



# Karnataka Golf Association

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## President's Monthly News Letter - July 2020

Dear Members,

As we emerge from yet another Lockdown let me assure you that the Committee is taking all the required precautions to ensure that the **KGA Golf Course** is safe and secure for its members. May I once again request the members to **strictly adhere to the protocol and guidelines** while on the **Course** and the **Club House** at all times. With nearly 600 golfers, 200 caddies, support staff and other office staff, the slightest negligence from any of us could prove costly and we may be forced **to shut down the course**.

**For golfers, we will insist on self declaration, temperature checks and sanitization.** A new **tunnel** has also been set up to ensure that to the best extent possible, the golfer and his bag are sanitized. This is going to be the **new normal** in the coming few months.

Chairman Tournaments - **Mr. Arun Bajaj** conducted the Captain's Tankard in a grand manner wherein 400 golfers participated and enjoyed playing on our lush course. However the practice of fellowship at the **19<sup>th</sup> Hole** after the game was done away with.

Catering arrangements continue to be optimised for minimal contact and quick turn around. The course huts have been reopened and are providing **minimum refreshments** for the time being. Chairman of F & B **Mr. Adith Bhandari** and his team are working on a suitable menu so that golfers will have more options on food and beverages while playing.

The Committee has decided to continue to restrict Member Elects and Guests for some more time from the course. Additionally we will be following a **12 minute gap** between each tee off, so that appropriate distancing is maintained at all times. Needless to mention, such a move of restricting guests has affected the income from **Green Fees** but we need to continue in the interest of our golfers.



**Mr. Chandrashekar** - Chairman of the Club House and his dedicated team have made all necessary arrangements to see that sanitization is carried out regularly, including during the lock down. A lot of **specific attention** is being given to enhance the **landscaping** in the car parking area.

With regard to the request received from **various affiliated clubs**, **our Committee** decided to bring down the green fees applicable to them on weekdays. As the leading golf course in Karnataka it was felt that our club should provide an opportunity for golfers from all over the state to enjoy **the high quality course conditions** and **the sublime experience at KGA**.

The **Revised Green Fees** which will be applicable when we start allowing guests will be as under:

- (1) Rs.1000/- + taxes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays after 10.00 am and restricted to a max of four times a month only.
- (2) Rs.5000/- + taxes on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays.

In return the affiliated clubs shall **maintain their normal green fees for all KGA members**. This arrangement applies only to affiliated clubs and not clubs with whom we **have playing arrangements**.

Chairman of the Course **Mr. Prasanth Sakhamuri** and his dedicated team continue to put their best foot forward and have been working even through the lockdown to provide a quality course. The rains have been detrimental in the clearing of weeds and an aggressive maintenance program has been planned on ensuring that the course is free of this menace. You may experience some areas which **could be discoloured or replanted**. This is not a point to be worried as we have some of the best experts under the supervision of Mr. Jamie Faulkner of Troon Golf looking at containing the **weed menace**.

The Managing Committee had 2 Special Meetings to clear up the back log of interviews for the months of **March, April, May and June** recently. Under the present circumstances a few of the guidelines for Member Elects have been modified taking into account the restrictions on the golf course and the lockdown conditions. Each of the Member Elects will now have to complete - **Ten Coaching Classes** under the supervision of an accredited coach at the driving range, **5 Rounds of Golf** with the coach on the course and attend the **Golf Clinic** virtually. The mandatory **Golf Test** will not be conducted in such cases until further notice. Those with a valid golf handicap in KGA are exempted.

In view of the pandemic and the restrictions in place, assembly of a large number of persons is not allowed and hence we have no option but to postpone our AGM. The Registrar of Societies has granted time until end of December as of now for the conduct of the AGM and Elections.

Look forward to seeing some of you back on the course as soon as the lockdown is lifted to enjoy and experience **"Sublime Golf at KGA"**

With best regards



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**President**

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