



Update to CROS Members, 21 April 2020

Play at Clearwater

As you will all be aware there will be a shift to Level 3 in our COVID 19 response, Tuesday next week.

At level 3, we believe that there will be play permitted on the golf course. Some rules around that play have been formulated by CGCL. There is however a response expected from NZ Golf by the end of Wednesday and the CGCL rules will be issued once their consistency with the National guidelines have been checked.

Play on the course will mean that we need to return to the same safety guidelines that existed before the lock down. Access to the course is strictly for golfers.

Course Maintenance

You will have noted the incredible changes in the course with the urgent maintenance being carried out by our 3 green keeper teams. Those teams have managed to get the course grass lengths back to close to the playing norms for this time of year, with the work in the last week.

We have identified areas of disease in the turf and will be carrying out targeted spraying on Thursday this week. This is necessary to prevent the spread of the disease (it has shown signs of spread already). It is also an opportune time safety wise as there is no play on the course. Please be mindful of the spraying areas for yourselves and pets.

We are also going to carry out shallow vertidrainage on the greens Wednesday this week. This is to open up the green surface so that there is better infiltration of the water applied. Again this is necessary to recover the dried off areas that have resulted from the lock down no maintenance period.

Opportunity to Further Enjoy Clearwater

The lock down has provided a unique opportunity for members of CROS to fully appreciate the asset that is the golf course. It is clear from the reports I have received of exercising around the course that it has been beneficial in dealing with the lock down blues. The many residents who have been out doing voluntary work on the course has enhanced the asset.

We would welcome members of CROS who are not golfers to take advantage of the social membership offered by CGCL so that the full range of the resort and golf club facilities can be enjoyed. These include the tennis courts, the members lounge, the lakes and the golf course itself. It is a challenging time financially for CGCL. Your membership will help meet that challenge.

Similarly we would welcome new golfers to join the club.

Thank you for your interest and support in these times. We look forward to a continuing closer relationship going forward.