Letter to the Ladies Section 8th June 2020

Dear Ladies,

We hope you are all well and are surviving the current crisis. At least we have had an opportunity to get back to golf, although annoyingly the weather seems to have reverted to winter!

Following the recent decision to allow 3 and 4 balls on golf courses, the authority from England Golf and the R&A to commence competitions and the agreement of Belton Woods Hotel Management, the Ladies Committee met by Zoom to consider the way ahead for our section. Tee times for our normal playing days of Wednesday and Saturday are now on HDID up to August, with 10 minute intervals between times.

To ensure we adhere to social distancing policies and do not endanger our members and the pro shop staff we propose that ladies follow the guidelines laid out below. Please do not arrive early and aim to be on the tee 5 minutes before your start time. Please endeavour to keep your distance when using the toilet facilities.

We have taken the difficult decision to cancel the Club Championships, due to be played 4th and 5th July. We do not know whether the Hotel will have any facilities open by then and the courses are not yet in proper playing condition. We hope that it may be possible to run an alternative later in the season, conditions permitting. We have also decided to cancel the summer eclectic and the 2020 Par Bar. If ladies have already paid for these their money will be carried over to the autumn eclectic and the 2021 Par Bar.

We will run some fun competitions in the next few weeks and aim to start qualifying competitions in July, with a Stableford on 15th/18th, and a Medal on 22nd/25th. To run these safely we ask you to take note of the following:

1. Before playing in any qualifying competitions, please pay £10 minimum to the section by BACS transfer, texting the treasurer to tell her how much you have paid. If you do not have on-line banking, please send a cheque to the Treasurer at her home address. Under no circumstances will we accept cash payments and the pro shop staff will not give change. **This does not apply to FUN comps.**

Every time you play in a competition £2 will be deducted from the credit lodged with the Treasurer. Please keep a careful note of how many times you have played, and send more money as necessary.

1. One person will be responsible for completing the score card and signing at the end of the round. Other ladies in the group should keep their own scores and the marker’s score to verify at the end of the round. The marker will then sign a second time stating all scores have been verbally checked and agreed. The marker will then take a photograph of the card and send the photograph by email to Becky Foster. Please use the following email address: [beckyfoster@virginmedia.com](about:blank) Becky will then manually enter all scores in HDID.
2. At present all bunkers are GUR. There are no rakes on the course and the bunkers are not being tended by the green keepers. Please take relief by dropping your ball within one club length of the reference point, not closer to the hole. All holes on the greens have soft inserts which allow the ball to drop partially into the hole without having to remove the flag. Under no circumstances should the flag be touched. You are advised not to touch other people’s equipment/balls etc. **The previous rule in place where the ball was deemed to be holed if it hit the flag and remained within one putter length is null and void.**
3. The following instruction has been received from LUGC concerning foursomes play:

Each partner should use their own golf ball, which is only handled by that player. For example the player teeing off from hole 1 is the only one that touches the ball from teeing off through to completion of the hole. The partner teeing off from hole 2 does likewise with their ball. Under the Rules of Golf a partner is permitted to drop the side’s ball in taking relief. It is also permissible to drop another ball when taking relief.

When marking and replacing the ball on the putting green this should be conducted by the partner the ball belongs to. Under this situation (or any other where the ball must be replaced) the original ball must be used and must not be substituted by another ball.

1. You are advised to carry your own hand gel/sanitiser.
2. If you wish to submit a supplementary card please ensure that you have placed money with Trudi (£2 a card). Please inform Becky by text or email of your intention to play **before playing.** Play with a marker who will keep your score and submit your score as above by email to Becky ([beckyfoster@virginmedia.com](about:blank) )
3. Ladies Section Bank Details are as follows:

Yorkshire Bank

Belton Woods Ladies Golf Section Sort Code 05-04-42 Account no 50012054

Or to send a cheque:

Mrs T Galloway, 4 Lichfield Road, Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln, LN4 2SS

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR FUN COMPETITIONS!**

If we abide by these rules for the time being we should be able to resume playing competitive golf in a safe environment. If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee. Happy Golfing!

Liz Moses Hon Sec, Ladies Section