

LADIES OPEN GREENSOMES 30th APRIL 2016

I would like to explain to the members, especially the Ladies why the decision was taken at 10.30am on Friday morning to cancel the above event

Following the snow that fell early Friday morning I asked our Course Manager, Mike Keogh who has over 15 years experience as a greenkeeper for his advice and thoughts on what state he thought the course would be in on Saturday morning, less than 24 hours to the first tee off time.

He was of the opinion even if the course could open the conditions would not be what the Club would like to present for an Open event

The greens and the fairways would be too wet to cut, the bunkers would be full of water and there definitely would be no buggies allowed on the course, some competitors had reserved a buggy.

With this information and the fact that The Shop had already taken a few phone calls from competitors asking if the event was still on I decided to cancel the event.

This information was immediately posted on the Club website, our Facebook page and our Twitter account

The Shop, mainly Spike then tried to contact by E mail at least one competitor from each pairing – it appears he was successful in contacting all these 33, apologies if you were not contacted.

I appreciate it was a lovely morning for golf today and the event could have gone ahead on a saturated golf course however if we had not cancelled it yesterday and staged it today I am sure I would have received E mails saying the event should never have been played as the course should have been closed

You cannot win whatever decision is made!

The Club and The Brasserie would have preferred the event to have gone ahead today to save all the extra organisation now of staging the event later in the year but I was not prepared to have the Ladies play on a less than acceptable course which would reflect poorly on our course and management.

Possible dates for staging the event are 30th of July and 27th of August; this will be discussed and decided at the Board Meeting on Wednesday

Anyone who is unable to play in the re-arranged event when the date is confirmed can request their entry fee be refunded or if you want your fee back now just call the Shop or E mail myself

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