



3rd November

Dear Member,

Hope all members and family are well.

Club Opening: Following the introduction of new hospitality rules the club will now be open from 11.00am until 3.00pm on Saturday & Sunday starting from Sat 7th November. This will be the case until further notice however the bar staff will make a decision if the weather is poor or the course closed. Tea and coffee, and non-alcoholic drinks on sale. We also have non-alcoholic lager in stock. Catering including hot rolls & food will be available in these hours. Please follow the signage and social distancing rules and you must wear a face mask unless you are seated in the club.

Winter League: Congratulations to the " Appin Tap-ins" (Gregor Forbes, Denis Macintosh, Chase Partager, Colin Mckendrick, Stefano Vessella, Peter McKeown) on winning the 2019/20 winter league. Good luck to everybody in this year's league which starts on Sunday.

World Handicap System (WHS): This went live yesterday. As with any new system we are anticipating some teething problems. This has also been reported in the national press. However we will do our best to resolve these promptly. The committee is also learning how to use the new software system which manages handicaps and competitions and a lot of time has been spent ensuring this transition is as smooth as possible. Stuart Mathie has sent out a separate communication regarding the interim measures during the transition to this new system.

Clubhouse: Unfortunately some negative issues to mention. The committee has had to spend additional time clearing up the mess which has often been left in the foyer and locker rooms. Yes! the committee has been doing this ourselves to save money. If the buckets are full then take your rubbish home don't just dump it anywhere. Members who have been using the toilets in the locker rooms despite these not being in use and taped off and leaving a disgusting state is not acceptable. We will close the locker rooms if a few spoil this and do not adhere to the rules. Can you also be careful how you dispose of rubbish and cigarette ends when using the benches at the front of the club. And finally to the member who thought it would be a good idea to clean all the empty plastic bottles and other rubbish out of his golf bag and dump them on the table surrounding the hand sanitiser in the foyer, please smile when you are doing this as you will look so much better on CCTV!

AGM: We will make a final decision on this at the committee meeting next week but we are looking at holding the postponed AGM via Zoom video conferencing at the end of November. Currently looking at the structure & logistics in doing this.

Finance: The clubs application to the "Business Closure Fund" as we had to close the bar due to the current restrictions has been approved by the City of Edinburgh Council and we will receive a grant of £2,875. This does help to offset our losses during this period.

Finally as you will be aware the current regulations are subject to change however the committee will do its best to ensure that we can provide some level of service within the club where possible and ensure that we can keep playing competitive golf.

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