



# Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd

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## **2 December 2020**

Dear Members,

Everyone will by now be aware that with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 we will be placed in Tier 2 – High Alert, of the government's Covid-19 tier restrictions.

We are very glad to be able to welcome you back onto the course.

To ensure we comply with government advice we will be continuing with the same course restrictions that were in place before lockdown i.e. no rakes in the bunkers, flagsticks to remain, maintain social distancing, etc. If any new restrictions are imposed because of the tier system, we will update you.

### Clubhouse

As part of these restrictions the government has stated that “you must not socialise with anyone you do not live or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting” and that “venues that serve alcohol can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals (and accompanying drinks)”. As we cannot see any way that we can conform with the guidelines in a way that would make this a pleasant and comfortable experience for the members, it is with regret that we have taken the decision to close the bar and catering facilities until there is a change in the restrictions.

The locker rooms and toilets will remain open.

### Course Works during lockdown

On a more positive note the greens staff have been extremely busy on the course and we hope that you will be pleased with the progress made so far. Many of you will have seen some of the work posted on the club's webpage in the twitter feed. A report on the progress of the Greens Team has been sent via a newsletter. For those of you without an email account, copies will be posted on the course notice board in the foyer.

### Capital Projects

I am pleased to advise that the club management is currently in the final tender stage for the installation of a borehole. This will ultimately save on water costs during the summer and is also part of the larger project of replacing the old irrigation system.

We are confident that the borehole will be up and running by the end of March 2021 at the latest.

As you can imagine this comes at a significant cost to the club, the budget for the borehole is £50k, while the irrigation system will cost around £475k.

The new irrigation system is a vital part of the course upgrade, I will keep you informed as to the progress of the project.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of the Annual Subscriptions

As I mentioned in my note in June 2020, the club management took the decision to freeze the annual subscription at the 2019/20 rate. Coupled with this, it was also decided that members would be given the option of paying 50% of their subscriptions, plus the full EG/DCGU/DCLGA fees on or before the 30 June 2020, with the balance to be paid on or before 31 December 2020.

Some members did choose to pay the full amount in June 2020, much appreciated, it certainly assisted with our cashflow.

The office will shortly be sending out reminders to those members who must now pay the balance outstanding.

Due to the current pandemic we would encourage members to pay via a BACS transfer to account: Lloyds Bank, Knighton Heath Golf Club Ltd, account 00113811, sort code 30-96-73, using your initials & surname as reference.

If you cannot pay by BACS transfer, the club office will be open each Tuesday (8,15,22 & 29) in December 2020, between 10:00 & 13:00 for the payment of subscriptions only.

If you pay by Premium Credit (monthly direct debit) you need not do anything as we will advise them of your balance owing. Your monthly direct debit will be adjusted accordingly for the period January to June 2021.

We thank you all for bearing with us through these extraordinary times and we look forward to the time that we can welcome you back to the full golf experience.

I wish every member good health during this pandemic – **remember Stay at Home and stay safe.**

Kind Regards

*Jim Airth*

**On Behalf of the Management Committee**