



12th May 2020

Dear Members,

Gosh it feels close doesn't it? It feels like we should be good to go back to "normal", right to get our friends house for a 'Barbie' and time for the club to re-open and get back to groups of 4 so we can play some regular golf? Despite what we're seeing on TV we unfortunately, are not quite there yet. Correspondence from Golf NSW on 11th May indicates we may be able to go back to 4's from Friday this week, however confirmation of this will not be received until Wednesday 13th May. Additionally, confirmation of the Prime Minister's 3 stage plan specifically states that clubs must remain closed for at least the first two stages.

You may have also heard that NSW restaurants can re-open with up to 10 people as of this Friday. While this option is available to the club, at the time of writing we will not be taking it up (but we would love to bring you some takeaway food from Mystics!!). It's simply not sensible to re set the club and open for so few people when it may change again in 14 days. We are monitoring this situation and will re-open when we feel it's safe and sensible to do so. The staff can't wait to re-open and to serve you but we're just not able.

There are some minor golf updates. Unfortunately the men's foursomes, scheduled for this weekend, will not be played. This event will be cancelled for 2020.

When we can get back to groups of 4, we will pick up the golf program from that date. While we would love to reschedule some of our signature events, the golf program in the back half of the year is very crowded and finding suitable dates becomes difficult. The Match committee will review what is possible when we resume play, but for the meantime I would expect the events that have been missed will not to be played this year.

When we do get back to groups of 4, there will still be strict social distancing guidelines for the Club to enforce. For this reason we may look to re-instate 8 minutes gaps between the groups in order for the staff monitor this compliance issue. This will also take a bit of pressure off some of the pinch points around the course that can flair up when we have a full field. There will also be an opportunity to review our first tee time with the aim of creating as many spots on the time sheet as possible.

Playing groups will remain as members only or member with a 'guest'. Pending your own travel restrictions, we are opening that single 'guest' spot to players from outside 2533. Please ask your guest to take into consideration any travel restrictions that affect them. There must be at least one member in every group.

For those looking to hit the course with a 'bang' after this break, we have a club fitting day on May 22nd. Come out of hibernation in full swing with some new clubs!! Contact Toby in the Pro Shop on 42377339 to make your booking.

In the meantime the following will continue to apply;

- **Bookings are essential** for every round. Members (or guests) cannot just walk onto the course. We need to monitor play and a strict bookings policy is the only way for this to happen.
- **We are operating from one tee only.** Please book your time and report to the Pro Shop to commence your round from the 1st tee.
- **Please only turn up 7-10 minutes before your tee time.** Some members are still turning up too early before their tee time. Unfortunately this is not permitted and you may be turned away.
- **You cannot BYO onto the course.** The course is part of the licenced footprint of the club. Any alcohol consumed on the course must be sold from the club or Pro Shop. This does not include buying some one day and bringing the unused portion back the next.
- **Please fix your divots.** This has improved since my last notice, so thank you to those members who are taking pride in their course.

Some Clubhouse news: For those who are missing their weekly does of raffling, we are launching an online raffle this Friday night 15th May, 7pm. Tickets are on sale via our [website or Facebook page](#). We have 24 prizes up for grabs including wine, beer, spirits, gift cards and club vouchers. We will be doing a live Facebook Stream from 7pm to draw the raffle so don't miss out.

Last but not least don't forget our takeaway and delivery service. **Mystics is open** Wednesday – Sunday from 5.00pm. There is a great range of dining options AND we can delivery takeaway alcohol TO YOUR DOOR!!

WOW!!

There are two ways to order;

1. Call the club to order and pay over the phone.
2. Use the ['Bopple' app](#).

We'd love to hear what other food you would like to see on the menu or to get some tags in social media posts of you enjoying your meal etc.

We are open for business and would love your support.

If you have any questions, please seek to liaise with our Club's management.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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