

Members Update 14th April 2021

Travel Restrictions

After the unexpected announcement from the First Minister yesterday I can confirm travel restrictions will be lifted this coming Friday 16th April meaning that members from out with the East Lothian Council area can now travel to play Craighielaw. I am sure welcome news for many and we look forward to seeing you over the coming days.

With what I am sure will be an increased demand for tee times I would ask that members continue to use the online system as normal with the sheets going live 7 days in advance at 8am weekdays and 7am weekends. A member can book a time as usual and play as usual including signing on guests. If there is high demand and a non East Lothian resident did not manage to get a time they can call the pro shop on 01875 870800 and staff will have extra times at their disposal to offer out. If any of these extra times remain unused two days before the date then they will be opened up for all members to book. Many clubs have adopted restrictions in the amount of times members can have per week, restricted guest access and provided different booking windows for different regions. We aim to look after as many members as we can using a simpler system and ask for your understanding over the next few weeks.

Course

The course is playing well but with continuing cold nights and dry weather growth is slow at the moment. The increased demand for play will result in some more wear and tear however Paul and his team are prepared for this. You can play your part in keeping the course up to scratch by applying the usual golf etiquette, please repair your pitch marks, smooth out bunkers with a club or shoe and please replace divots. The week commencing the 26th April (weather permitting) Paul and the team will begin overseeding the greens, there will be some disruption but we aim to minimise this with the use of our new course iron. I would also remind players that although the clubhouse is closed the toilet facilities are still available at the clubhouse, at the side of the 4th & 16th holes and at the back of the 11th Green, the course is dry but we will not tolerate personal irrigation of the course!

Events

2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of Craighielaw and we will start our events year with the Spring Meeting on the 15th May, we will be publishing the rest of our fixtures for the season ahead later today on the web site. We hope to be able to host a 20th anniversary event, restrictions allowing, we are continuing to look at when this may be possible and will add to our diary along with the rest of the fixtures. This year the weekday and weekend medals will count for a wider league competition continuing throughout the year there will be two leagues one for weekday events and one for weekend events. Points will be accrued for the leading scores in medals in both handicap and scratch categories and points accrued over the year.

Clubhouse

The clubhouse team are preparing for opening back up the facilities on the 26th April. Food and soft drinks will be available indoors from this point and food with alcohol will be available outside. Rules on numbers are – up to 4 people from 2 households indoors and up to 6 people from 3 households outside.

We look forward to the easing of more restrictions over the coming weeks and hope you can enjoy your season at Craighielaw.

Derek Scott
Manager