

Gansbaai Golf Club / Gholfklub



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Dear Member,

During his address to the nation on Thursday 23 April, President Ramaphosa announced that a risk-adjusted strategy would be implemented to ease the current lockdown restrictions beyond the end of April.

As part of this strategy, there will be different levels of restrictions, with Level 4 to be implemented with effect from 1 May. Level 4 will allow for some activity to resume, subject to stringent precautions required to limit community transmission and outbreaks. Under the current regulations golf courses are to remain closed and golf may not be played until restrictions are officially lifted by Government.

The Club Managers Association of South Africa (CMASA), together with Golf RSA and the PGA, submitted a plea to government earlier this week to look at golf as a possible social distancing sport that might be able to be played under strict rules. Several measures and conditions were proposed in the plea to government.

Should this plea be accepted by Government and restrictions are lifted, we will be ready to invite members back to our Club, based on the proposed conditions for opening. We acknowledge that this will be different to what we have all become accustomed to. Also, rigid compliance with the hygiene and social distancing controls will be of utmost importance.

On Friday we received a letter from Elaine Thomson, Administrator of Boland Golf Union, with the following message:

“IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS GOLF COURSES ARE TO REMAIN CLOSED AND GOLF MAY NOT BE PLAYED UNTIL RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED BY GOVERNMENT”

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As we do not yet have permission to open for golf, bookings will be placed on hold until further notice and will not open as scheduled and/or previously communicated. We will notify members, via e-mail, at least 24 hours before bookings re-open.

Since our lockdown on 27 March, a small and dedicated team of committee members, assisted by Dicky de Kock who stayed in the clubhouse, have kept our golf course in magnificent shape and we will have a beautiful course to return to with no divots or pitch marks! Our sincere gratitude goes out to Bev and his team as well as every person who periodically supplied Dicky with a hot meal.

The Club's Treasurer is also busy with modelling, to estimate the financial consequences of the lockdown restrictions for the balance of this financial year and the next financial year. This will be communicated with members in due course.

I have been in contact with many of our committee members and they all appear to be healthy, in good spirits and keen to return to serve the Club. I know I can speak on behalf of all our members when I say I miss the Club, the people and the atmosphere and I am looking forward to getting back to play and to see each and every one of you again!

Keep healthy, stay safe and fight the virus!

Golf greetings.

S.A. Walters

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