



COVID 19 Newsletter Update -12th May 2020

Dear Member

A meeting was held yesterday (11th May), between the officers of the club and Club Professional, to discuss the way forward following the expected announcements from the UK Government and the devolved Assembly of Wales

The following statement has been jointly issued by the UK Golf bodies following the Prime Ministers announcement on 10th May

The UK Government has announced that golf will be able to resume in England on Wednesday, 13th May 2020. All outdoor sport must be done alone or within a household group and that includes golf. There is no change to the current position in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and so golf courses in these countries will remain closed for now.

The First Minister for the Welsh Assembly as stated that 'the –stay-at-home' message in Wales has not changed and therefore currently the club is not open for golf which is disappointing news to you as members.

The effects of this virus will continue to be felt for a long time to come and Maesteg Golf must ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved from Golfers to our Staff and Green Keeper is maintained at all times. The members have observed the lockdown protocols very well regarding the playing of golf and must act responsible when play resumes

The meeting yesterday covered the following areas for when Maesteg Golf Club can resume play for its members:

- **Tee Times**
 - All tee times have to be booked, either through BRS, Website or by contacting the club.
 - First tee time will be 07:00 and the last will be 19:00, Monday through to Saturday and 06:30-19:00 on Sundays
- **All Section Golf (Veterans, Ladies, Stones, Wayfarers, Juniors 1st & 2nd Teams)** – The decision has been made that all Section Golf will be suspended until further notice
- All members **must** adhere to the process which will be laid down prior to the recommencement of golf at Maesteg Golf Club
- Once the Authority allows the playing of golf at Maesteg Golf Club, only members will be allowed to play. Therefore no visitors or guests of members will be allowed to play.

There have been queries on different social media from individuals regarding a membership subscription holiday. The Club is not in a financial position to provide a subscription holiday. The only income that is currently generated are the Direct Debit payments by those members who elect to pay by DD. This position will not change even when the authority lift the restrictions on playing golf.

Should any member have financial difficulty with their membership subscriptions we ask that they contact the club to discuss their anxiety regarding membership rather than them becoming a lapsed member

There have been a number of enquiries from individuals looking to join Maesteg Golf Club. The decision has been taken that the Club will only allow a further 25 members to join in the current climate. This will ensure that there are sufficient tee times for our current and loyal members.

The officers of the Club were hoping to give you, the members, a more positive outcome from Sundays announcement but has highlighted at the start of the newsletter the Welsh Assembly has not changed its position on their COVID 19 policy

Once again the Executive Committee would like to thank you as members for your loyalty and continued support towards Maesteg Golf Club during these difficult times for all

For more information from Wales Golf-click on link: <https://www.walesgolf.org/covid-19/>

For and Behalf of the Executive Committee