

PREFERRED LIES:



**Harrington Waters Golf Club Inc.
“NEWSLETTER”**

28th May, 2020.

Hi members,

As we move forward into the second month of the pandemic we have all experienced difficult times affecting us all in so many varied ways, however overall we as members of HWGC have been most fortunate to have the ability to continue to play golf albeit with changed conditions.

Members are to be congratulated on their responsible efforts of avoiding socialising in groups and maintaining social distancing.

Please be mindful moving forward that although rules and conditions are allowing us to gather in the club house with a maximum of 50 (probably 30 inside and 20 outside) that you must remain responsible, do not move tables and chairs as Anne has calculated the positioning of these and all furniture must remain as you find it.

You must continue to social distance in all areas of the golf club and also whilst playing on the course.

At this time there will be no presentations held.

The Kincumber Cup has been deferred from 13th & 14th June to the following weekend 20th & 21st June. Anne will have food and drinks available as each group finishes, there will be no presentation and please be aware of others finishing that may like to socialise for awhile in the club.

Unfortunately due to COVID19 we have had to cancel this years over 80's tournament. The date for next years event will be decided by the OBE committee later this year.



Please be mindful that during the coming weeks until further restrictions are relaxed that while limited numbers are only allowed and we have public attending also, whilst gathering and socialising at the club that on busy days others would also like to enjoy our wonderful venue, we appreciate your support and patronage however have a few drinks and please think of others that would like to also indulge.

Anne has ordered kegs; draught beer will be available soon. Enjoy the usual food delights provided by Anne and her staff however food orders are not compulsory with ordering beverages.

As previously mentioned in past correspondence members are not to approach our green staff and offer their opinions or suggestions or how they would like to see things happen on or around the course. Club and bar staff should not be approached also with suggestions from members. Should you have a suggestion or complaint put it in writing on paper (not serviettes or coasters), put your name to it and all comments will be reviewed by the board and a reply will be forwarded.

Our course is in superb condition considering the recent drought and more recently the extended wet weather. Mark and his staff are doing an excellent job at providing us with playing surfaces envied by many other clubs.

As mentioned in the previous "Preferred Lies" there are many unfilled divots, this problem should be avoided as you are aware we do not have visitors playing our course at this time, members are to blame for this problem which seems to be unfortunately increasing, perform your due diligence, carry a sand bucket and make sure you repair your divots and fill others overlooked by irresponsible members.

Par three tees are also at times like a mine field, take your sand bucket to the tee and repair those areas please.

Changes have been made to the area at the rear of the 9th and 18th green, please be aware of the correct ruling should you find yourself in this position. There is no longer a free drop should you find your ball in the hedge, the hedge is now a penalty area, your options are to play the ball as it lies, return and play another ball from where you last played with a one shot penalty, or take a drop within two club lengths from your point of entry no nearer the hole with a one shot penalty, or you can take a drop at the pegged "Drop Zone" with a one shot penalty. Should your ball finish beyond the hedge it is deemed out of bounds and you must return and replay a ball from where you last played your shot with a one shot penalty **UNLESS HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE HIT A PROVISIONAL BALL IF IN DOUBT.** The garden to the water side of the 9th/18th green has been removed be aware of any local rules applied to this area.

Bare patches before and to the left of the pedestrian bridge (old bridge on left side) on 8th/17th are to be treated as GUR only where signed other bare patches are play as it lies.



The board has decided to change the daily playing format and increase some days to 18 holes and increase group numbers on given days as follows:-

COMMENCING MONDAY 8TH JUNE, 2020

MONDAY	Lady Vets – 9 Hole Comp in conjunction with 9 Hole Medley Comp	2 Players 2 Players	
TUESDAY	18 Social Club Comp Followed by 9 Hole Medley	2 Players 2 Players	
WEDNESDAY	18 Hole Medley Comp	4 Players	
THURSDAY	Ladies 18 Hole Comp Followed by 9 Hole Medley	3 Players 2 Players	Ladies, a 3 person format is being played to try and maintain a faster game
FRIDAY	Men’s Vets – 9 Hole Comp in conjunction with 9 Hole Medley	2 Players 2 Players	
SATURDAY	18 Hole Medley	4 Players	
SUNDAY	9 Hole Medley	2 Players	

As membership fees are due for renewal at the end of June, you will receive an invoice next week or soon after. Please bring this invoice with you when paying your fees to ensure that your correct bill of membership is agreed and other costs (if any) are included (eg. buggy usage/storage, sponsorship etc).

All amounts on Fob’s are to be used before the 30th June unless you have added cash to your account. You can use your Fob fees towards payment of your fees.

Be aware when choosing to pay quarterly/monthly you will have to commit to a full twelve month period.

Complaints have been received from police regarding members driving their carts to club, do not drive on roads, avoid driving on lawns, be mindful of pedestrians and keep the pace to a minimum.

It is pleasing to inform you that Booka Bushell is progressing well following his open heart surgery and another visit to hospital to overcome a further set back. He is improving each day and is really looking forward to catching up with everyone and eventually returning to golf. He is enjoying a glass of red with dinner and hopes to take Denise to the club in the next few days to celebrate their anniversary with an enjoyable lunch.



Sad news this week with the passing of Geoff Wilesmith, Geoff has been unwell for some time. Condolences from all club members to Margaret and family.

You can still donate your recyclable bottles and cans to the club for raising funds for course improvements, drop off is at the lower level of club (buggy storage) at the far end where bins are located.

The match committee is preparing a re-scheduled calendar particularly in relation to club championships with revised details to be provided in the coming weeks.

Until next newsletter

Happy Golfing, stay safe and healthy.

Bob Baxter