

President's Message

September 2021

Hi all,

We've certainly had a wet summer this year. This is the most rain we've had since I've been here (Dec 2013)! It's been perfect for our golf course to thrive and the new greens to grow in. I feel so lucky we haven't had to deal with the natural disasters other parts of our country have had.... fires, hurricanes, flooding. The temperatures are beginning to cool just a bit but the humidity is still very high making it seem awfully warm. I thought we had a "dry" heat in AZ! LOL

League Day:

Reminder: Please be mindful to maintain pace of play and keep up with the group ahead of you. During this time when the 2-putt rule is in effect, pick up after your first putt. Refrain from practice putting or chipping and keep within the 3-minute limit when looking for errant balls. Under rule 5.6a penalties may be assessed for unreasonable delay caused by a player's actions within the player's control that affect other players or delay the competition.

Solheim Cup coming soon! Save the Dates October 25 & 26! Details to follow. This will be our first tournament with our new greens! Exciting! It's going to be a lot of fun!

We've made a couple scheduling changes for the rest of the year to try to accommodate conflicts with outside events. Club Championship will be November 15 & 16 and Member Member will be December 7. The Holiday Party initially scheduled for Monday, December 13 may change since The Grill is closed on Mondays now. More to come on that.

Other events:

Mountainview Preserve (MP)

Mountainview Preserve Member Guest Tournament

MP is holding their Member Guest Tournament November 2 & 3. If you are interested in playing, there is a signup sheet in the Pro Shop. The cost is \$168 for two days. I'm not sure if everyone can be accommodated but I'm sure they will try. The deadline for us to sign up is September 10.

Our last MP guest day is next Tuesday at Mountain View. Those that have participated have enjoyed the opportunity to meet and play with the ladies from MP. A big thank you to their League Day folks for handling all the logistics!

Robson Challenge scheduled for November has been cancelled this year due to COVID. Hopefully next year will be better and we'll be able to continue with this traditional event amongst the Robson Communities in AZ.

Chelsea Pointing Seminar

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about how Chelsea points work! Mike and Ken will be presenting this on Wednesday, September 8 at 9:00 am in the Sol Ballroom. No rsvp.... just come on in!

Course Update:

There was a lot of information in the Forecaddie this month! If you didn't see it, it is on the Chelsea website. Here are some of the highlights:

Preview Event

On September 19 there will be a Preview Event so that people can have an advance opportunity to play on our brand new greens! There will be a 9:30 am shotgun start for the first 128 players to sign up. There is NO CHARGE for this! In fact, you'll get a coupon for a free drink from our "cart guys", Mark Giannonatti, Mike and Ken. Watch for their carts with coolers to come by. There will all be prizes for closest to the line and closest to pin. Sign up on Chelsea. You can sign up your own foursome. They will not be creating pairings for this event.

Course Closure

The course will be closed after the Preview Event through October 1. This will allow overseeding of the tee boxes and collars. No fairways will be overseeded this year. This means:

- The course will NOT be Cart Path Only when it reopens
- Fewer frost delays this winter
- Firm greens the first year after grow in. There will be a period of a few weeks, during the coldest part of the winter, that the greens will be extremely fast.
- Improved ability for the Bermuda to thrive next summer
- Uses less water

The course will reopen on October 2. If you are an annual member, your membership will be reinstated on that day.

Cart Sharing Rule Extended

Cart sharing will remain optional when we open on October 2nd and will be reviewed monthly as the outlook on COVID 19 is quantified. We do request that golfers consider sharing a cart whenever comfortable to help in reducing the wear and tear on the turf during this busy golf season.

Membership:

Please welcome our newest member, Jan Cacci! Hopefully she'll be able to join us on League Day soon.

Congratulations to Bonnie Stark for her first hole in one! She managed to sink her drive on hole #2. Unfortunately, it was on a temporary green but still VERY exciting.

There is suddenly a lot going on! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events now that we'll have a full course again next month. There are still challenges we are working through for luncheons due to staffing shortages and COVID considerations. We're trying to be creative and figure out ways to make it work!

Enjoy your last couple of weeks of automatic two putts! I will actually miss that!

Jeanne