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You all now have received the news we were dreading a further lockdown! Although it was more or less expected.

Joe spoke to Kevin Stephens (GUI) regarding their views on our return to golf and what they are doing at this time to assist clubs. They are pushing our case with the executive re grants etc. On the return to golf we are subject to the constraints that apply at present. Their view because clubs complied with the government recommendations we are well placed to obtain some favourable tolerance as conditions improve. As we write this we have heard some good news that there could be concessions for golf clubs so fingers crossed .The course closure as far as we can see has been 100% observed by our members which is good , the police seem to visit the course quite regularly and have challenged us on occasions , they accept that we must visit the club during lockdown to deal with mail and admin issues

As we look at our finances we have the cheapest annual subscriptions of all the local members clubs so unfortunately we don't have much room for manoeuvre. We are going to look at compensating members for time lost this year. I know most of you wouldn't mind the lost time you just want to get out on the course but we must obey government directives. To date we have received no request from a member wanting to cancel their membership. I have said before the Scrabo member is a special type of person; stick with us we will do the right thing if it's any way possible. It's just too early to confirm now plus there are so many things which are outside our control. I have yesterday applied for a hardship grant of £2k offered by the sports council .I will be applying for a £25k grant when applications opened on Monday if we are eligible. It is for businesses in the Hospitality Retail and Tourism sector but they haven't decided whether golf clubs are eligible!

We had hoped to re-arrange the AGM sooner rather than later but obviously we are restricted by the social distancing issue .We still hope to have an EGM when conditions allow meantime attached is the AGM booklet , take a look at the incoming captains address what your support has achieved in the last 10 years .

This hopefully will be the last extension preventing us playing golf although the social distancing may continue for some time. We have caught ourselves complaining about the course looking perfect the weather superb and we are denied our game of golf and the social aspect after, but we must remember why we can't play, to stop more people dying!. So far it hasn't touched the club directly long may that continue.

Hang in there Folks!

Stay Safe

William Fulton Hon Secretary

Joe Irvine Hon Treasurer