



## Ganton Golf Club

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PHASED RE-OPENING OF GANTON GOLF CLUB

FROM 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

#### ARRIVING AT THE CLUB

Until the 12<sup>th</sup> April golfers should arrive shortly before they are due to play and should leave the premises immediately following their round. This guidance changes from 12<sup>th</sup> April, but it is important to start with.

- The gate at the rear of the Clubhouse will be OPEN from 7.00am closed at 6pm.
- To exit the course please use the front gate which, as you know will open automatically when approached.
- Cars must be parked a good distance from each other - there is plenty of room in the car park to do this safely. Please use the 'overflow car park' in the field at the rear of the Clubhouse if it is busy.
- NO PARKING IS ALLOWED BEYOND THE FIRST TEE AREA this is an emergency access road to the Buggy and Green Sheds and needs to be kept clear.
- Shoe changing and preparation for golf must be done at your car until the 12<sup>th</sup> April.
- The tee sheet for the day, with times and the names of players will be posted near the Professional shop.
- Golfers must proceed to the first tee just a few minutes prior to their allotted tee time.
- DO NOT congregate by the first tee waiting for your time.
- From the 12<sup>th</sup> April golfers may arrive earlier and use the changing facilities and partake in hospitality before and after golf on the terrace. The Pro-Shop will resume normal service.

**Social Distancing – it is important that we keep 2m apart in line with the social distancing guidelines set by the government.**

#### TEMPORARY GOLF RULES

##### Type of play

- 4 ball play is allowed.

##### Flagstick / Hole

- The flag must always be left in the hole.
- The hole liner has been changed, and the ball does not drop deep into the hole, so it can be retrieved without touching the cup.
- In social play only Golfers may decide between themselves that a putt within a club length is a 'gimmie'

##### Bunkers

- Bunker rakes have been removed to avoid contamination.
- The bunkers will not be maintained to their normal standard and the recent Covid Rule remains – a ball may be marked and placed within 6 inches if lying in the sand.
- As you leave a bunker please 'swish' your strike mark and footprints in the sand with your feet, so the bunker is tidy for those following you.

#### Fairways

- Preferred lies are in operation until 1<sup>st</sup> May on closely mown areas.

#### Benches

- Have been removed from the ½ way house as this needs to be a takeaway service only until 12<sup>th</sup> April. Benches will be returned when allowed.

#### Buggy use

- Buggies are available for hire and MUST be booked in advance through the professional shop.
- Buggies will be sanitised between use.
- Buggies are for single use or sharing with someone from within your household.

#### Halfway House & Catering

- Will be open from 29<sup>th</sup> March to operate a 'purchase and go' service
- No one should 'hang around' this area.
- It is preferred that you call in at the ½ way house when completing the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. Calling in twice in a round slows play.

#### Toilet Facilities

Are available at -

- Gents and Ladies changing areas (not the changing facility or lockers)
- The rear of the Professional's shop
- 12<sup>th</sup> tee
- NOT the ½ way house
- These facilities will be monitored and cleansed by staff regularly.

#### On completion of your round

- The air-blower, used for cleaning shoes and equipment, is not in use.
- Initially all golfers are asked to leave the Club as soon as their game is completed. This will change as the facilities are opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Practice Ground and Putting Green

- The practice range and putting green are open for use.
- A maximum of 6 golfers are allowed on the putting green at any one time.
- Golfers must consider safe social distance when using these areas.
- Practice balls will be available from the professional.

#### **THE GOLF COURSE**

- Mats

The use of mats on fairways has been withdrawn.

Thank you for supporting this initiative for a short time in December. This procedure was really needed, and the benefits have been significant.

- Course Work

The staff have completed a considerable amount of recovery plan work on the course during lockdown and we believe that you will see the benefit. Further vegetation management has opened up areas of the course, and recovery to the grass in these areas will start as temperatures warm up.

- Placing on closely mown areas

The fairways have significantly improved following the treatments and protection.

England Golf have extended "Placing on closely mown areas" up until the end of April for all Golf Clubs, therefore –

“When a player’s ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may prefer the lie – placing it within 6 inches, no nearer the hole”.

See Model Local Rule E-3 for full details of how this must be done.

- White Lining – GUR

Following vegetation management, some areas remain in recovery. These areas are white lined, and designated Ground Under Repair. A ball may be moved to the nearest point, outside the area, no nearer the hole, and dropped with no penalty.

- New Out of Bounds

The new Greens Compound is OOB along the course side of the new mounding, and the line is identified by white marker posts.

- New Green Keepers Compound.

The new compound is a working environment containing large and potentially dangerous machinery. NO unauthorised member should visit the area or 'cut through' on route back to the Clubhouse when leaving the course.

- Covid-19 Rules on the Course

The temporary rules introduced by the R&A remain in effect:-

- Placing in bunkers remain.  
(The Pandy on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> is NOT a bunker and a ball must be played as it lies)
- Flags MUST be left in the hole.

## **PGA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

The PGA Professional’s shop will be open to control the first tee arrangements, take bookings, provide range balls and to give lessons.

- The following services are available on the 29<sup>th</sup> March
  - A booking and check-in service
  - Retail 'order and collect' service.
  - Trolley and buggy hire
  - Club Repair
  - Range Balls
- It is requested that transactions are made by credit/debit card only
- The shop will open for retail browsing on the 12 April.

## **THE CLUBHOUSE**

- 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Toilet Access available in the changing areas.  
The Ladies Changing room is currently going through a refurbishment, and therefore the toilet in the corridor may be used until all the full are ready.
- 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Changing facilities open and Members may use lockers.  
Beverages and snacks will be available on the terrace, subject to the 'Rule of 6'.
- 17<sup>th</sup> May  
The Clubhouse opens for use.  
Outdoor - hospitality and catering facilities are subject to the 'Rule of 30'.  
Indoor - hospitality and catering facilities are subject to the 'Rule of 6'.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Normal service resumes
- Office  
The office and administration areas are open Monday – Friday – please note social distancing rules.  
All visitors are welcome to ring or email Gary and Emma using the normal channels.

## **RESUMING FULL SERVICES - 21<sup>st</sup> June**

It remains important that we retain some of the hygiene and safety procedures that have been in place for the last year. Staff and Member procedures will be communicated.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

It is important that we all follow the temporary arrangements provided above; if they are ignored then it could result in a spread of the virus and could result in the government tightening the restrictions in place or withdrawing the opportunities for us to play.

The Club has been tasked with making sure these arrangements are upheld and we will be monitoring play. Any infringement or disregard of these arrangements will be dealt with by the Club.

Members are asked to stay away from the Club if:

- they have travelled abroad in the last 2 weeks
- they, or anyone they have been in contact with have had the symptoms of Covid-19 in the last two weeks.
- they have not booked a time to play or practice

Members should be mindful of the advice provided by the Government Health Officials for those who are in 'vulnerable' category groups and consider if they should attend the Golf Club.

If there are any changes to these temporary arrangements or if the government changes the dates, then this document will be updated and communicated to Members and posted on the web site for review.