



Karnataka Golf Association

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President's Monthly News Letter - April 2020

Just as the Chinese imperial Dragon clipped the wings of high and mighty European Carnival Eagle the corona virus in its pandemic form has shaken the very foundation of modern life. Its impact is so huge that, for the first time in the history of our club, has the course been shut down for such an extended period of time.

The Managing Committee in its wisdom took a call to shut down completely taking into consideration the profile of our members and associates. With an average of 250 golfers playing every day, many of whom keep travelling constantly and senior citizens, keeping tabs would have been next to impossible.

The decision of the government to lockdown will save lives but at the same time it does impact the economy, including the club. In this context, I request the wholehearted support of the members in these tough and extra ordinary times, that we are going through.

Chairman of the club house Mr. Chandrashekar has been ensuring that the club infrastructure is taken care of in detail with proper cleaning and fumigation.

Necessary repair works are also being completed where ever possible. The asphaltting of the car park and the work on the Swimming Pool has been temporarily suspended and will resume once things are back to normal.

Currently our biggest challenge is to keep the golf course in good shape. It is well known fact that if left unattended, the course will degenerate in no time. Thanks to our Course Chairman Mr. Prasanth Sakhamuri, who ably assisted by the Course Superintendent Mr. Jamie Faulkner, Asst. Superintendent Mr. Ramesh Babu and their limited team who have been working tirelessly to ensure that the course is maintained in its pristine best, as always. A few photos of the course are given herewith for your reference.





Chairman of the Driving Range Col. Nanjappa and his sub-committee have worked out a financial package to ensure that the Caddies are taken care of to the best possible extent in these trying times. With the help of contributions from members, the caddy relief fund and the club's contribution we have mitigated their sufferings to an extent. My sincere thanks to all who so spontaneously contributed to their cause.

The office staff led by our CEO, Col. Tiwari have been working very hard behind the scene to support all the above activities. Simultaneously, the Finance Team lead by our Treasurer, Mr. Suresh Jois are working to complete the year end closing of accounts and to get ready for the auditing with limited staff.

As the members were not in a position to use the club facilities due to this unforeseen closure, the Managing Committee has decided to waive off the Cover Charges, monthly subscription's for Swimming Pool, Gymnasium and Card Room for the period of closure. The norms for the payment of club bills and the associated penalty charges for late payment have also been relaxed till we sail through the current COVID crisis.

My sincere thanks to the members of the managing committee who are monitoring their respective portfolios with meetings - either over phone, email or Zoom. Needless to mention, all expenditure is being done with proper discussion and the required prudence.

I am sure that we will be opening up sooner or later and we need to be prepared for that **Big Day**. We as a committee are open to suggestions from you as to how we could implement the best practices of social distancing, golfing and fellowship at the club. Please do mail your views to president@kga.in.

Finally may I request you all to Stay Safe and Stay at Home until the end of the lockdown period for we are eagerly looking forward to the day when you and your family can come back to KGA and enjoy the best golf course and the other great facilities.

With best regards,

Vinod Chinnappa M
President

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