



LAUDER GOLF CLUB

Club Update - 21st December 2020

Dear Member,

There is no need to mention what a difficult season it has been - but I will!

It just seems like yesterday that the first update on the 17th. April was sent out asking for the members to support the Club and re-join, even although there was no definite date as to when anybody could get back to playing again. The response was overwhelming with 74% of the members re-joined by the end of April. This support was greatly received and gave the committee confidence that the Club could continue to operate without seriously damaging the finances. We had 2 months of 'lockdown' before the club was allowed to resume play but under strict guidelines as to how to return to play.

During 'lockdown' Clubs were still allowed to continue with routine course maintenance. Ronnie and Louis were also able to spend some time in considering improvements to the course and cut some extra areas of the course to help speed up play. These changes were welcomed by the majority of the members so the delayed start to the season started well.

Our AGM is usually at the end of January but we will not be able to hold one this year. At the AGM the finances of the Club are presented and any changes to the Committee would be decided. At this moment we do not have a Gent's Captain, as last year the Vice-Captain's position was not filled. Ian Scott was due to step down as Greens Convenor, so Ronnie and Louis Scott have agreed to combine this role with their other duties. Ian has agreed to help out on the course, if required and will be Clubhouse convenor.



The other committee members are Jack Keeney - Junior Organiser & Child Protection Officer, Dougie Bain - (Main duty Clubhouse maintenance), Ronnie Malcolm - Handicap/Competition Secretary & Les Mitchell - Senior's Captain. The ladies will arrange their committee shortly and representatives from their section will also be on the committee. The Treasures position is not filled at present but David Dickson will continue with these duties until a replacement is found. The bank balance of the Club at the end of the year will be approximately £57,000 and if you are interested in the Club's finances then a copy of the audited financial report can be sent, by email from January, if requested.

It is important we have new committee members so please consider assisting the Club with the many tasks involved in keeping the Club operating. Contact Ronnie (07721 514914) to express your interest in joining the committee to ensure Lauder Golf Club continues to improve.

Although a vaccination is very much on the horizon it is clear we will still have to operate the Club for some of next year, as we have finished this one. Hopefully at some point the guidelines will change and some normality will return. Until then the 'Return to play@ Lauder' is still in force.

So remember : (The complete guide is on the website)

1. The guidelines on social distancing & when to wear masks.
2. The Clubhouse can be used if you have a swipe card but this is at your own risk.
3. Members guests are allowed but all tee bookings must be made prior to play - Contact Ronnie by text or phone (07721 514914).
4. DO NOT TOUCH THE FLAG-STICKS DURING PLAY.

It will still be frustrating not being able to turn up and play but hopefully this will not last for long.

The Committee wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happier New Year