

**8 May 2020****COVID 19 – LOCKDOWN UPDATE (Week 6)**

Dear Members

I hope you and those around you remain in good spirits and are keeping safe during these difficult times. We have entered level 4 of the lockdown restrictions and for many of us, it is just a clever way of keeping us in full lockdown, without us really knowing it! At least we are able to get in some much-needed exercise in the mornings.

“In 25 year’s time, my grandchildren will be saying “but why do you have so many bottles of wine in the cupboard?” and I’ll reply “because you never know...”

There is no manual for how to feel at a time like this and we know this causes anxiety for everyone. Our list of worries right now are much like yours: from our own children, parents, family, friends, to the safety of you, our members, to those who are already very sick and to the real harm that will be caused by the economic fallout across our communities.

We are eagerly awaiting feedback from the proposal submitted to the Minister of Sport by the combined bodies of GolfRSA, CMASA and the PGA of South Africa. These three organisations also met with the minister via video conference, wherein they pleaded for the reopening of golf facilities in order to save thousands of jobs. The decision now sits with the National Command Council and this past Monday, the Sports Minister said: *“His department is considering allowing golf to return behind closed doors during the current Covid-19 enforced lockdown”*.

For now we remain in limbo and although we cannot predict a date for the reopening of the courses, our members may be assured that the Club is refining a critical path to mobilization, so that when the amber light is illuminated, we are fully poised to go green. What we do know is that when the green light is received, it will be under very strict regulations and it will be golf only. Management remain in close contact with the leaders of the South African Golf Bodies and we will continue to keep members informed as we receive updates.

Your Board and management continue to work hard and make the critical decisions at each point of our COVID -19 scenario plan, this with many more to come. We have developed a realistic and achievable 12 month plan and continue to raise capital, minimize losses and reduce expenditure to keep the Club stable. The Board and management remain focused on solutions to protect our balance sheet, capital and the implementation of the rightsized business model post lockdown.



Additionally, to protect what is left of our capital fund, the Board has taken the decision to formally cancel the renovation of our West Course, which was due to start at the end of June 2020. Our contractors have been informed and have gracefully accepted the cancellation, with understanding.

Once golf finally returns, we will first dedicate a day to training staff, around all the 'new' regulations, requirements and health and safety for business operations. We will be doing screening on arrival and continue to run the best practices for hygiene and social distancing, to ensure a safe environment for everyone on our property in line with government and WHO prescripts. In this regard, management will distribute the COVID -19 guidelines for golf at Royal next week. The blueprint will serve as a clear guide for golfers and staff to operate within the regulated environment.

The custodian team, under the leadership of head superintendent, Shaun Brits, continue to over achieve on the minimum maintenance levels and the golf courses are in superb autumn condition and are ready for our return. We can't say thank you enough for everything they are doing to protect our wonderful facilities.



A MEMBERS MESSAGE

“As you know I am a resident at Royal Linksfeld in one of the units facing '14 East. During this time of lockdown and obviously being at home, I have spent many hours on my patio looking at the golf course. I would just like to say how very impressed I have been with the Greenkeeper and his team of guys, who have been working tirelessly to maintain the high standard that the course is in. They are carrying out their duties in an exemplary manner and, hopefully, it won't be too much longer before we, as members, will be out there enjoying our beautiful courses again. Thank you so much for everything”
Rodney Stone



As communicated, our food and beverage department, operated by Erik Brakhoven, has suffered some of the worst effects of the COVID-19 regulations, like many other 'restaurants' in the country. We believe the restrictions will still be in place for many months to come and we have made the critical decision to bring the food and beverage operation in house from 1 June 2020. The department will still be managed by Eric, Jenene and head chef, John. Upon re opening, we will appeal to all members to please support this department, as it will be offering a grocery and takeaway service in the hope of covering costs and salaries. Members will be able to purchase all groceries and a wonderful selection of meals from the Club, instead of having to visit commercial outlets, flooded with groups of shoppers. We will communicate more information, grocery lists and menus very soon.



In closing, many members have contributed to our caddy relief fund. We are pleased to advise that we have successfully managed to distribute over R82 000 to our Royal caddies. The caddies are immensely grateful for your support and generosity during these times.

We hope to welcome you back in the near future but for now, we wish you good health and strength as we all do our part to remain 'together apart' in the fight against COVID-19. We thank you for your continued support, trust and loyalty to our wonderful Club.

From my home to yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'C Bentley'.

Christopher Bentley
Chief Executive Officer

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WE MUST REMEMBER WHAT
A CLUB IS ALL ABOUT

A Club is more than an association of members
sharing a common interest.
It is a place that creates special memories, history
& friendships that stand the test of time.
Members create a Club and it is now the time for
members to stand together and ensure the Club
survives the storm.

*Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club
has been good to us for many years and we want this
to continue for us and future generations.*

Right now the best way to help your Club
is to settle your annual subscription for
the new financial year.

*The Club will be rewarding all members who
purchased a playing card in the 2019/2020 financial year, with a
carryover of unused rounds, (to a maximum of 6 rounds per person),
that may be used from 1 July 2020. This is the Club's way of
thanking you for your support and for the time missed during the lock
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