

Golf Course Update October 12, 2023

- **Sanding Divots** - We see many golfers are sanding their divots and we greatly appreciate the effort! We ask that you **DO NOT sand divots on the tee boxes** however, as the maintenance crew will be sanding AND seeding any overseeded tee box divots. If golfers sand the tee box divots the seeding will not be as effective. Thank you!
- **Saturday 8:00am Open Play Shotguns** have been expanded to full field allowing for up to 144 players beginning Saturday, October 21 due to popular demand. Tee times will start at 1:00pm following the morning shotgun.
- **Cart Traffic Control this Season** - The most detrimental thing to the course's conditions in the coming months is cart traffic. WE need to work together to minimize wear patterns as play enters and exits the golf holes. The key to this is dispersing cart traffic throughout the entire golf hole as much as possible.
 - **Here's how you can help preserve our conditions.**
 1. Strictly follow the 90 degree cart path rule. What this means is that you stay on the cart path after your tee shot until you are 90 degrees to your ball, then you drive to your ball. After your final shot onto the green again drive 90 degrees to the cart path, don't continue up the fairway and exit as close as you can to the green.
 2. Do not enter the turf as the soonest possible entry point, follow the 90 degree rule.
 3. If you see wear patterns starting to develop don't drive through the thinning area, look for an alternative entry/exit.
- **Course Painting** will every 3 to 4 weeks. The paint is not just for aesthetics, also included with the paint are nutrients for the turf. The paint itself also keeps the turf warmer and helps keep it more resilient to cart traffic. In order to get the paint down and allow drying time we will delay tee times on painting days by one hour.
- **Golf Course Green Cups** - Probably all of us have noticed the rough edges at times on the putting greens cup. John Whitehead and Rod Linville of our Greens Committee met with Golf Maintenance practice putting green after fresh cups were cut (all with sharp edges) and observed a demonstration of cup cutting. This demonstration cup was also cut with sharp edges. They also noted that the soil is getting softer, and edges and turf are easily damaged. It appears that the damage to the edges is due to:
 1. Golfers not taking the flagstick out before removing their golf ball resulting in them squeezing their hand between the flagstick and cup thereby damaging the edge;
 2. Golfers not being attentive when removing or replacing the flagstick and roughing up the edge;
 3. Golfers using a ball retrieving device on the end of their putter and not being attentive to avoid touching the cup edge.

Cups are cut on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. We have more than 200 golfers daily reaching in and out of the cups. This does not appear to be a Golf Maintenance cup cutting technique issue. We golfers need to be more careful how we retrieve golf balls from the cups and we need to get this information out to our residents.

- **Special Events** - During the next few weeks we have several special event days scheduled for the MGA member guest, WGA Catalina Cup, and WGA UpDeGraff Cup. Please consult the event calendar on your Chelsea home page for information when making requests.

Please feel free to email or call me with any questions relating to this information.

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