

RE-INTRODUCTION OF GOLF AT ARBROATH GOLF LINKS

The Golf Course will re-open on Friday 29th May or Monday 1st June. This is still unclear. We will follow the instructions of the Scottish Government and the advice issued by the SGU on how to operate a golf facility safely under Covid 19 conditions.

Covid 19 is a deadly virus and must be treated seriously and these measures are designed to protect our golfers and staff.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

The Scottish Government will continue to monitor the situation closely and restrictions can be re-introduced if public health measures dictate or if the guidelines are not followed.

Maintain social distancing.

High risk groups should stay away from golf at present.

Avoid social gatherings on course and in car park.

Members with colds or any symptoms of covid -19 must avoid the golf facility.

The situation is extremely changeable and we will update/change these restrictions as required. We ask for your patience and co-operation as we are operating with reduced staffing and faced with numerous restrictions. The following rules have been prepared by our start up committee and they will vary from course to course.

PHASE 1 RESTRICTIONS

BOOKING TEE TIMES

- MEMBERS ONLY in phase 1
- Book online or phone Craig on 875837 – the booking sheet will open once start date is confirmed. Hopefully on the 28th May at 7 pm
- Bookings can only be made 3 days in advance.
- Tee times must be booked through the BRS system even if only playing a few holes. We are required to know who is playing on the course and at what time. All names should be entered on booking form. This information is required in the event of contact tracing being required.
- Bookings can be made online or by phoning Craig. All players must report to the Pro shop prior to play.
- The tee booking sheet will be open from 7.30 am to 8 pm. Course committee members will act as course rangers out with shop hours.

- Groups of 1,2 or 3 **BUT** maximum of 2 households in any group **PLEASE** respect this procedure.
- There will be 10 minute gaps between each time

We have been working on the compatibility of the BRS course and V1 Club computer systems and there may be some issues with BRS numbers please phone Craig if there is an issue.

COURSE

Please remember we have been operating with one greenkeeper the last 2 months and this may continue throughout June. Ally has done a great job in maintaining the course and we also thank our volunteers for their help during this challenging time.

- Flags must not be removed, bunkers are in play(except those marked GUR) rake with club or foot preferred lies allowed in bunkers.
- For the initial 1st Phase period it will be social golf and no score will count for handicapping purposes.
- All course furniture will be taped off. Rakes, bins and scoops removed. Ball washers covered.
- We have been instructed by Scottish Golf that course toilets must be closed at the moment.

CLUB AND CAR PARK

- The Golf Club including lockers and toilets will be shut during Phase 1. The Golf Club will open between 8am - 4pm on Sunday 24th May and between 4pm - 8pm Wednesday 27th May for picking up clubs and trolleys. If these times are not suitable please phone Stewart Cadger on 07960654318 to make an appointment to pick up clubs.
- The car park area by professionals shop will be closed to cars.
- Approach pro shop from the rear of the building through top car park and we ask that when you finish your round you exit course from 18th green past the club house towards the car park.
- Please arrive no more than 15 minutes before tee off time and we ask you to leave promptly on completion of the round.
- We will keep practice putting green open as we feel that could act as an overspill area whilst waiting for your tee time.

- Temporary signage/ropes will be in place and a one way system will operate to help with social distancing.

Sorry but these measures are designed to avoid congestion.

GOLF SHOP

- The golf shop will be restricted to 2 at a time and arrows will direct traffic.
- Hand sanitisers/ sprays will be placed at pro shop entrance, ball collection area for range, course buggy area to right of pro shop and entrance to greenkeepers shed where members store their own buggies and course toilets (once opened). Please make use of these but also bring your own hand sanitiser and use often.

GOLF BUGGIES

- Members hiring the course buggies can help by cleaning down buggies before and after use. Materials will be provided. Only one person per buggy or 2 from same household.
- All course buggies must be booked in advance.
- Members using their own buggies are responsible for cleaning them.

DRIVING RANGE

- The driving range will only be opened during shop hours and every second bay will be closed to maintain social distancing.
- In initial stages it will be **members only** and times must be booked through professional.
- A one way system will also operate here.

We apologise if these measures seem draconian but we are only following the advice we have been given and as time goes on hopefully measures can be adapted. If we are doing something wrong or you see a better way to do something tell us.

Both the course and the club are operating in unprecedented conditions and we are trying our best to get our members out on the course safely.

The club, course and professional thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time and ask for your continued support.

Start Up Committee. May 2020