

CAPTAIN'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2020.

I trust this finds you and your families all well if not extremely frustrated with missing so much golf, especially with such good weather over the last 2 months.

By now the 2020 season should have been well under way with 3 tournaments completed including our inaugural Super Seniors Masters event at Scotsraig G.C.

I'm sure you will all now have read either on the website or on our Facebook page, the excellent Committee decision paper put together by Ian Johnston. The decision to cancel the entire season was not taken lightly despite there being no viable alternative at this time. To view a copy of this presentation, **[CLICK HERE](#)**

We also felt it necessary to outline the criteria we need to meet before considering resumption of our 36 hole events. We can only hope circumstances will improve enough to allow tournaments to take place next season. The calendars for both 2021 and 2022 are close to being finalised but we will endeavour to offer host clubs from the current season the opportunity to stage events over the following seasons where venues for any events have not yet been confirmed. On behalf of the Committee can I thank all members for their patience and understanding despite the disappointment of losing the full season's play.

Regarding competition entry fees, these can be carried forward for future events in 2021 or can be refunded in full. Anyone wishing a refund should contact Ian Kerr by e-mail at - comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com.

A 3rd option would be to use your entry fee payments to purchase S.S.G.S. branded golfwear from the Glenmuir range. An order form can be accessed by **[CLICKING HERE](#)**, or via our website. If you wish to take this option send your completed order form by email to Ian Kerr at comps@scottishseniorsgolf.com.

It is anticipated that our fixed cost operating overheads will be in the region of £4000 for the current financial year. We do not envisage any source of income for the remainder of 2020 therefore at the moment, with the inclusion of

current membership receipts, we are close to a breakeven position for the current financial year.

In the circumstances we can confirm that if you have paid your 2020 annual subscription then you will not require to pay the £25 subscription in 2021, provided of course that you haven't requested a refund of the subscription payment.

SUPER SENIORS.

Regrettably, along with the Super Seniors Masters, the initial Super Seniors team match against the U.K.S.G.A. also has had to be postponed. David Gardener and the S.S. sub-committee are looking at suitable dates in 2021 for both these events and again both Scotsraig and Royal Burgess G.C's will be given the opportunity to host the events next year.

ANNUAL DINNER.

With the cancellation of the 2020 playing season the decision has been made to postpone the 2021 Annual Dinner at Stirling G.C. until the Autumn of 2021. Hopefully by then we will have enjoyed a full calendar of events allowing for a meaningful presentation of prizes. Attendances at the Dinner have been falling over the last few years and it is also hoped that having the Dinner and Presentations nearer to the end of the season might encourage a healthier attendance on the night.

2020 SPANISH TRIP.

At the current time we are unable to make any final decision regarding our week at Hacienda del Alamo.

All players committed to the trip have already booked their own flights and we can only wait and see at which point the airline industry gets "lift-off" to resume their schedules. We are then reliant on Spanish courses remaining open and the accommodation arranged with the resort being available. Were

all these criteria to be met, the decision as to whether foreign travel was an acceptable risk would be down to each individual to decide. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and consult with each participant as and when restrictions begin to ease.

If the trip is still viable in October, I'm sure Hacienda del Alamo would be happy to accommodate any increase in numbers should any other member or friend wish to join the group.

2020 A.G.M.

Resulting from the cancellation of all events and also with regard to current restrictions in respect of gatherings and social distancing we feel that we have no option but to postpone this year's A.G.M. which was due to be held at Drumpellier G.C. on the Thursday evening during the Autumn Meeting in August.

With the approval of the membership, the committee would propose re-arranging the A.G.M. during our next 36-hole event which, we trust, will be the 2021 Spring Meeting at Montrose G.C. on 22nd & 23rd April.

Thank you all again for your patience and understanding, stay safe and hopefully it will not be too long before we can dust down the clubs and play a few holes of social golf.

Keith Ross

Captain