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CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

Normanton Golf Club take the health and safety of its members as of paramount importance and we therefore have been meeting on a regular basis to try and keep abreast of all the latest developments in what is obviously an ever changing environment on a rapid scale.

We have looked at what precautionary measures need to be in place to help fight this virus, always ensuring such basic things as having an accessible supply of hand paper towels available in the toilet areas, together with ensuring soap dispensers are always stocked up and adequate toilet rolls are accessible at all times. Whilst some hand sanitizers are available to use in common areas, we believe it best for members to bring and use their own hand sanitizers for complete hygiene protection instead of sharing a common one and risking the spread of germs.

We have also been meeting regarding implementing a Business Continuity Strategy for the Golf Club which involves trying to keep the business running as best we can in what are obviously extremely challenging times. Currently as of 18th March our bar areas remain open, however, members need to be aware of the advice from the Government about avoiding mass gatherings as well as the Prime Minister on 16th March asking members of the public to avoid, pubs, clubs and restaurants. Therefore any member using the bar areas obviously do so on their own responsibility, however, we strongly recommend if using the bars to ensure you sit well away leaving a significant space from any of your friends/playing partners, what has been called social distancing.

If it is reasonable weather we would also recommend that you use the outside tables and benches to have your drink before/after the game. As said, this is our policy currently but we fully expect guidance to change in this rapidly changing environment. The playing of golf, being an outdoor sport is less at risk than all indoor socialising and contact, however we again strongly recommend the dispensing of the traditional hand shake at the end of the game.

A lot of advice/guidance is just common sense and we would expect members to use their own judgement in a sensible manner, remember the Golf Club can only do so much, the rest is up to the individual to take responsibility for themselves.

SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT

As I'm sure everyone is aware, the deadline for paying your annual subscriptions is rapidly approaching (1st April). This is just a last minute reminder therefore to everyone to ensure you have paid by this date, as any member who has not paid by this date will be deemed to have terminated their membership and will obviously not be allowed out on the course until payment has been received by the Club. The office (current arrangements) will be open this Saturday (21st) and next weekend Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 10.30am to 2.30pm to receive payments from members.

HAROLD BOX

A sympathetic word for our incoming Club Captain who has unfortunately suffered from the chaos that is currently gripping the country and as you would expect having a significant detrimental effect on the Club. This has meant unfortunately the cancellation of both the Captain's Handover event on Friday night as well as his drive-in from the 1st tee on Saturday. We will endeavour to re-arrange both events later in the year if at all possible. So somewhat of a depressing start Harold to your year but I'm sure things will start to improve for you, once the sun starts shining and warming us all up.

JOHN SHERWIN

Congratulations to John Sherwin, last year's Rabbits Captain who this year has become the President of the Leeds & District Rabbit Golf Association. John is the second Leeds President from Normanton following on from Fred Wallbank some 17 years ago. It is a great honour for John and congratulations to him from the Club and we wish him an enjoyable and successful year in office.

Richard,
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***Anyone with any news items for future letters, please contact Richard thro the office.**