



Seniors Section Newsletter Lockdown 5, April 2020



TLGC, word on the grape-vine a number of Seniors have re-joined, and the course is being maintained. In many ways that's good news as many businesses struggle for cash, at least the members are playing their part. What does the future hold?

Stirrings in the world that some level of normality begins to return but no doubt it will be phased and the vulnerable will be urged to continue self-isolation, to protect themselves and the medical services, hard to believe it can be any other way. Many scenarios but not hard to imagine the course re-opening but many of the seniors being delayed in their return. Should the need arise let's hope management are imaginative in their thinking to make some form of "isolated golf" possible for the vulnerable and in the event of a lengthy delay ownership is imaginative in the fee structure going forward. As a section hard to imagine anything other than a write off for matches and perhaps Board Comps but safe golf of any kind will be a massive bonus.

A further lock down blog.

Two topics of late, phone calls and plumbing.

Called an old work buddy in France, thankfully all was well, afterwards got a text, informing unusual use of phone and charges would apply. It cost £55!!! A sex line call would have been cheaper, but for clarity that's supposition only. O2 joined John Lewis on the list. Can't call O2, can't e mail O2, can't chat online to O2, not bad for a specialist communications company. Wrote an old fashioned letter which no-one will read, they are all isolating. Before the section has a whip-round, the charge is incorrect but telling someone is the problem. Bet the DD works though. Keep looking every day at Rishi Sunak's latest briefings, got to be away to get the money back.

(Whip-round as in collection of money, not someone at the door with a strand of leather on a stick)

So, to the plumbing, well remote plumbing actually. Anyone familiar with a spigot reducer??

It's time to look and learn. No doubt many of the readership are familiar with the words "Dad, a bit of a problem can you....." Load up tool-box and off you go, but it's a whole new world in lockdown.

Dad, the valve on the toilet is broken, how do I fix it? Which valve? You know the one that lets water into the tank. It doesn't fill.

Take the top off the cistern..... what's the cistern?

OMG where did I go wrong, totally failing to educate the offspring and hand on DIY skills. Even an ape teaches its offspring to use tools. (Now there's a train of thought, at least got the sex education right, he's got two kids.).

Why do I have to take the lid off.....To get to the valve..... It's not inside. its underneath.....

Why didn't you say..... you didn't ask? With me so far. Is that a wine surge coming on??

Send me a picture.....

The screw thing won't turn..... It's an isolation valve, I'll order one for you. Can you undo the nuts top and bottom? ... with the water turned off..... I'm not stupid!!!.....Thinks really, the bottle gets nearer.... Can only turn the top one.

Ok I'll make life simple and order as well the bit of plastic that reduces the thickness of the pipe and the tool to remove it (the bit of plastic that converts 15mm to 10mm is better known as a spigot reducer, far too technical for the conversation purely for the benefit of the reader. Mine of information the Newsletter) ... When it arrives use the tool to remove the reducer, fit valve on reducer, push reducer onto pipe and tighten bolt onto base of cistern. Job done, home and DRY. Wine o'clock very early that day... relaxed wondering what else have I shared with the nearest and dearest

It's the next day, delivery, wow its going well. Have you got an isolation valve, a spigot reducer and a separation tool?Nope a bloody great brass thing, probably for a steam engine.

Why me, what have I done to deserve this, too early to even contemplate red wine.



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But a happy ending, correct parts arrived next day fitted and no flood. Miracles do happen and you know what kids do excel.

Occupied two and half days of isolation, but probably shortened life considerably.

Crossword Results.

A massive dilemma for the judges, first obviously lockdown is not so traumatic and boredom not too big an issue. There was not a deluge of completed crossword answers, but two virtually correct crosswords were received, at school both would be awarded 99%. Well done gents but.....yes there is always a but....Before protests begin the judges' decision is final. There can, of course, only be one correct answer to any crossword. First that well known Saints fan (yes there is one) and cricket stats man submitted a completed answer sheet almost by return e mail.

(Should work not be your priority Keith?) Put the answers of Wood and Root on the answer sheet and despite a footnote to state the answers were interchangeable the rules clearly state only the first answer can be accepted. The correct answer was Root then Wood.

The second 99% came from the most unlikely of sources, in fact caused an entire rethink on the appraisal of football fans expressed in a previous edition. Well known for his for footballing knowledge (perhaps questionable as he supports West Ham). Describing somewhat offensively, the gentlemen who participate in Rugby as "Egg Chuckers". (Perhaps mixing up with the West Ham crowd.) the entry failed to include the England new boy Obano. Entered a name somewhere between a chocolate biscuit (Orio) and a shortened form of the famous World Cup winning team member, Dallaglio. Just a word Mick, if you are going to use Google as the cheat tool and attach a list of the squad to justify the fact that there is not a five letter name beginning with "O" then choose the right squad!! No worries Mick, on a trial run the Tigers fan, Graham H. also failed to get Obano, and didn't know any of the ****ing footballers but then he didn't use google!!!!

Two sterling efforts, and to be fair the rugby man did complete the football quiz correctly, well done Keith and Mick. The judges could not separate the entries and since Cunard have withdrawn the cruise option the prize committee decided both entries will receive a bottle of red to be handed over in the clubhouse when restrictions permit. Good wine matures with time, lockdown encourages wine o'clock, let's hope it is a happy compromise and we can all meet up soon.

Apology, the football fans will have noticed the use of a four letter word in the article..."work". It is purely for illustrative purposes and the Newsletter apologises for any offense caused.

Non golfing interests

Genealogy, nothing to do with the Christmas Panto, for those reaching for the dictionary that's the study of families, family history, and the tracing of their lineages.

The previously mentioned Tigers fan having completed his home course has turned to matters intellectual and mentally challenging. Genealogy, it was Maureen Lipman who said how clever it was to have an "ology"!!!!

Having spent hours researching and studying his family tree Graham has traced family back over centuries, not quite to 1066 and all that, but almost. Graham has Lords, Members of Government and Clergy in his ancestry, close to blue blood evidently. No Vikings though, involving rape and pillage, which is surprising. Strong in the sporting field with a great grandfather who pulled on the Tigers shirt. However, on the sporting theme one entire line has been cancelled, discovered a great great Uncle was a Saints fan. Gone!

Member welfare

Whilst the lockdown continues hopefully members look out for each other. Clearly some have been driven by home practise and will be ready to excel around the greens, others have practised their iron play perfecting a draw and a fade around garage objects, whilst others follow the green goddess and will return as finely tuned athletes.

However, do not be complacent by absolute contrast for a Past Captain it may not be quite the same. The Newsletter received a number of distressing pictures, after consideration published to



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recognise the early warning signs. Perhaps a cry for help but they speak volumes. Obviously not expecting things to change before December, amidst depression he has written his Christmas cards.... Not a good sign but worse his golf clubs have not been cleaned neither are they ready for action. Paul C. has obviously given up completely on the idea of home practise and utilised his clubs as plant supports. (Gardening is good though) All be it creative the design of the bird feeder gives further concern although it does indicate some mental capacity remains and the birds are OK. The mental state that induced taping a club to a brush requires deeper psychological analysis. Look carefully in the pictures that follow, the outbuilding has to be the only Senior owned property that has not been painted. Captaincy brings its pressures and can leave its scars, the only hope, there are other priorities than golf and painting occupying the Cooper household. There is a shortage of jig-saws perhaps that's it??



Finally, the paparazzi managed to get a close up of the character on the Hustler fairway, any ideas. Harold Wilson was an option but can't be, has to be a sporting great??



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