

## Lightning, Sirens and Procedures

### Lightning Warning Signals

The Golf Club has a lightning detector monitor that advises the distance of an approaching storm. When the storm is in close proximity to the course the storm monitor will indicate to the Pro Shop Manager that the storm is close enough to be a danger to people outside.

At that point the Pro Shop will sound a siren that is located on top of the club house roof.

When the siren sounds then anyone on the golf course needs to leave the course immediately and return to the club house or some other adequate shelter where a person will be safe from being struck by lightning.

Once the danger from lightning, as indicated by the monitor, is past then the Manager will sound the siren a second time to indicate that people may return to the course and continue playing.

There are two siren codes that are in operation: The first "warning" siren is a long continuous protracted sound; the second "all clear" is two shorter sounds.

It may transpire that the storm moves around the area and travels off for a while and then returns. In such instances the sirens will sound as many times as necessary.

It sometimes occurs that a storm warning will be heard but there is no all clear siren. This will be because it might have occurred close to the course closing time and therefore will not be sounded again because no one may go back onto the course in any event.

There is one other occasion when the siren is used and that is at the start of a very busy golf function when there is a large field. Every player starts simultaneously from each of the Tee boxes and as soon as the siren blows then all golfers tee off at the same time from each of the tee boxes and start their individual round from that point. This usually happens in the morning at the start of play for that day.

### **PLEASE NOTE.**

The storm monitoring system as well as the siren is manually operated and therefore will not operate when the golf course is closed so please always pay close attention to the weather when out and about during bad weather.