

Welcome back to all members. It's been a long time since early March. It's a relief to a return to golf, albeit with some changes. This is some feedback from the Committee of Management Meeting 2nd June 2020. We are most grateful for the support given to the two recent emergency measures to provide income since the closure of the golf club in March. Net profit from the Covid Draw was €14,700. And the first two weeks of Casual Golf with €5 fee brought in a net €6,500. The decision to adopt the €5 was explained in the previous newsletter. The €5 fee for casual golf will remain until 7th June.

Along with Phase 2 of the Easing of Covid 19 Restrictions, from June 8th next the Men's & Ladies Club committees will be able to host competition golf again. Wednesday afternoon, Friday afternoon, Saturday, Sunday and Monday will have reserved times for competition golf to be arranged by the two committees as soon as practical. At non competition times and on non competition days, Casual Golf will be available by BRS booking. It remains compulsory for all golf to be prebooked and thereby have names on the timesheet to assist with Contact Tracing should it becomes necessary. Social Distancing and routine hygiene practices remain essential. The fee for Casual Golf from June 8th is reduced to €3. As before, this matter will continue to be monitored and the next review will happen in early July.

There has been favourable reaction to the 12 minute interval on the timesheet. This will continue for the present and the timesheet will allow for 4 players at each interval from June 8th.

There has been a positive response to membership applications to Fermoy Golf Club. Three reasons have been identified for this increase in membership: the quality of the course; lack of other sports currently and having friendly contacts with existing members. We are hopeful all new members will get a warm welcome when they come in contact with established members.

We continue to benefit from the Covid subsidy for employees and this has certainly eased cash flow in the short term. We remain cautious about the medium term financial situation as this subsidy will not last and it is unclear when income from visitors & the Clubhouse will return to pre Covid levels.

The Ladies and Gents committees will be deciding shortly which competitions they will host for the remainder of the year. It is unfortunate but it seems likely that we will not enjoy the same social evenings traditionally associated with the majors.

We are most appreciative of the ongoing work of existing staff in trying circumstances, some of whom have worked additional hours and days without pay. Lastly, thank you again to the members who have contributed financially during this crisis and to those folk who returned to the fairways (and the rough) from May 18th last. Golf is certainly different but it is a lovely sight to see people out on the course again.

With best wishes to each of you and yours and please stay safe.

Seamas Feehan
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