

SENIOR CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER



BRAMPTON PARK
GOLF CLUB

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LOCKED DOWN

I thought I would put out one more 2020 newsletter as we wait out the lockdown. How quickly our initial attempts to introduce safe golf for you all, were overtaken by events. The unprecedented measures which have been imposed in the face of the growing Covid-19 threat, have impacted our season with no certainty as to when normality will return. Your committee hopes that all of you are safe and well as you ride out the storm. While golf is an important part of our lives, at times like these, our view of its importance is tempered by concern for our own and our loved ones' health, and an awareness of widespread suffering.

I particularly wish to thank Derek Sincock for his heroic efforts in early March to keep the roll-ups going, which I am sure you all appreciated. What many of you failed to appreciate however, were his proposals to speed up play once we return to regular golf. Apparently he had a few outraged responses to his April 1st email and while he remains tight lipped as to the identities of those who, to his great delight, were successfully April Fooled, I understand he is maintaining a secret file in case of attempts at revenge. So be nice to him!

CAPTAIN'S AWAY DAY

Scheduled for 8th June at Forest Pines, given the zero likelihood of the hotel opening and the probable ongoing need for Social distancing, I have decided to cancel my Captain's away day. The options available were postponement to later in the year or to a date in 2021. I have spoken to next year's Captain Jim Heeley and he has agreed to take over the booking, moving it to June 7th 2021. The venue has agreed to honour the deposits already paid. I will contact all those who booked for this year and advise the options available.

2020 GOLF PROGRAMME

When we will be back on the course and what restrictions we will experience are anybody's guess, and while we are all keen to start competitive golf again, for Seniors in particular, it appears unlikely that it will be business as usual. Apart from the cancellation of the match programme, the first casualty is to the Rosebowl, a competition for which the engraved bowls have already been received and paid for. Monthly medal glasses have also been purchased.

The present thinking is that the Rosebowl competition could be run on 9th October, in place of the Captain's Day Stableford. Whether Social Distancing requirements or concerns will by then allow a sit down meal remains to be seen.

Hopefully, It will be possible to complete at least some of the Monthly medal competitions and maybe also fit in any of the other boarded competitions missed, in place of Friday roll-ups.

Until we get some clarity however, this is all purely speculative.

2020 SENIOR MEN'S OPEN

Another event in jeopardy, is our Senior Men's Open competition which takes place on Monday 29th June. It will be disappointing if Jim Heeley's hard work organising this proves in vain, but he will monitor the situation and decisions on that will be made in due course.



THE COURSE

I understand that Nick and his team have been busy maintaining the course in our absence and without any pesky golfers cutting up the fairways, tramping through the bunkers and leaving pitch marks all over the greens, it's never looked better. Clearly this comes at a cost, so I hope that everyone will take up the reduced subscription offer from Richard to ensure that when we get the green light, the club will be in the best shape to welcome us..

Do take care and I hope we will be playing again soon.

Best wishes to you and yours

Phil Rogers - Senior Men's Captain 2020

Ron's Remarkable Rule Revelation of the month

Each month, Ron Cowper a qualified EGU club rules official, offers a clarification or explanation of a particular rule of golf.

This month: **Standing in a penalty area to play a shot**

Q. A player wishes to take lateral relief from the red penalty area to the left of the 4th green. The player drops the ball correctly but has to stand inside the penalty area to play the next shot. What is the ruling?

A. There is no penalty. The player proceeded correctly.