

Golf at COVID Level 2

Hi all

I would like to thank Andy, Richard, and Steve for their effort over lockdown to maintain the greens and tees. I think you will all agree that the course remains in great condition given we could only undertake essential maintenance. With the grass starting to grow as we move into spring there's a bit of catch up work being undertaken, but we're in pretty good shape.

The good news is that from Wednesday we will be on COVID level 2. There are more freedoms and playing golf is pretty much unrestricted. There are criteria we need to meet around the facilities and we're working through these presently.

Golf clubs, facilities and golfers must take appropriate steps to make sure they minimise the risk of infection from the COVID-19 virus. The number one priority is to consider the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, members, and visitors.

Masks must be worn indoors, unless eating or drinking. This will be the new norm until the shift to level 1 so everyone will need to get used to carrying and wearing masks. We respectfully ask that you do put your mask on when entering the pro shop.

The key restriction that we need to work around is 50 people maximum indoors. This will affect tournaments and events, but should not affect normal day to day operations too much. We're doing some work around this presently, and are awaiting the official government advice from yesterday's announcement. **We do ask that you all continue to support our wonderful cafe and bar.**

Our club captain's reports are attached detailing activities over the near future. Tomorrow (Wednesday) is normally men's competition day, instead we are not holding a competition but are opening up the day for both men and ladies to play.

Shuffle draws are allowed under level 2 however we will probably not hold these so that we can stagnate players through the facilities. Shuffle draws also promote the congregation of players.

In general;

- 1 The golf course and all facilities will be open
- 2 Hygiene and sanitisation practices must be maintained throughout the facility
- 3 A system will be in place to record visits, via the scanning and/or sign in sheet.
- 4 Physical distancing (2 metres encouraged) between all staff, players and visitors
- 5 All indoor facilities at a club need to restrict entry to a maximum of 50 people
- 6 Masks must be worn in the pro shop, they do not need to be worn in the lounge if eating and drinking.
- 7 Shotgun or shuttle starts can be held if they can be managed in a manner that does not see groups of golfers congregating
- 8 While the national handicap system will be operational only the pro shop staff can print cards
- 9 Pins / flagsticks can be on the course however they should be left in the hole and should not be touched or removed by any player.
- 10 All drinking fountains, ball washers must be closed

11 Coaching can be undertaken on a contactless basis

We will keep you all up to date with any developments.

Kind Regards
Brendon Whitley

Cafe Open

Our cafe will be open for business on Wednesday. Rochelle is here today cooking up a storm preparing for the cafe's re-opening. **We ask that members come in and support the cafe and bar**, not only does it serve great food at competitive prices, it is also an important social hub for the club.

Rochelle's Special of the Week

Chicken and cream cheese filo with cranberry & apricot sauce

To welcome everyone back Rochelle has created something SUPER special this week. The chicken and cream cheese filo with cranberry & apricot sauce is absolutely delicious. A creamy, filling interior packed with cranberry and apricot flavors, surrounded by crisp filo pastry. They are so good you'll be wanting to take some home.

Quite seriously you would pay double the price at any other cafe, Rochelle's price for this week is only \$4.50. That folks is a steal!

Greenkeepers Message

Hello all

We have collected the Verti Drain machine in which we are going to Solid Tine the fairways, Surrounds, Tees and Greens,

The reason we do this is for decompaction of the surface, this helps with drainage a bit but it is more for soil conditioning by creating macro pores for air and water exchange and for plant roots to grow into.

This is a slow job for us and it is difficult to work among the golfers. We will be putting a sign out near where we are working to warn people where we are and what we are doing. What you can do for us is if we are working on the hole you

are about to play, please wait until we finish the run we are on and wait for us to wave you up. Also remind people that you are playing with, to do the same. This will make for a safer, less stressful working environment for us. Also it is worthwhile mentioning from our position on the fairway we cannot tell if you have addressed the ball or not so if you are practice swinging while you are waiting please do it facing in a different direction.

Many Thanks

Andy

Peter Walls

On behalf of all Greenacres Members, we would like to pass on our Deepest Sympathy to Helen Walls on the sad loss of her husband Peter.

Peter was known to many and in particular as the smiley chatty guy who helped run the mens Wednesday Shuffle Competition, very popular when he gave out the money for the days net birdies. Peter will be missed by us all.

Chris O'Connor and Marie Blackmore, Club Captains

Men's Club Captains Comments

Well we are now able to get back to competition golf and this will start this Saturday 11th. Over the last week or so a good number have been out playing in their bubble and it was a bit like "Where's Wally" trying to find the hole but some wise players helped by putting small twigs in the hole.

The greenkeepers and some helpers have been busy doing the mowing, verti cutting and fertilising fairways, cleaned around the sprinklers and distance markers. The greens are running well so everything ready to go.

DRIVEWAY today all the pot holes were filled and tar sealed so no more broken suspensions.

THIS WEDNESDAY 8TH, will be an open day for both men and ladies, to get a game, just book online.

MENS REVISED PROGRAMME TO LABOUR WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER;

11TH, STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS. White Tees. Final round. Draw will be done online. (List of current player position in mens room). Leaders after 2 rounds (nett scores) 145 Grant Newport, 146 Simon Devese, 148 Reinhard Pauls, 149 Ross Quinton and Alan Williamson.

18TH, WRIGHTSONS CUP. Mixed Hidden Partners. (Registration 10.30 tee off 11.00) Let's make this a big re start after lock down. Lots of Ladies and lots of Men. Very good prizes.

25TH, ALLANDALE TROPHY, round 1. (Draw will be done for all rounds, on Online System) All matches are on handicap off the BLUE TEES.

OCTOBER:

2ND, 9TH, 16TH, ALLANDALE rounds 2, 3 and 4.

Labour Weekend to be advised.

ABIT OF A LAUGH:

Rastus was feeling like a bit of action so he asked a call girl how much for the night, \$500 Dollars was her answer. Rasmus said '\$500 is a lot of money but I will pay, if you play by my rules'. 'Yes' was her answer. Rasmus said he wanted to do it in the dark, blinds closed. Her reply 'your money so that's fine'. They had sex, Rastus got out of bed and said wait 10 minutes before they did it again. Then 10 minutes later again. After 6 more times he seemed to be getting stronger and stronger. She said 'Rastus you are the best lover I have ever had'. Her partner replied 'Lady, I ain't Rastus , he's outside selling tickets with you to his friends for \$100 a pop'.

Happy Golfing,
Chris OConnor.
CLUB CAPTAIN.

Women's Club Captain Comments

Well who would of thought that we were going to be locked up again!

Our program has been very disrupted and if we can we will finish what matches we have started. We can now only hope we get some fine weather.

This Wednesday 8th September. Please book on line Men or women.

Saturday 11th September LGU 7 Putting 7

Tuesday 14th September Hawthorne Cup

Saturday 18th Wrightsons Sponsored Tournament

I would like you all to think about next years committee. This is important as the majority of our committee have done their two years and in case of some more than. Both Barbara and I are only staying until the end of year so the committee will be looking for a secretary, Club Captain and a Vice Captain.

District foursomes on Thursday the 23 rd September have been postponed at Golden Downs.

Marie Blackmore
interim Club Captain

