



17th June 2020

Dear Members,

Thank you all for your help getting the club back up and running at our new 100 patron capacity. I'm very appreciative of the understanding shown by our members and guests of the restrictions we have to maintain, in order to remain safe and compliant under this new legislation.

As you may already know, restrictions have been eased further this week and I suspect will continue to do so as we head into July. The main change for the clubhouse has been the removal of the '50 Patrons per dining area' rule. The limiting factor is now the number of people we can accommodate allowing 1 person per 4 square meters across our trading floor area. As I write this I am confirming some of the details around these decisions and pending those clarifications, we may be able to lift our capacity by a small number of patrons.

As the restrictions ease we are also going to open 11.30am-6.00pm on Monday and Tuesday. All facilities, including Lunch will be available on these days but there will be no dinner service.

As I write this, the following distancing and hygiene rules still apply and the clubhouse remains very different. Some of the changes you will have to adapt to include;

- **We ask that if you are unwell, please stay home.** If you are displaying signs or symptoms of COVID-19 the club is required to refuse you entry.
- **Patron capacity will be limited to 100 Patrons.** We are waiting to clarify if this extends to include individual room capacity (eg the TAB room remaining at 16) and distancing of individuals as part of the same group.
- **We will be open;**
 - **Monday – Tuesday 11.30am – 6.00pm.**
 - **Wednesday – Sunday 11.30am-9.30pm.**
- **Everyone will be required to sign in AND sign out.** This is a contact tracing requirement of clubs re-opening. This will now be done digitally via our licence scan sign in machine.
- **As much as possible you must remain seated.** Groups of people cannot mingle and move to other groups. Each Group must remain 1.5metres from every other group.
- **Don't move the furniture.** The furniture is set in a particular way to enhance social distancing requirements. This distancing is a major part of the club compliance framework. If you move furniture around to suit yourself you may be placing the club at risk of penalties.
- **Our Restaurant menu will be different and smaller but just as tasty. Dinner will be in two sittings of 28 guests;**

- **5.00pm-7.00pm**
- **7.30pm-9.30pm**
- **Due to a lack of interest we have removed the Table d'hote menu and will serve our abridged menu at all sittings.**
- **Lunch will be available from 11.30.**
- **Bookings essential.**
- **Takeaway will still be available.** We recommend using the **Bopple** app for orders.
- **The dining area will be closed from 4.00 pm-5.00pm so staff can clean and re set for dinner service.** Depending on the capacity of other areas you may not be able to move to another area and may have to leave the club.
- **There is a range of new distancing and hygiene measures in place.** This will include new signage, additional staff performing enhanced cleaning, COVID Marshalls, removal of all communal items, additional distancing measures, and some services will be switched off or moved.
- **Sanitiser stations will be located at key areas around the club.** We ask that in addition to regular hand washing, you use these stations when entering the club or moving about within the club.
- **Sports Pick (Footy tipping) will be an in-house comp only.** There is no national competition this year.

Golf

Some great news out of the match committee meeting on 11th June, we are restarting the fixture book schedule from Wednesday July 1st. Again by necessity some events that we have missed will be cancelled for this year but the committee is looking at the busy program to see what events can be rescheduled for the back half of the year.

Further, while I realise this feels like we're back to normal, we're not quite there yet. There may be some ongoing adjustments to the types of games being played in an effort to reduce risk of a distancing or hygiene breach.

Some other changes to note;

- Ladies presentations will remain on hold.
- Time sheets will commence being released 8 days prior to the event at 7pm. The first time sheet released under this method will be the time sheet for Wednesday the 8th July which will be released at 7pm on Tuesday the 30th June. Please see shop staff for details.
- Foursomes are still going ahead on July 26th.
- We will return to 8 minutes intervals on all days.
- Ladies Club championships have been re scheduled for Sept 9th/11th and 16th/18th.
- Visitors will be able to book into our Saturday competition but only from the Friday before. Members still have priority for week leading up to the weekend.

- We are aiming to have the 2nd green open for the Monthly Medal on July 4th. This is our goal however, if conditions become unfavourable over the next fortnight we may push this opening date back.

In line with easing restrictions and new protocols in the clubhouse, family members **from the same household** will now be able to share a golf cart. Proof of address will be required if you wish to take up this offer. If you are not from the same household you must still ride solo. Members and guests who are not from the same household found breaching this rule may incur disciplinary action from the club.

After a roaring success at our last fitting day we have two more fitting days coming up at the club;

- Titleist will be fitting on June 18th.
- Callaway will be fitting on June 26th

These are great opportunities to get a set of clubs that is exactly right for you. Toby and his team will be there to help you navigate the selections process and end up with a really great fit for your game. Please contact Toby in the Pro Shop to make a booking.

Thanks again to our members and guests who continue to abide by our social distancing measures. Again, I realise it's starting to feel like everything is back to normal but it remains necessary for the club to maintain strict enforcement of these distancing and hygiene rules and we really appreciate all members and guests following staff instructions.

Please remember the following still applies;

- **Bookings are essential.**
- **We are operating from one tee only.**
- **Please only turn up 7-10 minutes before your tee time.**
- **You cannot BYO alcohol onto the course.**
- **Please fix your divots.**

Raffle

We're back live this week with over \$1,000 worth of prizes.

Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the club at any time leading up to the raffle, so if you're at the club for golf, just see our reception staff who can sell you some tickets at a time that suits you. At the club or at home it's easy to be in it

We still have a few prizes left over from previous weeks so if you haven't collected your prize yet just drop down to the club to claim it.

We're raffling via Facebook Live Stream from 7pm every Friday and tickets can be found **here**. You have to be in it to win it!!!

It's great to have you back in the club.

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