

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM KEVIN DAVIS, PRESIDENT, COUNTRY CLUB OF WILBRAHAM

UPDATED 20 March 2020 Please note an additional rule has been added under the Flag stick

While the COVID-19 virus has altered everyday life for the foreseeable future, the Country Club of Wilbraham will continue to prepare the course and our facilities for our planned opening day of Wednesday, 1 April 2020.

We realize that people want to play and that it has been a long winter but what is going on now is a complete game changing event. Whatever we decide to do we need to err on the side of caution and safety. We need to be responsible to our members and the people of our community. Things are moving so fast that events could dictate even more drastic restrictions. It is of the utmost importance that we keep the lines of communication open and listen to each other's concerns.

Considering the guidance provided by the Massachusetts Golf, United States Golf and the United States Golf Course Superintendent's Associations and in consultation with our Staff and committee chairs we have developed the following plan. This plan provides for the health and safety of our members, guests, staff and the general public while ensuring that we can all enjoy the game and spirit of golf. We appreciate your attention to these items with the understanding that changes are not limited to these items and additional practices may be adopted.

- The Golf Shop, The Grille@CCW, locker rooms, rest rooms, door handles, common areas will be thoroughly cleaned, and the cleanliness will be checked and cleaned daily.
- The Golf Shop will be open for players to check in and make shop purchases. For those not comfortable to enter in a closed space they are encouraged to call the Pro Shop and check in.
 - No more than 10 people in the Pro Shop at any one time.
 - Golf carts will be thoroughly cleaned prior to and after each use.
 - Handles of all bags going into storage will be cleaned.
 - A one cart to one player system will be implemented in order to protect players and create an acceptable social distance space unless otherwise requested.
 - Score cards, pencils & sand bottles will not be made available unless otherwise requested.
 - Flag sticks are to remain in the cup and not handled. Cups on the greens will be raised as to prevent the ball from entering the cup. In order to 'hole out' the golfer merely needs their ball to touch the cup and record their score. These scores maybe posted.

- Rakes will not be placed in sand traps. Golfers are encouraged to smooth footprints and strike marks from bunkers using their feet and the face of the golf club – players may take relief within bunker from unraked or disturbed areas.
- Ball washers and water coolers will not be placed out on the course. Please plan accordingly.
- The range practice facility will open as planned. Range balls will be provided and placed on the range for your use. Use of the ball machine and small buckets will be restricted.
- The practice putting, and chipping areas will be open, and golfers will use their own golf balls.
- We ask that you discontinue the post-round handshake by starting a new tradition, perhaps a tip of the cap to your playing partners.
- As soon as feasible and should demand warrant, we will work with the staff of The Grille@CCW to provide 'To Go' or 'Take Away' food and beverage items of your choice.

Scheduled events:

- The 'New Member Raffle and Bobby Downes talk has been postponed.
- The Silver Knights season and Opening event will kick off as scheduled but without food. Mike Austin will provide updates directly to the Silver Knights as required.
- The start of our leagues (Monday Night Ladies Town, Tuesday & Thursday Night Men's & Friday Night Couples Leagues) are currently scheduled as is. We will monitor events and adjust as required.
- The Opening Day Cocktail party and Opening Day Scramble and all outside tournaments have not been impacted, however, we will closely monitor the COVID 19 situation and guidelines. Bobby Downes is contacting outside tournament organizers and in some cases planning alternate dates. Our intent is not to lose these important events.

We ask that the golfing community, guests and the general public do their part to keep everyone safe by properly washing your hands, maintaining space between you and others while at the facility, and staying home if you feel sick or may have come into contact with an infected individual.

As the situation changes and/or develops we will provide updates and changes by way of our Face Book page and on our web portal (www.ccofwilbraham.com). Should you have any question, comment or concerns please contact the Pro Shop, Bobby Downes or me. My contact information is provided at the end of this letter.

I feel confident that we will weather this storm and come out on the other side a stronger and better club and membership.

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