



# Royal Montrose Mercantile Golf Club

## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Members Update

Dear Members

You will all probably be aware of the UK & Scottish Government's announcement on the 20th March that they are instructing that all Bars, Clubs, Restaurants, Caf  s, Theatres UK wide, are to close until further notice.

Based on this instruction, the Board have deemed the following actions as necessary.

- Bar – following Government instructions the Bar will close for trade until further notice at 12 midnight 20th March 2020. The Coffee Machine will also be unavailable.
- Clubhouse – Will remain open as normal for golfing activities only and allow access for members to the Locker Rooms & Trolley Sheds.
- Staff – As a responsible and caring employer we value our Staff. It is the Board's intention to follow the UK Governments lead and ensure that we look after our Staff in line with their proposals of their support.  
We consider our cleaning staff our key workers and we will be asking them to work normal hours for now as usual to ensure we maintain high standards of hygiene in the Club.
- Catering – following Government instructions the Club restaurant will be closed from Saturday 21st March 2020 until further notice. As a consequence, all existing bookings are hereby cancelled until further notice. The Board will be liaising with our Caterer to offer advice and support where possible.
- Locker Rooms – members will continue to be able to access lockers rooms as normal but members need to self-regulate contact with others as per advice. Please ensure you are practising good social distancing standards and follow guidelines on personal hygiene etc.
- Golf Play & Competitions – as previously, we are still encouraging the playing of golf as this offers great health benefits but would ask members to heed the general advice on social contact and gatherings and self-manage visits the Club locker rooms. Please also refer to recent email communication update from Gents Match Secretary earlier as to processes and administration of competitions.

If you choose to play golf, MGLL has offered some great advice while on the course. Please see attached link to with advice adopt and help you stay safe. <https://montrosegolflinks.com/news/>

### **Finance**

As previously notified, this crisis will inevitably have a negative effect on the finances of the club with our continued ongoing fixed costs and the reduction of our income. We again would like to reassure members that the club is well financed with cash reserves, but these are not exhaustive.

It is now even more important that members continue to pay their annual renewal fees. These are due be paid by the end of March 2020 however given the current crisis and challenges, the Board have agreed to extend to end of April.

The experienced Finance Committee will continue to monitor our finances and are actively taking necessary actions as required.

Also with uncertainty for many, if any member feels that paying their renewal subscription may put them under financial pressure, please contact our Secretary, Brian Leask on [secretary@rmmgc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@rmmgc.co.uk). We understand there are difficulties ahead of us and will take a view on individuals' circumstances sympathetically to ensure members can still renew and enjoy the benefits of membership.

## **Fee Collections**

Given the Bar closure there will be no members of bar staff available to take payments, however you can continue to pay your annual subscriptions as attached

Phone – call the office in the Golf Club on 01674 672376 and pay by MasterCard/Visa Debit card. This can be done on Monday – Thursday 9.30am – 4.30pm. Our Admin Assistant Debbie Leslie will be able to assist

BACS – pay directly into the Clubs Bank account. Acct Name Royal Montrose Mercantile GC (RMMGC), Acct No 70042273 Sort Code 826625. PLEASE ENSURE TO USE SURNAME & INVOICE NUMBER as reference on payment

Post – send a cheque to RMMGC Ltd, Traill Drive, Montrose, Angus, DD10 8SW

Finally, these are indeed difficult and unprecedented times. We have been given clear guidance and instructions from our Government and the Board are taking a responsible stance and are following as directed. It is difficult to gauge when we can get back to some kind of normality, but be rest assured, your Board will act in your best interests at all times. We will do our very best to ensure members are kept up to date with any Club News and updates, via E Mail, Club notices, Website and Face book.

In the meantime, please all stay safe and follow guidelines and advice.

Your Board

20th March 2020