



MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (PSM 0193/98)

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31st March 2009

To:

URGENT NOTICE

The Chairman, Club NHS Sub-Committee
The Golf Captain
The General Manager
The Club Manager

Affiliated Clubs of Malaysian Golf Association

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: COMPUTER VIRUS ALERT

Greetings from Malaysian Golf Association!

Please be informed that a computer worms called '**Conficker**' is set to evolve on 1st April 2009. Attached herewith is the write up on this virus for your reference and immediate attention.

The following are the proposed precaution steps to be followed especially on the NHS Computer:

1. Do a backup of the following files into a CD-R, DVD-R, Pen Drive or diskette and (*NOT on the PC*).
 - **Newgolf.mdb**
 - **Newtrans.mdb**
 - **Mapping.mdb**
 - **Global.mdb**
2. **Disconnect the NHS PC** from the network / Internet on 1st April 2009 for at least 1 day. It is better if the PC is disconnected **before mid night 31st March 2009**.
3. **Turn off the PC** if it is not in use on 1st April.
4. Make sure your PC is installed with **effective anti-virus software** and do **scanning on 31st March and 2nd April**.

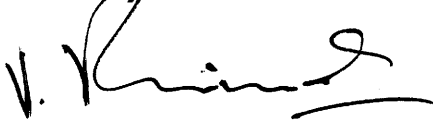
NOTE:

1. Do not upload data to or download data from the server from 6pm on 31st March to 2nd April as we are taking extra precaution to protect the server by turning it off. The server will be on again on 3rd April 2009.
2. In view of this, we seek the cooperation of all the NHS clubs to send in their data **ON TIME** (i.e. 19th, 20th and 21st April) or **earlier** for this April MEP. We will take **an extra step, which is not the monthly regular routine, to scan all the data** via upload, CD or diskettes, coming into the server. As such the data received after 21st April will not be entertained.

We hope that you would adhere to our precautionary steps so that your computers are not affected to the said virus.

Thank You,

Your sincerely,
for Malaysian Golf Association



V.RAVINDRAN
General Manager

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En. Zulkifly Dato'Ismael - Honorary Secretary

Virus Alerts

Alert Level: 

Virus Alerts

It is the time of the year similar to last year when we have a massive virus attack and we cannot ignore this anymore. Hence this will be our first and ongoing newsletter on viruses or malware attacks that has an effect on the performance of the NHS system.

The alerts will come in three ratings mainly green, orange and red. Green being a light virus situation, orange is something to keep an eye out for and red means a highly dangerous situation.

Conficker.D

The new variant of the Conficker worm (Conficker.D) that has appeared recently connects to numerous servers to update. Like other variants in this family, this worm uses the MS08-067 Microsoft Windows vulnerability to spread.

It checks the system date and if it is after **April 1, 2009**, it will try to connect to a certain website in order to download and run another type of malware in the affected computer.

Apart from allowing the worm to enter the computer, this vulnerability lets the attacker take several actions on the infected computer, even allowing control of the computer. This worm also spreads through USB devices, such as **memory sticks (thumb drives)** and **MP3 players**.

This worm updates every day and downloads new versions of itself onto the infected computer from Web pages that constantly change their URL to make it more difficult to block.

It reduces considerably the protection level of the computer, as it prevents the user and the computer from connecting to websites related to antivirus companies.

It is highly recommended to download and apply the security patch for the vulnerability MS08-067. Go to <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms08-067.msp> to access the web page for downloading the patch.

(Extracts from PandaLabs reports)