.
- \* The Captain v Vice Captain's match is postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

We are grateful to our staff for their superb response and understanding throughout this challenging period. Rest assured we will be looking after their interests.

Kirsty and I will be your main contacts throughout this emergency – please bear with us. Use e:mail seascalegolfclub@gmail.com to communicate, although phones will be manned when possible. We will continue to update you as the situation develops.

This Sunday's Winter Trophy will go ahead. We are in the process of re-locating the PSI to the Pro Shop but this will not be done by then. Please fill out your scorecards as normal and place in the white plastic tub located on the table in the Pro Shop. We will not be closing this particular comp down for 4 days. By Wednesday 25th March we will have re-positioned the PSI.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy your golf as best you can.

Adam

## **Seascale Golf Club Arrangements - Covid19**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Seascale Golf Club Management Team have been closely following the advice of national and golfing authorities with respect to the Coronavirus emergency.

In general golf is a healthy pursuit played in the open air and can provide an important service in the

present emergency by supporting the well-being of our members. We have had some difficult decisions to make, but have tried to maintain access to social and competitive golf in as near normal conditions as possible. However, in line with government advice we will be suspending normal bar and catering operations as from next week.

The following will apply from Monday 23rd March:

- \* The Course remains open for social and competitive golf, under the on-course guidelines previously issued.
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Adam

## **Safety on the Golf Course - Covid 19**

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Hello All

Please take these precautions while playing golf at Seascale Golf Club immediately and until further notice -

- \* Putt with the flagstick in and retrieve balls out of the cup with a gloved hand.
- \* Keep 2 metres away from your playing partners at all times.
- \* Do not shake hands before, during or after your round.
- \* Try to take your own sanitizer around with you if possible.
- \* Only handle your own ball.
- \* Do not use the bins on the course. Take your rubbish home with you.
- \* Do not use the bells on holes 9 and 17 ( go to the top of the hills and wave on ).
- \* All bunkers are now GUR ( as of Thursday 19th March all rakes will have been taken in ). The local rule is on the notice board.
- \* All Competitions will be non qualifying until further notice.
- \* After competing in Competitions, enter your score in the PSI and place your scorecard in the plastic tub provided. There is anti bacterial spray adjacent to the PSI, please wipe down after entering your score.

Along with these measures out on the course can I remind all members to wash/sanitize hands on entering and leaving the Clubhouse. Do not ask for a pen from behind the bar or enter any "staff only" sections of the Club. If you are feeling unwell in any way please keep away from the Club and follow all the government guidelines, that are changing daily.

The staff are working hard to clean all surfaces regularly and keep our great Club as near to normal as possible in these difficult times. We believe getting out and playing golf is the healthiest option available at present and we will keep going for as long as we're allowed.

I will keep you posted.

Enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Competition Requirements due to Covid - 19**

17th March 2020

Hello All

As of tomorrow Wednesday 18th March we will be using the PSI as the main means of score entry for all competitions until further notice. This is to limit the handling of cards for our Competition Committee as they close the comps.

Please fill out the score card as normal but after entering your playing partners score in the PSI, place the card in the plastic tub situated next to the computer.

We are asking for integrity in these difficult times to enable our members to carry on, for as long as possible, competing in competitions and playing the game they love in some normality.

Please stick to these strict guidelines –

- \* The marker of the card to enter player's score into PSI.
- \* Please take care when entering the score.
- \* All scores to be entered in PSI, even if you have had a bad score or a N/R.
- \* Place your card in the plastic tub positioned next to the PSI after entering the score.
- \* Any technical problems occurring with entering a score in the PSI you must email seascalegolfclub@gmail.com to inform me of the problem. Any scoring issues connected to this will only be resolved after a four day safety period. ( Please take care putting the score in and complete the entry ).
- \* **Reminder - Rule 1.2 Standards of Player Conduct a. Conduct Expected of All Players**
  - All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:
  - Acting with integrity - for example following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.

We hope that you follow these simple steps so we can continue competition play at Seascale for as long as we're able.

Enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Covid - 19**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Member

We have been dealing with this ever changing situation daily at Seascale Golf Club and reacting instantly.

To minimise the risks please continue to wash and sanitise hands frequently and particularly on entering and exiting the Clubhouse. Avoid shaking hands with people/playing partners on the course or in the Clubhouse. Where possible, please use contactless payments to top up your cards and avoid cash. If you feel unwell please stay away from the Club and adhere to the government guidelines on self isolation.

The staff are doing their best to keep up the requirements when it comes to wiping tables, door handles, chairs, PSI, coffee machine etc. Please do not ask for a pen from behind the bar, there is a pen securely fastened to the bar for you to use which is cleaned regularly.

Our number one priority is to protect our assets and ensure the smooth running of our business. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible and hope you will support us by using the Club, as you always have, until we are told otherwise by the relevant authorities.

If you have any concerns please email me on [seascalegolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:seascalegolfclub@gmail.com), as you may expect my time is being taken up largely with this situation so please keep your message brief.

Many thanks and enjoy your golf.

Adam

## **Coronavirus**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Hello All

Please read the following information from the NHS with instructions and advice regarding the recent Coronavirus situation. Please follow them in and around the Club.



NHS -

As this is a new virus strain, it's not yet exactly clear how it's spread from person to person. However, you can decrease the risk of infection by following simple hygiene advice.

- \* Frequently wash your hands with soap and water.
- \* When washing your hands, do it for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- \* Wash your hands when you arrive at and when you leave Seascale Golf Club.
- \* If soap and water isn't available, use sanitiser gel which will be located around the Club.
- \* When you sneeze or cough, cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve (not your hands).
- \* Put any used tissues straight in the bin after use and immediately wash your hands.
- \* Avoid contact with people who you know to be unwell.
- \* Don't touch your eyes, mouth or nose if your hands haven't been cleaned.
- \* If you feel at all unwell please stay away from the Club.

If you are concerned, the NHS 111 has set up an online service you can use.  
<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Many thanks

Adam