

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in June

June has arrived quickly; and as we move into our seventh week of construction, many aspects of the project have been completed. In the next two weeks, the final greens will receive sod for their collars and sprigs for their putting surfaces. Once this is completed, the construction will be completed, and the next stage called the grown-in will begin! 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 6-1 to 6-30: 7:00

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

The rates remain the same all day.

Annual: \$10

Resident: \$15

Cart Seat \$10



## 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.

### June Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to move onto the artificial turf on Monday, June 14th. 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 Wednesdays 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.

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## Free Monthly Golf Clinic

Due to the renovation of the practice putting and chipping greens, clinics will be suspended until October. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to starting clinics again on our new surfaces!

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## 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 are not expecting to be in contact with residents other than golfers.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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## Golfing News cont.

### 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. On Monday, May 3rd, Annuals were 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.
  - **Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we converted 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. **Temp green course yardages are posted on Chelsea in a printable format.** Most holes will play an average of 50 yards shorter. A spreadsheet with the changes for each hole is posted in printable form on your Chelsea home page.
  - During the course of the summer the fairways will be aerified 2-3 times and will also be heavily top-dressed with sand.
  - Speaking of sand, the practice green bunker has been reshaped giving it a more greenside appearance, while also helping keep sand off of the green. The range field end will still allow for fairway bunker style shots out onto the range field. All the sand was removed while the bunker was reshaped, so it now has completely fresh sand as well!
  - On May 12th the re-sloped area on #16 fairway was sodded to about 80%. The remaining 20% was sodded on Friday, May 14th, along with the tees on #16, #18, #3, and the remaining Gold tees. The drainage work areas were also sodded. Finally, the collars on greens #1-9 were sodded. On May 24th and 25th, the front nine greens were sprigged and the collars on the back nine greens and practice greens were sodded. The back nine greens and practice greens are expected to be sprigged during the second week of June.
  - Once all the greens have been sprigged, the construction crew will leave. Our maintenance crew will then continue the grow-in process and also continue restoring the fairway and rough surfaces. We hope to improve the fairways and rough areas enough to allow them to be good dormant playing surfaces this winter.
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## Golf Maintenance News

**Coming Soon!!**

**We welcome our new superintendent,  
Aaron Thomas, and look forward to  
his contributions to this publication  
starting in July!**



## Tip from the Pro

### Professional Golf Instruction

This summer, many golfers are practicing more due to our temporary greens. Practice is important to groove the key aspects of the swing so hitting shots on the course becomes instinctive. But what if you are practicing movements that are counter-productive? Mike has 29 years of experience teaching golf, and Ken has 8 years of experience. We are available to help you improve that golf swing and have affordable packages for the touch-up or for in-depth work on your technique. Give us a try, you will be happy you did!



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)

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