

Your board had another informal COVID-19 update session the evening of July 27, 2020 as there continues to be numerous updates and changes to this fluid situation. According to recent updates from the Province of Alberta there is an undesired increase in cases, and in Central Alberta there are recorded outbreaks at two locations in Red Deer and several counties listed as "watch" status where the Province is monitoring the risk and discussing with local governments and other community leaders the possible need for additional health measures (these communities have at least 10 active cases and more than 50 active cases per 100,000). Camrose County, where we are located, is not yet one of these "watch" communities however we are going to implement additional health measures. Soon you will see barriers around the kitchen and pro shop areas where our staff work to help with physical distancing. As well the "main" door into the club house will be an entrance only and a different door to the west, an exit only with directional signage.

Since my last update we have implemented the Province's changes to allow 2 from your cohort group to share a golf cart. Masks are becoming mandatory in some communities, but not yet at BGCC, however the Province is still recommending to all Albertans that if it's difficult to maintain the 2 m (6') of physical distancing to wear a non-medical mask.

I keep re-messaging that the Province will make announcements about relaxing COVID-19 restrictions, however businesses (and non-profits like BGCC) need time to decide if they want to reduce their protocols and if so, when they are prepared to do so. Please keep checking our website, emails and other social media venues such as Twitter and Facebook for changes we are making, if in doubt, check with our General Manager as he oversees the day-to-day operations of the clubhouse, course and camping (seasonal & day use).

We are all members of BGCC and need to step up to remind others of possible inappropriate conduct that we may observe. Not only because of COVID-19 but because the membership at our 2020 AGM requested reduced staffing to reduce costs. With reduced staffing comes reduced service levels. When you politely point out to others about their inappropriate conduct, if the situation does not improve, then please report it to the General Manager who will investigate and deal with accordingly. We have asked that any issues be put in writing for the General Manager to have the details and emails sent to "bashawgolfclub@hotmail.ca" seem to be the best venue at this time.

A couple of other items that have been discussed/researched and polices will be forth coming or updated if needed, include:

- golf carts: there is to be no riding (standing) on the backs of any golf carts (rented or privately owned). There should only be as many passengers as there is seating to accommodate (i.e. 2 parents with their small children, all seated, is fine). You must be 18 with a valid driver's license to rent and operate a club owned cart;
- speeding: this seems to be an on-going issue for both golf carts and vehicles in the campsite areas, the posted speed limit is 10kms, please slow down;

- pets on the golf course: some people have registered service or companion pets and we don't have the staff or training to check into each situation so provided your pet remains in your golf cart at all times and does not cause any issues on the course, it will be allowed at the discretion of the General Manager;
- member/guest quiet hours: are between 11pm and 7am the following day;
- alcoholic beverages: as per AGLC regulations only alcoholic beverages purchased from the club may be consumed on the premises (club house & golf course);

Our bylaws are established and voted on at our AGM are now posted on our website for your reference. Our policies are established and used for guidance by our General Manager and/or Board and are available for viewing during regular business hours in our clubhouse. As mentioned, some of our policies require updating to be current with how we are managing our operations and your General Manager and board will be working on the same over the next several months which will include "pandemic policies" to address COVID-19 and other possible future pandemics. Until the policies are updated any direction from the board/General Manager will apply.

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