



Royal Montrose Mercantile Golf Club

Members update 4th March 2020

Dear Members

It has been a couple of weeks since our last update to our membership and with the new board now in place we have been very busy preparing for the new golfing season and continuing to ensure that the Royal Montrose Mercantile Golf Club gets off on the right footing as we move into March.

Mercantile Club Building

It is expected that the sale of the Mercantile building will be concluded on 13th March.

Valued Membership

We as your Board value all our members. In line with our Vision and Goals, we need to ensure that you feel the benefit and value of being a member of our Club. To this end we are about to implement the following steps which will improve security and the tightening up of the overall access to our Club.

- Improve security of the Club House along with the old Mercantile Gents locker room by installing a card entry system on main doors. Your new membership card that we issued when the new club was established in November will work the contactless system. Any members that do not renew their membership this year, will find that their existing cards will be deactivated and not allow access to the club. The entry doors will remain locked unless accessed via your contactless card or entry provided from the bar staff. The card entry security system will be installed and operational by end of next week.
- As has been advertised over the last few months, members only, should be using their membership cards to buy goods at a discounted rate. Any guests or visitors should not be using the member's membership card to purchase discounted goods. Guests and visitors should be paying using their own payment methods. Your membership cards and the associated discounts are a privilege of your membership. Our Bar staff have been requested to monitor this.
- Visitors and guests are important to our Golf Club; however, we need to offer a fair and consistent approach to their club visit experience. To this end the Board have reviewed the existing process which we have found to be very loose and open to abuse. As a result, we will be amending the club Standing Orders to ensure that the introduction of guests and visitors to our club fully comply with our Policies, Legal and Licensing obligations.

Use of the Mercantile Locker Rooms

Once the Mercantile club is sold; members will continue to have use of the Gents locker rooms for a period of not less than 12 months. Therefore, ex Mercantile ladies and men will use the current gent's locker rooms. We have provided the ladies with lockers in the gent locker room. Ladies and Gents will have access to separate toilet facilities within the locker room. Once the Mercantile building has been sold, we will no longer have access to locker room from the current entry/exit points, i.e. down alleyway at front of building or side door from Mercantile rear car park, as buyer has indicated they will start work on building soon after purchase.

Therefore, we are in the process of establishing a new entry door and full access via new path at the north side of the locker room building and all members will enter and exit from this single door after 13th March. This door will be secure and will use a new card contactless system to enter. We have some work to be completed within the gent's locker room to house member trolleys from existing MMGC trolley sheds. Members who have trolleys located in these sheds will be advised under a separate communication in the next few days where their trolleys will be securely stored.

After taking guidance & advice from qualified HSE specialists, all modifications to the Gent locker room will comply with current fire safety building regulations.

Captain v Vice Captain – Saturday 28th March

This first prestigious golfing event of the new club and will be held on both courses and is open to all members of the club. Please add your names to the entry sheets on the notice board as you enter the club. Your newly elected Captain and Vice-Captain would love to see as many members of both previous Mercantile and Royal Golf Clubs support this first golfing event of the new season.

Also, the plan is to unveil the new club flag before commencement of play on the day

Golf Season Fixture Listings

When renewing your club membership, you will be provided with a booklet detailing all golf fixture dates for the new season. Please also note that a full list of all this season's fixtures are already posted on the club website (<https://www.royalmontrosemercantilegolfclub.co.uk>) under the members golf areas. (in case you have forgotten – login is rmmgc, password is burgess)

There is also a Junior email log located on the club website in the Junior Golf area, giving parents and junior members information regarding junior activities as we approach the new season.

Golf Medal Stroke Play Competition Entry Fee

The board have agreed that all men's medal stroke play competitions from Saturday 14th March will in future have a £2 single charge, which will streamline the competition entry procedure and provide everyone the opportunity to win a monetary prize on day of play.

Collection of Membership Fees

All members will now have received their membership fee renewal notices. As previously indicated members are invited to renew their memberships at the club on the following dates: Sunday 8th March, 12.00 to 14.00, Sunday 15th March, 12.00 to 14.00, Thursday 19th March 18.00 to 20.00 and Sunday 22nd March 12.00 to 14.00.

Members who would like to renew their membership out with these dates can do so at the bar during normal opening times.

Please note that all membership fees are due to be paid by the 31st March 2020.

If any member requires assistance with the renewal process, then please contact the Club Secretary at secretary@rmmgc.co.uk

Garden Maintenance Team

We now have team of volunteers that have come forward to help maintain the gardens of our new club. Hopefully the weather is kind to us this summer to allow this group adequate time to have the gardens looking good.

Social

- Quiz on Friday 13th March please enter your team at bar (01674 672376)
- St Patricks Day meal and short Irish themed quiz will be held on Saturday 21st March. Please reserve your places at bar (01674 672376) or with Peter Wilkie our caterer (07784637645)
- Coffee morning Saturday 7th March 10-12 midday

Trophy Cabinet

Many members will have observed that we have recently fitted the ex-Mercantile trophy cabinet in the club entrance hall. This will be used to display the new club trophies until we decide what the long-term enhancements are for our club.

Notice Boards

Now the ex-Mercantile trophy cabinet is in place in the entrance hall, we will now relocate all men's golf notice boards, including seniors notice board to the men's visitors' room. This effectively means all men's golf notice boards will now be in one location.

We would at this time, like to take this opportunity to thank all the various members that have helped and continue to help the board as we continue to establish/manage the new club. We could not have achieved what we have done over the last 4 months without you.

Thanks Again

Royal Montrose Mercantile Board