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19th March 2020

The following note amalgamates the information that I sent out on the 17th March with guidance issued by England Golf yesterday. It addresses the Club's current position concerning COVID-19.

Generally:

The health, safety and well-being of our staff, members, guests and visitors remain paramount. The Club continues to follow government guidance, which develops daily.

The Golf Course:

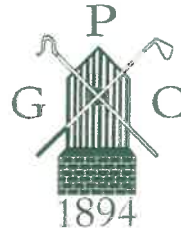
[The course remains open for play!](#)

In general, golf is a healthy pursuit played in the open air. The risk to players, who are of good health and not classed in a vulnerable age category, is smaller than most other sports provided the expert advice is followed. The vast majority of golfers can continue to play at our facility.

Given the way in which our competitions are run (sign up in the pro shop on a staggered basis and head out to play), we are able to continue 'business as usual'.

When playing, please take sensible measures:

- Maintain a minimum distance of two metres between yourself and your playing partners. Take care to adhere to this on teeing grounds and greens.
- Consider playing in smaller groups.
- Give increased amount of space from the group in front in order to prevent 'bunching' out on the course.
- Leave the flagstick in the hole at all times.
- Clean your trolley and golf equipment (including grips) after every round.
- Common courtesies – handshakes and embraces in accordance with the accepted etiquette of the game – are to be avoided. Offering a thumbs up or some other form of friendly greeting should be used as an alternative.



Sorry for the rather basic appearance:

- Commencing 20th March 2020 until further notice, all bunkers have been taken out of play and should be regarded as Ground Under Repair. Free relief may be taken. The primary reason for taking the bunkers out of play is that we have removed all rakes and maintaining them to a reasonable standard is therefore impossible.
- Our putting green flags have been removed.

The Club House:

Current advice surrounding 'Social Distancing' is to 'avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars or clubs...'. The following measures remain in place:

- The number of tables and chairs in the bar area has been limited.
The Club House has been set up to maximise the amount of space between those visiting the club.
- Use of the bar area is limited to members and member guests only.
- The number of people permitted within the bar area is limited to a maximum of 36.
- We are unable to cater for groups exceeding 4 in number, within the club house. This includes matches and societies.
- Matches, large groups and societies can be served via the hatch next to the putting green. Items such as sausage baps, bacon baps, tea & coffee can be provided on a 'takeaway' basis.
- The locker rooms remain open for use, although changing your shoes in the car park is currently acceptable if you wish to do so.

When visiting:

- On arrival, please use the disinfectant hand gel which is available in the foyer, locker rooms and pro shop.
- Please don't be offended, but I have asked all staff to keep any physical contact to a minimum. Members with a bar swipe card will be asked to provide their number (found on the card) rather than handing their card over. We encourage those visiting the club to keep contact to a minimum too.
- Cash transactions should be avoided where possible. Debit and Credit card transactions are preferable.
- Member swipe cards can be used to access doors, rather than punching a code into the key pad.



- Our bar, catering and office staff have undertaken to wash their hands on a regular basis and at the very least every two hours. Please do the same during your time at the club.
- We use disinfectant spray on all surfaces in the clubhouse on a regular basis and at the very least every two hours.
- Please do not remain in the club house for prolonged periods of time.
- Please do not move the tables or chairs.
- Note: Protective face masks and gloves do not form part of government recommendations.

Self-isolation / social distancing:

- Please stay away from the Club (and self-isolate as necessary) if you:
 1. Are feeling unwell.
 2. Are suffering from or showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
 3. Have been in contact with someone who is showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
 4. Fall within one of the 'vulnerable groups' as set out in Government guidance.
 5. Have underlying health issues.
- I respectfully request that you let me know if:
 1. You have been to the club and
 2. Are now showing symptoms.

If you have any queries / concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

Geoff Wise
Managing Secretary