

# Board Newsletter Number 2, 2020

## **Covid-19**

Our world is in a state of flux, but sensible proactive steps are being undertaken by our health authorities and now the government – my personal view. The Board has adopted the policy below, which we trust all members find is good common sense. This policy has its origins in Directors from New Zealand Golf.

We will review our policy on a daily/weekly basis and as advised by New Zealand Golf. The difficult matter will be how long we can continue with our “after match function”, however that will probably be determined by New Zealand Golf. At present it is golf as usual.

## **Bar Pricing**

We have had a healthy debate around the issue of our bar prices and maintaining margins in the place of increasing costs. That debate has focused on a possible price increase, or alternatively the removal of draft beer.

The Boards thoughts are:

- Whilst there has not been a price increase for some time, it was felt that our current prices are fair and reasonable and that any increase at this stage cannot be justified.
- The Board's view is that savings can be made by the removal of draft beer through no longer incurring servicing costs of aging lines, freezing lines, wastage and low margins.
- We invite feedback from members as this is a reasonably significant change. It may be also against the background that if we can secure a Lion Foundation Grant, then work could be undertaken in tidying the bar area. This would be in line with the survey undertaken in 2019 where the tidying of the club rooms/bar area sat third behind Dot Golf and machinery replacement.

Dot Golf has been purchased and the external installation of it in the Pro Shop is underway. In terms of machinery, we do have a replacement plan but hopefully the recent significant purchase of the Toro Mower will address the replacement program for the near future. The clubrooms themselves have had the men's toilets area and the heating upgrade completed. This would leave the bar area as the next major area to tidy.

## **Harvey Norman Classic**

Many thanks to Terry and his team along with all volunteers who made our Harvey Norman Classic an outstanding success. Hopefully it is a situation of many hands making light work, but the work undertaken by all was outstanding. The feedback from participants on our course as to its condition etc. was extremely positive. Our club should be proud, this means we can run a darn good tournament. This puts us in good stead for the Inter Provincials in 2021.

## **Twilight Teams**

The Twilight Team Competition has had another successful year. It is a highly successful competition that brings a real community focus and profile to our club. On behalf of the Board and all members of the club I extend our sincere thanks to Wendy Parr for her many, many hours/years of commitment to organising the Twilight Competition.

## **Pennants**

**NB: ALL PENNANTS CANCELLED until May 3**

The Pennants competition is underway, and we will shortly have on our website the Pennants teams and hopefully some results. It is good to see how active our club is in those various competitions.

## **Quiz Night**

Given the Covid-19 we will not be holding a quiz night on 15<sup>th</sup> May. A date will be set later in the year.

## **ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB COVID-19 POLICY** **Valid to 15 April 2020—including any weekly/daily updates**

### **Members & Guests:**

- If you are feeling unwell you are not permitted to come to the club, play golf at the club, or enter the pro shop, clubhouse/or bar.
- If you have recently returned, live with someone who has recently returned, or spent time with someone who has recently returned from overseas, within the past 14 days you are not permitted to come to the club, play golf at the club nor enter the pro shop and clubhouse for a minimum of 14 days from return or contact.
- If you begin to show any symptoms of the flu or COVID-19, and have recently been at the club, please immediately notify Dee via phone or email.
- You minimise contact with others (the 1.2 meter spacing) as a form of social distancing. Avoid shaking hands and high fives for that birdy, etc.
- Leave the pins in while putting
- Mark your own cards

### **Hygiene Measures:**

- Follow all Ministry of Health hygiene recommendations:
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow
- Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag
- Wash and Dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Limit bodily contact with others if possible (eg. Limit hand shaking)
- When possible maintain a personal space of 1.2 metres.

### **Conclusion:**

The above applies to all members, guests, contractors and employees and are being implemented in many other golf clubs throughout New Zealand. It is up to each individual to be responsible for their own health and well being and be sensible in their decision as to whether they come to club days or not. Your actions will impact of many if the above advise is not followed. If any members has a view/opinion on the clubhouse remaining open at this stage please let Dee or a board member know.

The Board thanks you for your compliance and understanding. Should you have any questions or concerns then please contact any Board Member or Dee. This policy will be updated/extended if necessary as per advice from NZ Golf and/or the Ministry of Health.