



10th July 2020

Dear Members & Guest,

As you may already know, restrictions have been eased further over the last fortnight which has allowed the club to make some very positive changes.

Our Capacity on the top trading floor has increased to 160 patrons. This is great news as we have been able to remove the two sittings for dinner and increase the number of seats available in the restaurant to at least 60 for each service.

Other parts of the club have also increased in capacity and we can now have a decent number of members and guests into the club.

To help make it a bit more comfortable the club has just received a shipment of new furniture. This includes tables, chairs, and several very comfortable lounge settings. We have also updated the lighting and speakers out on the deck and installed 4 new heaters. The deck is now a very comfortable and cosy spot for an enjoyable afternoon.

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 has been increased to 160 Patrons.**
- **We will be open;**
 - **From Monday 13th July, we will be opening from 10.30 each day.**
 - **From Monday 27th July, we will open for dinner service on Monday and Tuesday nights.**
- **Everyone will be required to sign in AND sign out.** This is a contact tracing requirement of clubs remaining open. This will now be done digitally via our licence scan sign in machine.
- **You must remain seated while consuming food or drink.**
- **We can have up to 20 people on a table. That group does not have distance within it self but must distance from every other group.** 'Mingling' is not permitted.
- **Our Restaurant menu remains smaller than usual but we are adding delicious weekly specials for something different.**
 - **Lunch will be available from 11.30am.**
 - **Dinner from 5.30pm**
 - **Bookings essential.**

- **Takeaway are still be available.** We recommend using the **Bopple** app for orders.
- **There is a range of new distancing and hygiene measures in place.** This includes 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.

Golf

With the easing of restrictions there are also a few changes to how golf is running at the club and a few items to clarify;

- We commenced running to events as per the program book on 1st July. Where possible, we will run to the events as listed. Pro Shop staff may exercise some discretion in changing the type of game to ensure it complies with distancing and hygiene guidelines.
- Two people can now ride in a cart. We advise that the group should only have one driver.
- There has been a little confusion out on the course with how to play preferred lies in the bunkers. It's been reported some members have just been picking up their ball and looking for a nice spot in the bunker. The correct procedure is to: *Pick the ball up, smooth the surface with your foot and place the ball back in the original spot.*
- VW Scramble is again. Being played on 28th August 2020. The event will be a rolling start with 12-minute intervals 8am to 11am playing in 8's.
- Our Second Green is now open, and the result are great, don't forget to repair pitch marks please. Thank you to all our members and guest for their patience while we completed this project. I am sure you agree it's been worth the wait. There are some new local rules to aid with the opening of the new green;
 - 2nd Temporary Green is to be treated as GUR (non-compulsory).
 - Behind the second green is to be treated as play as it lies.
- Local rules to aid hygiene and distancing are still in place. As a reminder;
 - Preferred lies in bunkers.
 - Flagstick remains in at all times.
 - Mark your own score card.
- We are trialling a change to the release schedule of the time sheets. The time sheets are now being released as per the following schedule
 - Mondays and Tuesday are 29 days in advance at 7pm
 - Friday and Sunday are 15 days in advance at 7pm.
 - Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday – 8 days in advance at 7pm.
 - We will run this trial for approximately 1 month after which the match committee will review the change.

Thanks again to our members and guests who continue to abide by our social distancing measures. Again, I realise its starting 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 and pitch marks.**

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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