

## **Information for Members regarding our course review/ awaiting inspection policy until a decision is made whether or not to open the course?**

This information is published to provide some clarity to members on the circumstances regarding the above and to assist them in deciding on whether to travel to the golf centre when the course is pending an inspection review following inclement weather and to also confirm the order of tee times if the course does subsequently open.

In the interest of members, we are reluctant to make a pre-determined decision on whether the course should close for the whole day (or part day) due to poor ground conditions. It would be simpler for us to make a call and close the course for the whole day but we feel that this is not in the best interest of BGC our members and our staff, if there is a chance of getting any part or all of the course open.

Inspecting the course first thing in the morning when it's dark it's often difficult to fully assess the course and make a sensible, safe decision, considering all relevant factors, which is why we allow a period before a follow-up inspection. This allows us the opportunity to fully Risk Assess and view the course with the advantage of better light. This also allows the opportunity to amend tee and hole positions if needed and adjust roped off areas if required.

We know that a decision on opening the course may go either way and the difficulty members face having to decide whether to travel or not, we apologise for this inconvenience, but we would rather allow members to play some golf, should conditions permit, rather than take the easy route of announcing we're closed for the day.

Taking this into consideration we advise any members who are considering making the journey, to not travel if they are in any way inconvenienced from the course remaining closed.

Should the course fully re-open then we will try our best to get any backlog of players whose tee times have gone, and those still pending onto the course in a methodical and organised manner with the priority given to those whose tee times are in arrears. Both the 1st tee and the 10th tee shall be utilised to catch up so please be aware that 18-hole rounds may be compromised. We will make every attempt to join players up to 4 balls to reduce the waiting time.

We hope that the majority of members will understand and work with us.

If we are restricted to opening only 9 holes, then there is going to be even more pressure on the tee time system, but once again tee times will be prioritised as per the original tee sheet of the day. Members joining up to form 4 balls will be even more important to give everyone an equal chance to play and please note, play will be strictly restricted to 9 holes only.

Full Gold and Silver members with a reservation are reminded that they are allowed a free basket of balls on the range should the course be closed for the day. Tokens/ Balls must be used on the day.