

## Various Emails received from Members regarding the Chairman's Email of 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Having just seen the email from the Board with the good news about teeing off earlier I thought at first it was a good proactive step to free up tee times only to see what I can only see as a self-serving act to allow 1 swindle run by the Chairman to block book slots from the 11th and the 1st when they come round.

This is not the only swindle in the club so why are these members afforded the luxury of not having to book times like the rest of us?

I'm staggered the board has allowed this to happen.

**Steve Healy**

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After reading the email from the Chairman this afternoon I cannot believe what I have read.

Even if this is just a so called 4 week "trial" when let's face it nothing that's ever been trialled has ever been reversed from what I can remember this is not acceptable.

The email starts off saying we can now tee off at 7 30 which is great, why can we now all of a sudden do so? We have wanted this for a long time and it has never been allowed so what has changed?

Then the email moved on to reserving the chairman's Saturday morning swindle tee times off the 11th every Saturday, how is this fair?

Can we reserve tee times for the fivers on a Sunday?

Can the 08:00 Saturday swindle reserve tee times?

Can the 09 30 Saturday swindle reserve tee times?

This very much moved towards the feeling of a club within a club and is highly unfair why should we have to wait until Friday nights at 7PM to fight it out with all the other members to get a tee time meanwhile they just simply turn up that is a disgrace and there's no other word for it.

Surely it should be all or nothing?

I'm not personally against reserving swindles tee times but favouritism to a specific swindle is surely not on.

I'm sure you will receive other emails in fact I know you will.

Regards

Mitch Dowling

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While welcoming the move to open up tee times from 0730 from the first, I don't understand the need for the Saturday 0845 swindle to have pre-booked times off the 11th tee. This sets an unwelcome precedent that will undoubtedly lead to more swindles demanding pre-booked tee-times and lead to animosity between swindles and ordinary member bookings. I hope the board reconsider this decision to allocate pre-booked tee times to certain swindles.

Ken McFeat

I don't see how this helps anyone other than the 08:45 swindle.

All other swindles are still having to use the booking system.

Our swindle has been decimated, with no (or minimal) socialising after the game, because tee times are so spread out.

The booking system will be the death of swindles, which have long been held up as a good way to attract and assimilate new members.

I am disappointed (surprised, disgusted?) that the 08:45 swindle has been granted the option of using the 11th, whereas other swindles have not. Could the 08:00 not be offered the same option? I know this would mean having to block more tee times on the first, but this would be mid-morning, so probably not a problem.

Regards.

Malcolm Graveling.  
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I see we are now moving into a 2 tier membership, those who get bookings and those of us who have to try and navigate the system, as I have now become a restricted member with limited access to tee times I would ask for a reduction in my subs, I feel this will be a major issue in the winter months,

Dave H Corper

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Whilst I am really pleased that we are trialling the 8:45 swindle, I would like to record my disappointment that the 8:00 swindle has not been accorded similar treatment. Would you please look into this?

Many thanks

Cyril Nazareth

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Pleased to see that you have your own swindle sorted Keith !!!!!

Allan Pepper

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Saturday morning tee reservation.

I was a little surprised to see the 11th tee being reserved for the 8.45 swindle. How was this decision made, I would assume something so contentious would have been debated at Board level and voted on. If the issue was indeed voted on could you please publish the debate from the minutes of the meeting so the members can come to a understanding of how the decision was made.

Below I will list some points I would like to request answers too.

1. By moving the 8.45 swindle to the 11th doesn't this create problems for members who prefer to play a little later on, on Saturday mornings, the 1st tee is already reserved for the Ladies section and the 8.45 swindle on top of this closes the first tee for around an hour.
2. Why does the 8.45 swindle receive preference when most members have to book tee times.
3. Why do the other swindle groups particularly those on a Saturday morning not have the benefit of being able to block tee times so they can play in pre chosen groups.
4. Why has a decision been made that would seem to deliberately invite the accusation of favouritism. Surely the Chairman and the Board would be aware of how this comes across to the members when the Chairman's swindle are the main beneficiary of such a decision. Was any of the other swindle groups considered to be given the block booking.
5. The Chairman has graciously extended an invite for anyone wishing to join the 8.45 swindle to register their interest. If the numbers exceed 24 will you then open up a free draw of who gets to play, if not you are creating a club within a club.

My opinion is this, this seems to be the opposite of what Shirley Park golf club advertises itself to be, as friendly inclusive club open to all. "Some are more equal than others" all full members pay the same and all should be treated the same.

Please post on the forum to open a debate, on this issue I believe the Board have got this very wrong it would be interesting to get the views of other members.

Martin Hughes.

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Please can you post the attached on the forum.

Thanks,

Jamie

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