

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in April

April has begun and marks the start of a spring and summer full of renovation activities. On Monday, April 12th the construction crew arrives and the process begins! Later in this publication I will outline some of the work planned in the next several months. Stay in tune with the Forecaddie to keep up-to-date with everything pro shop and golf course related. In the sections following, you will find all the information relating to this month in golf, as well as contact information for our golf associations and our Greens Committee. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

See you at the pro shop,  
Mike Jahaske, PGA  
Director of Golf  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



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## Pro Shop Schedule

Pro Shop Hours - Open 30 minutes before the first tee time and 1 hour before shotguns. Soft close at 5:00pm as staff go out to check the course carrying the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196).

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 4-1 to 4-30: 7:00

No Shotguns at this time

Rate Periods:

Prime: 4-1 to 4-30: 7:00 - 11:52

Midday: 12:00 - 1:52

Twilight: 2:00 - 3:22

Super Twilight: 3:30 - Sunset



## Golf Maintenance Schedule

A maintenance plan is put into place at the beginning of the year. Variance in weather and agronomic conditions may require changes to the schedule.

### April Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to move onto the artificial turf on Monday, April 26th. During the summer we will utilize the artificial tee for one week each month to allow the natural turf to recover as much as possible from the expected heavy traffic.



Slicing of the rough and aerification of the fairways will continue throughout the summer. The extra slicing and aerification is planned due to the heavy compaction caused by COVID single rider cart traffic levels. **SBR Local Rules cover this surface disturbance.**

**Back Nine morning nine hole times** will not be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on a year-round basis to allow maintenance time to complete weekly tasks. In addition, we will start tee times one hour later on Wednesday to allow maintenance more time to complete necessary applications and other regular maintenance. With the use of single rider carts due to COVID, pace of play has decreased, and the window maintenance normally uses for regular upkeep has been greatly diminished.

## Free Monthly Golf Clinic

Every month Mike and Ken will conduct a free golf clinic. All residents and their guests are welcome to attend, and there is no cost. Please sign up in the pro shop. The staff have a book behind the counter with all the scheduled clinics that you can sign up for. You are welcome to attend as often and as many as you like! The clinics will cover basic technique and mechanics of each topic and are great for learning a new skill or brushing up a skill that needs some work. **The clinic for April will cover putting and will be held on Monday, April 26th, at 2:00pm, at the practice putting green.**

## Golfing News

### Golf Course Access

Dear residents, as much of the community activities have been closed for precautionary measures to help reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus, many of you have taken to walking as a way of exercise and to get out of the house. Please remember that for your safety we do not allow joy riding, walking, biking, jogging, etc. on the golf course **AT ANY TIME**. Only golfers, golf staff, or emergency or other authorized service vehicles are allowed on the golf course and paths.

**This is especially important during the next several months with the renovation ongoing and while workers are busy running heavy equipment and not expecting to be in contact with residents other than golfers.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

## Golfing News cont.

### SPRING Week Sale

April 21st-27th, the pro shop is holding our annual SPRING Week Sale. Merchandise will be 15% to 80% off! Stop by and see our new stock and special deals!

### Course Construction UPDATES

- The golf course and practice facility greens surfaces will be replaced with Mini-Verde in a process that will overlap this spring and summer. The process will take approximately 5 months to complete. Annual golfers will receive a refund of the fees for those 5 months in the sum of \$1,100.00. On Monday, May 3rd, Annuals will be suspended and may play the course with temporary greens paying a green fee. Green fees will be reduced while temporary greens are being used. Suspended annuals will pay \$10 and residents will pay \$15. Chelsea points will stay as they are. In October when the new greens are ready, all suspended annuals will be restored; and green fees will revert to posted rates.
  - Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> all 20 greens on the facility were sprayed in the first step to kill the turf prior to replacing with Mini-Verde.
  - Tentative dates of Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> were set up as the day for the second spraying of the greens. The course will be closed **ALL DAY on the day of spray** as we try to get the herbicide down first thing in the morning before the wind picks up. If the 19th is windy in the morning, the spraying will be moved to the 21st; and the course will be open to call-in tee times on the 19th. If spraying is done on the 19th as planned, the 21st will be opened for booking through Chelsea. There is some possibility the greens will require a third spraying, and that will occur on May 3<sup>rd</sup> or May 5<sup>th</sup>. All the backup dates are currently closed, but will be opened once spraying has been confirmed and they are not needed.
  - Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> the construction company began work on the drainage portion of the summer project and also began finishing the Gold tees. **There will be 1-2 holes closed each day.** Due to the variation in work being done to each hole, a hard schedule is not possible. The construction crew will inform the pro shop each morning what hole or holes are to be closed that day.
  - **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will convert to all 18 holes having temporary greens.** This will last until the new greens are grown in and ready for play. We expect the greens will be ready by the first of October. This date is variable due to weather conditions.
  - During the course of the summer the fairways will be aerified 2-3 times and will also be heavily top-dressed with sand.
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## Golfing News cont.

**Local Courses, Access, and Rates this Summer\*** (more to come as details are received from other local clubs)

**MountainView (520-818-1100) and The Preserve (520-825-9022). Call shops up to 5 days in advance.**

**May 1 - 31, 2021**

- \$59 - Open through 10:30 a.m.
- \$47 - 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- \$35 - 1:30 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- \$23 - 3:00 p.m. through end of day

**June 1 - Sept. 30, 2021**

- \$42 - Open through 10:30 a.m.
- \$34 - 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- \$27 - 1:30 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- \$19 - 3:00 p.m. through end of day

**All above fees do not include golf cart fees. Golf cart fees are per player and as follows:**

- \$12 - 18-holes     \$8 - 9-holes

The fees beginning at 3:00 p.m. **do include** the golf cart fee. All other green fees above do not include the golf cart. Single rider golf carts will be accommodated based on the number of golf carts available but are NOT guaranteed. **All golfers should plan to utilize a shared golf cart.**

**Robson Ranch Eloy (520-426-3333). Call the shop up to 7 days in advance.**

- SBR residents may call up to 7 days in advance.
- SBR residents receive resident rates which include tax. Suspended SBR annual residents receive a cart included, regular residents will be charged \$10 per person for the cart.

**Oro Valley CC — SBR staff will call OVCC for resident tee times up to 3 days in advance.**

- May 1 through September 30
- Tee times after 11am
- Green fee with cart and range included will be \$45.

**Omni Tucson National — SBR staff can make tee times for residents up to 5 days in advance.**

**May 1- September 30**

- \$50 all day. Includes cart and range, tax not included.

\*(more to come as details are received from other local clubs)

## Tip from the Pro

### The Bump and Run

Coming up on May 3d, we will be playing all 18 holes with temporary greens. While it is understandable that some will be frustrated by the temporary greens, it is an excellent time to work on, and improve, your ability to play the bump and run shot. The bump and run shot is well known in Europe and has survived and remained a mainstay because of course design and weather conditions there. Meanwhile, our course design and generally kinder weather has made the shot an old school last resort play. Our course in general allows for the bump and run, but the temp greens, being smaller, and on firm fairway turf, will really make it a go-to shot.

To play the bump and run, plan for a pitch using a regular pitching wedge or even an eight iron. The shot will come out low and have plenty of run. If you want it to run out, land it on a flat area. If you want it to stop and roll out a short distance, hit it into a slope, like the approach of a green.

The bump and run can add a lot a creativity to shot-making possibilities and revive a piece of golf shot making that can create a lot of satisfaction. Try it on the temp greens to keep the game fun and interesting all summer!

Have fun out there!

Mike Jahaske, PGA

Director of Golf

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



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## Contact Information

**Pro shop:** 520-818-6403      **After Hours Cell:** 520-561-1196

**Golf Maintenance: Email:** [sbrgolfmaintenance@gmail.com](mailto:sbrgolfmaintenance@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 520-260-9314

**Chelsea:** <https://sbranch.chelseareservations.com>

Your Chelsea home page has access to tee times and events as well as the golf event and maintenance calendars, special event news, rate sheets and annual/play card applications, seasonal daily frost delay info and golf starting times, and Greens Committee minutes.

**SBRMGA:** [www.sbrmga.com](http://www.sbrmga.com)

**SBRWGA:** [www.sbrwga.com](http://www.sbrwga.com)

**SBR Ranchette Putters:** [ljsentivanac@gmail.com](mailto:ljsentivanac@gmail.com)

**Greens Committee:** [sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com)

Contact Us!

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