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Section Team Captains

Via email

Hi Ladies,

We are reaching out to you today with an update on CWDGA Four Ball Match Play for 2020. We know that many of you have updated us on your club's status, your individual status on where you are and when you might expect to return to Illinois and your recommendations as to what we should do with our season. We greatly appreciate all of that input and it completely factored in our decision.

The Board's Officers conferred at the end of last week and agreed unanimously to recommend to the full Board that we cancel the Team Play Season because of: the continued spread of the Covid-19 virus in Illinois; continuation of social distancing and closures of golf courses in our district area for the foreseeable future; postponements in return dates to Illinois for snowbirds; and the uncertainty, even if courses reopen, on whether they will open to outside play and to accommodation of 96 players for golf and lunch in either May or June.

Yesterday morning we had a special meeting of the full Board by Teleconference. Our recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

Thus, we are contacting all of the Team Captains to officially notify you that the 2020 Four Ball Match Play season has been cancelled. This is unprecedented and very disappointing to us, as we are certain it is to you and your teammates. However, we imagine it does not come as a complete surprise. We want to err on the side of caution and at the same time we have the best interests of our players and Host Clubs as our priority.

If you are the TC of a Host Club in 2020, you will receive an additional email from us in the next few days. This email will be addressed to you, your Club Manager and your Head Professional. The letter will be an official notification of our decision and a request for your club to host a Play Date in 2021. Your Section Team Chair will be following up with you on that request in the near future.

All team fees paid will be refunded. This comes at a cost to us as we will absorb the credit card processing charges to reimburse you. We want our players made whole. We will reimburse the individual who paid the fee. It is that individual's responsibility to pass the reimbursement along to her teammates or her club or wherever appropriate. We ask the TCs to monitor that process for us and let us know of any problems.

As of today, we are still on hold with the season's Tournaments and CWDGA Championship. Our first event is not until mid-July and we are hopeful to have turned a corner by then. Diane Mazurczak, Tournament Chair, and Mary Adolf, VP and Championship Chair, are on top of the dates and monitoring the situation closely. Please encourage your players to sign up if they haven't already done so. As a friend always says, "keep your sticks sharpened".

We ask you to please forward this email along to your team. Anyone who has any questions at all, please reach out to Pat at murlaspat@gmail.com.

Thank you and please stay safe and healthy.

Pat Murlas, Team Match Chair

Kirsten Kaltenmark, President