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Dear Member,

I hope that you, your family, and friends are all well. Since we closed the clubhouse last week much has happened and I wanted to bring you up to date with the actions the committee has taken.

The clubhouse bar closed last Wednesday and we have taken steps to secure the premises and shut all non-essential systems down. Arrangements have been made to check the club on a regular basis. The door entry system will be disabled so that means there will no longer be access to the foyer or locker rooms.

Tonight would have been our AGM. A new date will be set as soon as possible. However as we need help through these difficult times the committee has appointed the nominations that were on the notice board subject to ratification at the AGM. Stuart Mathie is now the Club Vice- Captain and Mandy McBain joins the committee. The committee will continue to meet on a regular basis through video conferencing. I consider it important that we continue to work as a committee to protect member's interests. We will also keep members fully informed through the website.

There is no doubt that this situation will be challenging for the club. The club in recent years has relied heavily on private functions to meet our running costs and without the income from these it does present us with some financial constraints. We also want to ensure that we support and retain our staff. The treasurer has been working hard to ensure our fixed costs have been reduced to a minimum over the coming weeks negotiating payment terms and cancelling services such as Sky Sports until we re-open.

We will want to consider giving all members some sort of rebate for the time we are closed. However it is far too early to even start considering this as we have no idea what timeframe we are looking at. We also need to see what impact the support from Government will have. I would ask that members still pay your annual subscriptions. This will ensure that we get to the other side of this and we can then see best how to move forward. As we are no longer able to collect fees in the club, members who wish to pay can do so either through on-line banking, details of which were sent out with the AGM papers or by sending a cheque to the club. If anybody has any questions then please contact the Club Secretary Stuart McCallum email: lochendgc@gmail.com

Obviously our fixture list will need to be amended and we will prioritise our most important competitions. We will ensure that when we can play golf again that we are in a position to have competition Golf straight away.

If anybody has any questions then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Alex Ferguson
Captain, Lochend Golf Club