

Hi all,

What a month it's been! To think when I wrote last month's message the Coronavirus (COVID-19) was just beginning to taking hold locally. Times have certainly changed!! Toilet paper is more valuable than jewelry and hand sanitizer is priceless. Who would have thought?!

Governor Ducey implemented Stay at Home effective this afternoon but has deemed golf courses as essential. Hopefully, Robson agrees and we will be able to continue to be able to get outdoors and safely enjoy our recreation.

There have been numerous emails regarding COVID-19 and changes made to golf to accommodate controlling it. There was so much that I think it might be useful to summarize all those changes.

Summary of changes due to COVID-19 this month:

Key changes at the golf course:

The Pro Shop is closed. Check-in is at the outside window with HOA or credit card only.

Tee times are at 10-minute intervals. To ensure distancing, please don't tee off early. No shot gun starts.

Each person may ride in their own cart.

Do not touch the flag sticks.

Rakes have been removed from the bunkers. If your ball comes to rest in a divot or footprint in the bunker you may take free relief IN THE BUNKER at the nearest point that is not closer to the hole and drop the ball within one club length.

The cups have been turned upside down so that you don't have to reach into a cup to retrieve it. If the ball goes into the cup but comes back out it is considered holed.

Key changes for our League:

All tournaments and League Day games and payouts are cancelled through May 31. We will re-evaluate at that time or as the situation changes for better or worse. We will continue to PLAY SOCIALLY on Tuesdays. There will be no game payouts. Sign up via Chelsea as usual. League Day chairs will provide pairings so we can play with different people. They will not provide scorecards and you will post your own scores.

Our rules committee has determined that Tuesday play will have a slightly different rule regarding bunkers. The difference is that you PLACE the ball rather than DROP the ball. This applies to Tuesday play only. Mike sets the rules except for League Days.

Chip In Fund will be suspended for the second quarter. Winners for the first quarter will be announced via email. The money will be held until normal play is resumed. If you have a chip in March 31, please email Barb Simms to let her know.

Hole in One Fund will be suspended until normal play is resumed.

Sponsors:

As you know, we've had to cancel or at least postpone several tournaments. We are trying to find ways to show our sponsors that they are still getting recognition for their contributions. These are challenging economic times for companies that are trying to stay open and provide jobs for their employees within government guidelines. We are currently working on ways to make our sponsors more forefront in our members minds when they do need services that are provided by one of those companies that invest in our organization. Soon you will see that all emails generated from Golf Genius will have a new banner. The banner will be a composite of business cards from our loyal sponsors. Please do your part to utilize these companies when possible AND remember to thank them for their sponsorship when you do. Another email will come out once we've completed this project so you can see what it looks like.

Let's all count our blessings that we are here at SaddleBrooke Ranch where we can enjoy lots of open space to get outside and PLAY GOLF! Additionally, the Ranch House Grill is offering curbside meals and groceries for us. We are very fortunate! Let's all do our part to ensure this nasty virus doesn't take hold in our community. Stay home except for necessities, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently. Being out in the middle of nowhere is a really good advantage right now!

Take care and stay well,
Jeanne