

Studley Wood Seniors' Committee

Virtual meeting held on 8th May 2020 at 10.00am

Action Points

In attendance: Stephen Painter (SP), Stephen Capaldi (SC), Bob Clarke (BC), Phil Chaundy, David Scott (DS), Terry Davies (TD), David Drew (DD)

Apologies: Martin Wilkinson (MW); Hans Menzel (HM)

Reopening the Golf Course post Covid 19 lockdown – SP welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the main features of the discussion between the Club management and Captain's and Vice Captain's at a meeting held the previous evening (7 May). It was hoped that following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday there might be a resumption of golf before too long. With this in mind the following draft procedures/rules had been drawn up for the reopening of Studley Wood Golf Club:

1. the course to be restricted to members only in the initial phase
2. golfers to be asked to park in a way to distance themselves from other golfers and to remain in their cars until 10 mins before the tee off time
3. a one way system to operate with those arriving walking behind the clubhouse to the conservatory where they will be checked off against the BRS bookings.
4. Cards (if required) to be collected from the desk at the side entrance to the conservatory.
5. Golfers will be advised when they can move to the putting green and then to the 1st tee where all matches will commence.
6. Matches to be at 10min intervals and 'call through' arrangements to be suspended to ensure social distancing
7. Matches to be 2, 3 or 4 ball
8. Members to be restricted to a max of 4 games per week (alternate weekdays and once each weekend).
9. No bunker rakes in use or ball washers and each hole to be fitted with a cup to ensure it is easy to retrieve balls with removing the flagstick.
10. Each group teeing off to decide whether preferred lies in bunkers and gimmies are permissible.
11. On completion of the round, golfers to depart the 18th green and return to their cars and leave the golf course.
12. Locker Rooms to be closed except for golfers who need to collect their clubs.
13. Toilets to be available with access via the conservatory and used on a 'one in one out' basis.
14. The driving range to be available for golfers before playing their round. Strict social distancing to be observed.
15. The club to provide staff to man the sign in, monitoring of the toilets and supervision of the driving range.
16. Initially the Seniors block booking will not be used and Seniors will be able to book tee times as and when they wish to play. However after the initial few weeks arrangements will be made to reintroduce the block booking roll ups on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

It was noted that these arrangements might need to be varied to reflect the Govt requirements for social distancing and any travel restrictions. In particular it was noted that the R & A /PGA

had recommended that golf should be restricted to 2 balls hole holes initially.

A question was asked about the Club's readiness to restart golf and it was recognized that there would be work to do providing signage, roping off 'no go' areas and changing the BRS system to reflect 10 min intervals between start times.

It was thought that the Club might need volunteers to support the management in supervising the operation of the new arrangement. SP ask committee members to let him know if they wished to volunteer. **(Action: ALL)**

BC pointed out that those booking a 2 ball match could find others booking to join them to play a 4 ball game. However he suggested that this could be avoided if a period each day was reserved for 2 ball games (8am to 10am?). This would be suggested to KH/Paul Fitzgerald.

It was noted that the Captains would be meeting with KH on Monday to take stock following the Road map announcement. It was hoped that a message to all members would then be issued. **(Action: SP)**

It was agreed that the Committee should meet again when there was more clarity on the Government's attitude to the resumption of golf. **(Action: SP)**

Stephen Painter
Senior's Captain

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