

Dear Members

Having read comments on the Facebook page and also through other sources, I would like to advise you of what we, the Proprietor, Professional and Committees are trying to do during this present pandemic.

Our first duty of care is to ensure the safety of all our members, also rules and restrictions set by the Government and England Golf are being adhered to.

The demands of the year with the implementation of the World Handicap System and the Covid 19 pandemic have put added pressure on everyone within the club. With respect to the WHS, we have not been able to have meetings to update you and subsequent alterations from England Golf following implementation, have left members confused and in some instances questioning the competence of our relevant committee personal. We hope this is now finalised and signage has been ordered with the Playing Handicap Table, which has also being published on the home page of the Web Site.

Problems have occurred over this weekend's bookings, for this we unreservedly apologise, and unfortunately having tried to correct this, it has inadvertently upset some members who have now not got a tee time. There was going to be no right or wrong way to correct this, but the route taken was done with the best of intentions. The Wednesday Competitions, Seniors Competitions and Ladies Winter League will not be affected as these are all 9 hole competitions. Whilst, we are trying our best to enable 7 day members to get a game over the weekend 18 hole competitions will not always be possible for all everyone. If we make them 9 holes this would eliminate the problem, but would invite criticism by others.

Some have been quick to blame our Pro, Societies and Visitors for this. Absence of competitions is to the detriment of the Pro in financial terms and there will no societies during this period due to lack of clubhouse facilities. Whilst the number of visitors has dropped considerably, we would not wish to stop our members inviting a guest.

Members who have any constructive and/or positive ideas would most be welcome.

We would ask you bear with us during this time, the events of this year has been hopefully a one off, and we can get back to some normality in 2021.

Ray Hunter

Club Secretary,