



BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE

March Update

BGC Update



We are delighted to report that although our full team of greenstaff have only recently returned to work from furlough, the course (which is still only just starting to come out of its winter dormancy), is starting to shape up beautifully. As you can imagine there's a tremendous amount of mowing required but, there is also plenty of work being undertaken on our plan to re-instate the bunkers, factor in, continuing our feeding and top dressing program on the greens which we have also recently over-seeded and you start to get a picture of just how busy the team are. Grateful thanks to all that have helped recently and fantastic that so many of you managed to take your exercise in a safe and organised distancing way. With regards to our greens, historically they are usually slow out of the traps in the Spring, they don't appear to like being worked on during cold soil temperatures. Our amended program based on late Summer maintenance seems to be working well, as our soil analysis reports are proving and the greens seem in great shape at the moment and looking good for the season ahead.

We have been in discussion with many members and feel that they understand how demanding the past number of months have been for the centre, we have experienced an incredibly difficult time and we still have many challenges to face going forward. So, we ask our members to please consider this and manage their expectations as they start to get "Golf Ready" to return to golf next week.

Although we are grateful for the help, we have received with regards to the furlough scheme and business rates holiday, over the past 5 months we have had continued commitments to many regular outgoings, with little income being generated to cover the cost. We were therefore grateful to those members who allowed us to continue taking their monthly Direct Debit payments to help cash flow (until we took the decision to suspend all), these payments have been allocated to members card accounts or will be credited against 2021 renewals.

Moving forward Silver and Gold members who paid by one-off annual payment or those direct debit payers will now need to be recompensed for fees paid for months not taken, so in respect our income streams from subscription renewals this coming year are forecasted to take a serious hit.

The coming weeks are no doubt going to be difficult for us all in trying to cope with the pent up demand.

With 15 days booking window being available from Thursday,

it will no doubt lead to an inevitable scramble for tee times and to those members who frequently try to book the same times each week they may need to be patient and hopefully the systems will soon settle down.

Can we also remind members that its payment by card transactions only as we re-open and no cash floats will be available until 12th April. We will be monitoring this option and we will update members accordingly.

May (Month 5) Subscription Renewals will be mailed out shortly and at this point we will also consider and update Bronze members on how they will be compensated for the lost time during various lockdowns. If any member that is due for renewal who wants to discuss amending their membership category then please contact enquiries@bromsgrovegolfcentre.com or use the contact form on the website.

Buggies



We have now received clarification regarding the use of golf buggies as we re-open. It's very much as we were last year. Buggies will be available on a Single occupancy basis, joint members, sharing the same address will be able to share a buggy at the dual rate. We will continue to offer a discounted rate to reflect the single use. All buggies and keys have to be sanitised prior to use, please ensure that you return the key to Reception and place in the bowl provided.

Takeaway Food 29th March



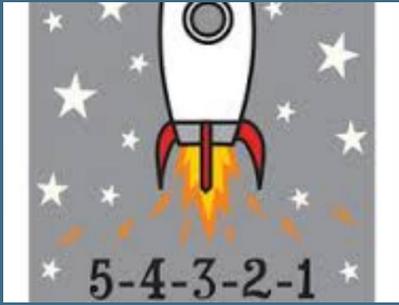
As we look forward to re-opening on Monday 29th March, we are initially only able to offer a limited takeaway service, until 12th April.

With this in mind we will be opening daily from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Service will be restricted to a range of Teas and Coffees from our new Espresso machine and our menu will be limited to a range of Sausage Rolls, Pasties and Pies. No alcohol will be available and the options available are for takeaway consumption only, please note, members are not allowed to congregate on the terrace.

We have taken the opportunity to upgrade the coffee machine in Range Reception to an enhanced quality Bean to Cup machine, this will be available for Members with the usual card discount, during Centre opening hours.

BRS Re-opens



We're sure you will not forget that the tee booking system launches on Thursday 25th March at 6.45 am. Once it opens the BRS booking restrictor will be removed for members but then it will be immediately reinstated for visitors.

Can we please take this opportunity to remind members to cancel any unwanted tee times in good time, this will enable other members the opportunity to play? Members can also add/ join up with a friends bookings to make up as many fourballs as possible.

With contact tracing still very much required can we remind ALL members that they **MUST** always check in with reception prior to play. We will be constantly monitoring the tee booking and arrival dashboard to ensure compliance.