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Dear Member,

COVID-19 and Cricket at Shawholm

We are now nearing the end of the 14th week of lockdown and now we at least have a faint glimmer of the return of some form of cricket from next week.

The guidelines on how the return to cricket and the use of Shawholm will be set out in a letter to all playing members. This is by no means a return to normal and it will be hugely important for all playing members to follow the guidelines that will be issued. As you will appreciate, we are in a very visible location, within a public park and we must adhere and as importantly be seen to adhere to the guidance set out by Cricket Scotland and the Scottish Government.

We will begin next week with a phased return to cricket with the ability of fully paid-up playing members being able to book a net session via an online booking system. **No member will be permitted to use the facilities without booking and receiving a confirmation email.** It is worth noting that the clubhouse will remain **closed** throughout this time and there will be no access to changing rooms or toilet facilities. We are starting cautiously and will look to develop the provision over the coming weeks and through the month of July.

As I stated in my previous correspondence, the committee have attempted to make savings during this period where we can, and we are extremely appreciative of all members who have continued to pay their monthly subscriptions over this time. That being said, we have had to carry out some essential maintenance in the clubhouse with the installation of a new, more efficient boiler in early February and over the last few weeks the replacement of water tanks in the attic following the discovery of a water leak which caused damage to ceilings and walls in the home dressing room area.

Our groundsman, Adam Richardson, continues to work on the ground, keeping the policies as tidy as we can under the circumstances. I would again like to encourage all cricketers, both senior and junior to ensure that their subscriptions are up-to-date. Anyone who has not paid their full or up-to-date instalments will not be permitted to use the facilities.

With a little luck over the coming weeks, the weather and battle against COVID will continue to improve allowing us to hopefully see some actual cricket being played at the ground in August and September – something we are all keen to see.

In the meantime, to all members and their families – keep safe and well throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth J A Robertson
President