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We hope you have been enjoying your golf since the return! Finally, we have had some rain and hopefully we have passed the frosty cold mornings. This will help the greens thicken and grow for a smoother surface. They are about a month behind, but a feed with some warmer weather this week should boost the grass. We ask that you all make sure you repair your pitchmarks plus any others that you come across.

Hopefully you are getting use to the new handicap system, if you haven't already then it is worth downloading the myenglandgolf app onto your phone. This can be used to enter your casual round scores when you play, just remember it works on your location so will only work as long as you create the scorecard before your round and enter your score before you leave the golf club.

With anyone who enters general play cards by leaving them in the box outside the Professional Shop, due to the number of cards we get, please make sure they are filled out correctly with name and title of casual play card. Also, please note from now on we will only enter cards that were in the box on the day only, we are getting a few that are appearing 4/5 days after the round.

We will hopefully be opening up the driving range gates from May 17th, providing the restrictions allow larger groups outside. We will still require you to let us know in the Pro Shop before you go down if you plan to use the members side.

Just a reminder that when entering the Professional Shop masks are required by law.

Demo Day City!

We have got 3 demos days coming up:

Taylormade– Thursday 27 May 1-5pm

Wilson– Tuesday 1st June 1-5pm

Callaway– Monday 14th June 1-5pm

To book an appointment for any of these dates, speak to a member of staff in the Professional shop.

Please find on the next page an email we received from Somerset Golf Union and England Golf regarding how golf courses should operate from May 17th.



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From May 17th, in accordance with the next phase of the government's relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, the number of people permitted to meet socially distanced outdoors is expected to increase from six to 30. This has raised several questions with regards to England Golf's guidance that clubs must operate a **tee** booking system until 21 June when we expect to lift the majority, if not all, of the restrictions that have been in place since the beginning of the pandemic.

To confirm, we will maintain our guidance that **tee** time booking systems should remain for the following reasons:

- Our aim is to provide clear, unambiguous guidance that has the safety and health of our golfers at its central priority.
- Clubs are still required to track every golfer and the time at which they were at the facility so that they can trace potential contacts should the situation arise. Operating a **tee** time system is not only the most efficient and effective way of doing so, but guarantees that clubs can adhere to track and trace guidelines set by the government.
- Clubs continue to have a duty to ensure that social distancing is maintained and gatherings that exceed the legal limits are avoided. Reintroducing unorganised, spontaneous roll-up systems will affect the club's ability to monitor and manage not only the number of players congregating, but their adherence to social distancing rules.

Regards

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