

Following the announcement to ease lockdown restrictions we are pleased to reopen the golf course on Wednesday 13th May. We look forward to welcoming you back to the Links Golf Club in a safe and controlled manner. Guidance has been received from England Golf from which we have listed below how the club will operate in this latest phase of Coronavirus. These directives will be constantly reviewed and updated as further guidance is received and it is safe and appropriate to do so.

TEE TIMES

Effective immediately, you will require a tee time in order to play on the course. Anyone arriving at the club without a tee time will be asked to leave. As per Government guidelines play is restricted to one or two balls.

You will be able to book tee times either via the Club V1 App or club website. Members who don't have a registered email address with the club can call the office (01638 663000) or the Pro Shop (01638 662395) within office hours. Go to 'Booking' on the app or 'Book A Tee Time' in the members area of the club website to book your tee time. You will require a Club V1 or HDID password to access these areas. Tee times until Sunday 24th May will be available when the golf software system technical issues have been resolved. We will email you when this is available.

Members will be permitted to book one tee time from Wednesday 13th May to Sunday 17th May, and two tee times from Monday 18th May to Sunday 24th May. This is due to the limited number of members able to play each day due to the group size restrictions. This will ensure that everyone has a fair and reasonable chance to play on the golf course. This will be under constant review as demand is assessed. Player 1 of the tee time will receive a confirmation email of your booking.

Tee times will be from 7am to 6.30pm each day with 10 minute intervals from the 1st tee only. No starting is permitted after 6.30pm from either tee. Health and Social Care workers will be offered priority booking tee times, given what they are giving back to the community at this time. These workers should contact the office.

In the initial period, only playing members of the club will be permitted to play.

ARRIVING AT THE CLUB

Upon arriving at the club for your pre booked tee time you will be greeted by a car park attendant who will answer questions and direct you to the holding area. Allow spacing between cars when parking if possible.

Arrive at the golf course no sooner than 15 minutes prior to your tee time and change your golf shoes at your car. You will be directed to the marked holding area outside the Professional's Shop. You may use the putting green outside the Professional's

Shop ensuring social distancing. You will be called by the Starter to the 1st tee when the preceding group have cleared the tee.

GOLF COURSE

Please do not touch the flag sticks, The hole cups have been inverted to allow the ball to easily be retrieved when holed, without touching the cup or flag. Benches, divot boxes, bins and broken tee peg boxes have been removed, ball washers have been covered. Please take your litter home with you. Bunker rakes have been removed. Smooth the bunker with your club or feet. Preferred lies are permitted in bunkers within one club length, not nearer the hole. Preferred lies are also permitted on fairways until the end of May. Course Marshals will be in operation.

Do not join another playing group or player and ensure social distancing of two metres at all times. Play a provisional ball if your original may be lost. Do not walk back to play a second ball if lost or unplayable. Maintain a good pace of play. No physical scorecards to be exchanged amongst players.

Upon completion of your round, please make your way directly back to your car, without congregating with others, and drive home.

GENERAL

The practice grounds, short game area and practice nets will remain closed during this initial phase and will be reviewed as restrictions ease.

Access to the men's changing rooms and toilet facilities will not be permitted. Members requiring their golf clubs from the men's changing rooms or locker shed can collect them when at the club for their allotted tee time, via the starter/car park attendant and then take their clubs home after play. The on course toilet will remain open.

The shoe/trolley cleaners will be out of use.

Competitions will be introduced when we receive guidance from England Golf on how to do so effectively and safely.

The clubhouse will remain closed. The office can be contacted by email secretary@linksgolfclub.co.uk or phone 01638 663000.

The Professional's Shop will initially offer a limited service, although John will be assisting with volunteering duties at various times and provide members with an essentials only service which will be contactless or accounts based. Members will be able to pre order from John. For further details contact John at john@linksgolflab.com.

We require support from you the members to follow these rules to ensure the club can remain open and safe for everyone's enjoyment. The club will not hesitate to enforce disciplinary action against any members who transgress these rules.

We will be constantly reviewing all of the above and will make any necessary changes once we receive updated guidance from England Golf and the Government and will communicate these changes to you in due course. We are extremely grateful for your support and understanding during these challenging times and look forward to welcoming you back to the club.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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