



20 March 2020

COVID 19 – IMPORTANT MESSAGE 3

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board & management of the club, we are sure you have been inundated with huge amounts of communication regarding COVID-19 and the escalation of the virus continuing to drastically impact society and the economy.

It's been 54 hours since our last update and as expected restrictions are increasing. The new regulations gazetted yesterday will now require that we close the sale of alcohol at 6pm on weekdays and 1pm on Sundays and Public Holidays. Last orders will be taken at 5.45 pm. Also, in line with this regulations, our restaurant and bar facilities will now only allow for a maximum of 50 people at a time. Seating on the patio, at halfway house, outside deck, upper and lower bar have been arranged accordingly and sectioned off as separate 'venues'. (Note this coming Saturday is a public holiday).

The Board and management regard the safety and well-being of our members, guests & staff of the utmost importance. We remind you that should you have a fever or flu-like symptoms or have travelled from an international country in recent weeks, to please refrain from visiting the club. We continue to enhance best practices regarding hygiene to ensure a safe environment for everyone on our property and encourage all to co-operate and exercise responsible practices.

For now all club facilities remain open until further notice with the updated regulations and best practices implemented

In addition to the communication distributed on 17 March, the revised rules of club operations will also include:

- Bag drop is closed.
- The ATM is closed.
- Credit card machines will be sanitized and wiped down in-between transactions.
- The Handicap Terminal has been turned off and members will need to enter scores via the app or emailed into the club.
- CUP UP - will apply on both courses until further notice. The hole cup has been raised so that your ball does not need to be retrieved from the hole. When your ball touches the cup it is considered in the hole.
- With rakes removed from bunkers – players will be allowed to place in this hazard.

Taking decisions in this regard is not easy and the situation is still being monitored by the hour. The leadership of the club continues to discuss the situation and its impact in great detail.



Club Sustainability

Top three risks: 1. Financial stability 2. The potential of members, guests, management and or staff contracting the virus and been forced to close and move into self-isolation/quarantine 3. Forced closure by government.

At this stage we would ordinarily be calling an urgent special general meeting to address the membership, however this is not possible due to the restrictions imposed by the national disaster act. We have investigated a virtual SGM, but this is far too costly and unstable in taking decision.

The impact of the pandemic is already proving very tough economically and your club is being severely affected. We are currently trading at approximately 40% and trying to rightsize. But should there be forced closure it will be very different, it's a difficult scenario and we are also preparing for this possibility. This has come at the worst possible time of year ahead of the new financial year's subscription collection.

Cashflow is of major concern. Initially we are getting staff to take leave wherever possible and considering temporary layoffs or 'short time' work, this in line with the clubs 'new' operating structures. We are working as hard as possible to minimize financial losses, reduce expenditure to align with minimal revenue and ensure that employees are hopefully able to retain their jobs. At this time, we also remind members that we do not have access to our Capital Fund and if we did take action to unwind the portfolios the losses in the markets over the last few weeks would be realised at the bottom of the market. This with penalties. The remainder of funds left over also wouldn't get us very far.

Management are currently tasked to fast track the release of the 2020/21 subscription renewals. We will be appealing to all members who are in a position to settle 2020/21 subscriptions and playing fees in the month of April 2020. A discount incentive will be offered. Your loyalty to the club is really appreciated and your subscriptions are an important part of ensuring we are able to remain sustainable.

The Board, Capital Fund Committee, Senior Management and Advisors will be meeting next week Wednesday morning 25 March 2020, to take decisions on the way forward. Following approvals, we are aiming to distribute the 2020/21 membership renewal notices on Friday 27 March 2020 in an effort to urgently raise capital through these trying times.

Let's continue to play golf and have responsible fun in a safe environment

More than ever, now is the time to work together, support each other and limit the impact. Golf is played in a wide – open space and should be a welcome relief from the stress that our country and the world is under at the moment. Sunlight and exercise is highly beneficial to the immune system and we encourage you in this time not to panic, but rather take precautionary measures. As a recreational sport, golf is one of the few activities where close and direct contact with your fellow players are not necessary. In fact, it has "natural social distancing" built in. A round of golf is therefore ideally suited to assist people during these times to interact socially, whilst at the same time, avoiding direct contact.



We appreciate that these are uncertain times, but you can be assured of our support and care at all times. As the situation evolves, we will continue to review our plans, processes and adapt accordingly. We should all focus on the preventative measures at the current time. We will continue to keep all stakeholders informed of any changes.

Despite the speed of change, we have ensured the actions and measures taken are done so in the best interest of the club, its members, sustainability, is lawful, appropriate and remains in-line with government and WHO prescripts, this with good governance at each step.

We thank you in advance for your trust, support, understanding and cooperation. Please continue to be responsible, do your part to stay healthy by being active and enjoying the outdoors. Look after yourself, your family and your golfing community.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bentley
Chief Executive Officer

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES		
SOCIAL DISTANCING REFERS TO LIMITING PUBLIC GATHEREINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE		
AVOID	USE CAUTION	SAFE TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group gatherings Sleep overs Play-dates Concerts Theatre Outings Athletic events Crowded retail malls Workouts and Gyms Non-essential workers in your house Mass transit system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit a local restaurant Visit a grocery store Get take out Pick up medication Visit library Religious services Travelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a walk Go for a hike Play a round of golf* Gardening Play in your garden Clean out a closet Read a good book Listen to music Cook a meal Family game night Go for a drive Group video chats Stream a favourite show Check in on friends Check in on elderly neighbours



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019?

Coronaviruses are large groups of viruses that are common amongst animals. These viruses can make people sick, usually with a mild to moderate upper respiratory tract illness, similar to a common cold.

A new coronavirus called COVID-19 was identified in China and is associated with an outbreak of pneumonia.

HOW IT SPREADS

The COVID-19 spreads mainly via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The COVID-19 is spread through:

- The air by coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact such as touching or shaking hands
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands



SYMPTOMS

Mild to severe respiratory illness with

- fever
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- sore throat

The complete clinical picture with regards to COVID-19 is still not clear.

Patients with underlying illness and the elderly appear to be at increased risk of severe illness.



WHO IS AT GREATER RISK?

Currently travellers to Wuhan, China and other affected areas.

TREATMENT

Treatment is supportive (e.g. provide oxygen for patients with shortness of breath or treatment for fever).

- There is no specific antiviral treatment available.
- Antibiotics do not treat viral infections. However, antibiotics may be required if bacterial secondary infection develops.

PREVENTION

There are currently no vaccines available to protect you against COVID-19 infection. Transmission is reduced through:



Washing hands often



Avoid touching with unwashed hands



Avoid close contact with infected people



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, once used throw away.

If you are mildly sick, keep yourself hydrated, stay at home, and rest.

MEASURES IN PLACE

Fever screening is in place at international airports.

- Procedures are in place for case detection, isolation and management for quick diagnosis to be made.
- All health facilities will be able to manage suspected or confirmed cases and refer to the appropriate referral or designated hospital.
- Protocols are in place for follow up of case contacts to ensure that the virus does not spread.



For more information:
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