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Well It's Golf But Not As We Know It!!!

Limited Golf as a means of exercise is somewhat closer to the truth! For the minority that's a step in the right direction but generally we still have to wait before we can make decisions about golfing 'normality' and certainly for potential competitive, properly interactive golf.

Frustrating maybe but Health and Safety has to come before Golf (and many other sports, pastimes and the like)!

That said, RGC Management has worked hard to put all the safety requirements into practice which allowed most of the facilities at RGC to be re-opened. And, so far, everything seems to be going very well with a very healthy-looking golf course utilisation restricted, in the main, to 2 balls; roughly half the daily capacity and probably a 50% increase in potential footfall trying to access that all-important first tee. We have tried to encourage optimum tee usage by asking single players to be aware that many golfers would welcome the chance to play alongside them and have offered solutions to the potential problem.

Unfortunately, the Clubhouse still remains closed and we are looking forward to the day that we can return to

some normality whereby we can use all the facilities at RGC within whatever restrictions may put in place.

During the 'lockdown' it was clear that our dogwalking 'friends' took full advantage to the empty golf course and there was much concern about how we would re-educate them back into the real world once the course was re-opened. Many of you may not know that when the course was closed, Worcester Council were fully aware of the situation to the point that, once re-opened, they did send (low profile) Marshalls out on the course, their remit being to politely remind 'walkers' etc. of their rights under the Lease agreement with RGC and requesting they exercise, where necessary, understanding and respect for golfers.

Well, so far it has all gone pretty well and the 'unwanted visitors' haven't been a problem at all and for that we must be thankful.

Finally, just to clarify, there is a one-way system in the Clubhouse/Pro-Shop (in through main doors, out through Shop doors, toilets are open, Social Distancing is required at all times, everywhere, flags should not be touched, golfers should only handle/touch their own equipment, no hand-shakes, no congregating on the Car Park. Also, as rakes have

been removed from the course players have the option of either playing out of bunkers and smoothing over sand afterwards using feet or club, or deeming the bunkers GUR and taking a drop. As all golf is currently non-competitive this is perfectly acceptable and workable. When Competition golf is back on the agenda there will be official rules announced as to exactly what procedures would apply.

So, get out there and enjoy your golf again – it's pretty good out there right now! BUT, Take Care, Stay Safe and remember, if you're at all concerned, there's still a lot to be said for good old common sense.

Know Your Course

Which hole is this?



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Competitions

With the Coronavirus restrictions still in place no competitions have been scheduled for June.

Notification will be given when circumstances change.

Lockdown Communications

The Editor would just like to thank Members for all the great comments about his efforts to keep you all connected, informed and hopefully entertained during the 7 weeks of the main 'lockdown'.

I guess many will also be glad that their inbox is now less populated by my outpourings but generally it all seems to have been well accepted, appreciated and taken in the spirit it was intended.

Thank you guys and gals

Know Your Club Member

So, who's this then?



Know Your Course Answer

It's Hole 4



Booking A Tee Time Information

When 'lockdown' restrictions were eased in May on-line tee time booking became more of a necessity but the process has raised a few comments and questions regarding booking for Members and non-Members. Here then is a brief explanation of how the Tee Booking system works.

- Only R&PPGC Members can book tee times on-line (up to 10 days in advance)
- A Member can book a tee time through the Pro Shop up to 2 weeks in advance.
- Only one tee booking is possible per Member (within a 4 hour period) (you certainly can't be out there twice!!)
- On-Line Tee Booking allows a Member to book a Tee Time for his/her self plus (whilst Coronavirus restrictions apply) one other Member or 'GUEST' – please add second player name (or GUEST) for clarity (a GUEST booking then shows as 'BOOKED')
- It is important that once booked, the tee time is used. If you find you no longer want or need a tee booking please 'REMOVE' from the system at the earliest possible time.
- If you have a group of players that regularly like to play as a 4 ball you can still arrange to play in consecutive tee slots (2 x 2 balls) by arranging 2 of your group to book one available slot each at consecutive or close-to tee times if available.
- You can choose to book your tee time(s) directly with the Pro-Shop (this will actually allow one player to book 2 consecutive tee times if available).

TO AFFORD YOURSELF THE BEST CHANCE OF YOUR PREFERRED TEE TIME, EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED!!

- Non-Members can only book 7 days in advance.
- Non-Members cannot book on-line.
- When a non-Member books a tee time it shows on the on-line tee booking system simply as 'BOOKED'
- If non-Members try to book a 4 ball they will, if possible, be allocated 2 consecutive tee times (2 x 2 balls) (currently the second tee time slot, if no name has been entered, may still appear to be available to book on-line but when clicked you will receive a 'locked' message. This is a strange and somewhat annoying function of the website coding at the moment.)
- Non-Member bookings do not show names on the on-line system due to data protection.



As we're really happy to be back out on the course and playing the game we love I've got a special offer for the members this month.

Golfers have been coming back for coaching, especially my regular customers. BUT... In the last 10 days, I have never had so much interest and bookings from COMPLETE BEGINNERS who want to start Golf. They're now able to play with their family and/or friends and are thinking that... *"The Pubs & Restaurants are closed, I can't go on holiday, other than going out for a walk there's not much going on for me this Summer so why don't I learn how to Play Golf"*.

Golf hasn't been enjoying the growth it once had but a relaxed and friendly club like ours is trying to welcome everyone in to enjoy 1 or all of our facilities.

If you recommend someone that isn't a member to have a Golf Lesson with me from today and for the whole of June you will get a voucher to have a lesson for yourself for a £10 so that's more than 50% off. You're recommending Golf, Coaching with me and most importantly our Golf Club to family & friends. Contact me to put them forward or if they mention you when making the booking I'll send a voucher straight over to you!

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