

Members Update 19th November 2020

Tier change and Travel Restrictions

Further to information released from the Scottish Government and Scottish Golf I need to inform members of a change to the travel guidance that currently applies, the guidance will now become law as of Friday 20th November and travel is not permitted out with your council area if you stay in a tier 3 or tier 4 location. Please note that East Lothian is currently at tier 3 but as of Tuesday 24th November it will drop to tier 2. I would ask all members located in a Tier 3 or 4 location not to visit East Lothian and therefore Craighielaw. You can check what tier you are in by using the Scottish Governments post code checker (link below)

<https://www.gov.scot/check-local-covid-level/>

From Tuesday 24th November the clubhouse will again be allowed to sell alcohol provided this is with a meal.

Scottish Golf and the PGA have produced a schedule describing the various tiers and how each affects golf clubs I have included a link to this below.

<https://scottishgolf.org/covid-19-local-protection-levels-guidance/>

World Handicap System

Our transfer to the new Club Systems handicap software has on the whole worked well, however we have noticed a number of issues with our link through to the Scottish Golf System resulting in some members not being registered at Craighielaw, Scores missing, incorrect allocation of handicap and duplicate scores. We have raised these issues as we see them with Club Systems and Scottish Golf. If any member notices an issue with their handicap please let us know so we can resolve them. As yet we are still to hear back from Scottish Golf, the result is that we have a number of members who do not have accurate handicaps and therefore it would be unwise to go ahead with the medals on the 21st and 25th Nov. We will also delay the start of the Winter Fourball until we are confident issues are being resolved.

Member Rounds

In the last few weeks we have noticed a significant increase in the number of rounds members are playing compared to the same periods last year in some cases weekly rounds have increased by 190%. Whilst it is great to see so many members enjoying their golf this clearly creates wear and tear on the course. We have increased the amount of roped areas on the course and I must ask all members to respect the roped areas, I have also arranged for extra help to be brought in to assist with divots, pitch marks etc. Members can do their bit by considering carrying a bag rather than using a trolley, replacing divots and repairing pitch marks. It is important that we all do our bit to look after the condition of the course so we keep conditions through the winter and also have a strong course coming into Spring.

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