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THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESSMEN

From: Your Committee

To: All Members

Date: 28th June 2021

Dear Member

Re: Lunches at Sonning Golf Club

After 18 long months we will at long last be restarting our regular lunches at Sonning Golf Club (SGC) on **Monday 23rd August 2021**. The committee have been thinking hard about how to make this event a success. The lunch will be members only and there will be no speaker as we feel that members will want to use the event to catch up with each other.

There has been an upside to this enforced lockdown. We think that some of the changes we had to make to the running of the club during the lockdown are worth keeping. These changes we believe offer a saving of committee members time and will reduce the cost of running our club. If you wish to discuss an issue, please contact our Chairman, Nigel Poole (sekona@btopenworld.com).

- 1. Your Newsletter** will be distributed by email a few days before each lunch, rather than issuing a paper copy at the lunch. This will save hours spent printing the newsletter as well as annual printing costs of around £250.00. There is a lot of waste surrounding printing the hard copies not forgetting a proportion which get left in the dining room after every lunch.
- 2. Lunch placements** have been hitherto allocated by an individually numbered newsletter drawn from a box at the point of paying for lunch at the Teller's desk. Now, at the point of 'check-in' at the desk, each member will be issued with a Place Assignment Card which has a place number prominently printed on its face and the matching Place Card will be found on the tables in the usual way.
- 3. On arrival at the SGC**, please go direct to the Teller's Desk to 'check-in' and receive your seat allocation as we need to know that everyone expected is present so that lunch can be called in a timely manner.
- 4. Lunch** will cost £20 pp and the preferred method of payment, going forward, is by bank transfer *ahead* of each lunch. In the last eight months, collection of the annual subscription fees, calendar payments as well as payments for the short breaks were all achieved by bank transfer which worked extremely well. However, if any member has a problem with this payment method, please let the Treasurer, Keith Toogood, (keithtoogood1@me.com) know, and an alternative arrangement will be agreed. Payment must be received, at the latest, by 09:00 on the morning of the lunch. Payment details, including the reference number, will be issued next month.
- 5. The Apologies Board** will continue to be used once regular lunches resume, as appropriate, with any last-minute apologies being notified to the Lunch Secretary by 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding the lunch. Next month when further information on the lifting of lockdown should be known, we will call for Apologies for the 23rd of August lunch to be emailed to the Lunch Secretary, Keith Toogood.

Finally, as we get closer to the lunch, further information will be issued as to any conditions in force at the SGC relating to Covid safety as well as our own requirements to ensure a safe environment for our members to enjoy lunch.