

Hi Everybody

I hope you and your family are all safe and well.

Just as an update I would like to inform you what has being done during the 'lockdown'

Gill Chruszcz, Chair of the Greens Committee has put an update on the Web outlining what has taken place on the course etc.

We are now in the throes of trying to set up On Line tee times and this will help the ebb and flow of golfers at the club. Hopefully you will be able to book a tee time on line via Master Scoreboard or if necessary via the Pro Shop. Initially we will be only setting this up for 9 hole rounds due to the possible congestion problems/ social distancing at the turn. (Further details re booking tees to follow.)

The Golf Union have sent guide lines of how to set up course and we will be adapting these as below

Course Set-up On-Course Items

All rakes and ball-retrievers to be removed.

Ball washers will be covered up.

Benches and bins to be removed, covered or sign-posted in such a way that players don't touch them.

All other removable items to be removed, except that stakes defining areas of the course can be treated as immovable obstructions.

Hole and Flagstick

Flagsticks can be retained but it is strongly recommended that these are not touched.

The club has purchased insets that will allow you to get the ball from the hole with your club.

Practice areas, including practice nets, not to be used.

Before the Round Bookings

We are hoping to put in place a system of on line booking and allocation of tee times that ensures the safety of staff and golfers.

The maximum number of golfers in a group per tee time will be initially 2.

There is to be a minimum of 10-minute intervals between tee times.

The clubhouse and locker room facilities will be closed. Limited essential access (for example to use the toilets) may be allowed by the club (Further details to follow)

Golfers will have to conform to current advice on social distancing requirements, on arrival at the club, for example not leaving cars until a certain time before their tee time.

This is imperative we ensure social distancing requirements in the area of the professional's shop in advance of golfers teeing off.

No trolleys, carts or other items will be available for hire.

During the Round Guidance

Golfers to ensure that they keep at least two metres apart at all times.

Golfers to keep two metres apart at teeing areas due to the normal close proximity of golfers to one another when tee shots are being played.

Golfers not to touch stray balls anywhere on course,

With no rakes allowed on the course, remind golfers to make their very best efforts to smooth the sand using their club and/or their feet.

On the Putting Green, golfers must keep two metres apart not to touch the flagstick.

After the Round Social distancing is as important after a round as it is during the round, so when the round is over all golfers must leave the course immediately so that there are no gatherings around the clubhouse area.

No gatherings in car park after completion of round.

Only non-competition play will be played during the initial period. This is because we have yet to receive guidance on handling of competitor cards and whether cards need to be passed to each other for marking/signing etc.

Keep Safe.

Ray Hunter

Club Sec.