

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in August

August has arrived. Although temperatures will remain high, the days are already shortening; and with that, the time for growing Bermuda grows short. August is the last month to really get the turf thick and strong before it slows in September. Greens will slow, fairways become thick with less run-out, and the rough will become harder to hit out of. These are all good signs as we prepare for a winter of dormancy! 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.

Summer is coming!  
Mike Jahaske, PGA  
Director of Golf



## Pro Shop Schedule

Pro Shop Hours - Open 30 minutes before the first tee time and 1 hour before shotguns. The pro shop closes at 4:00pm. Pro shop staff will carry the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196) until 5:30.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 8-1 to 8-31: 7:00am

Last tee time 8-1 to 8-31: 5:30pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

8-1 to 8-31: Prime 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.

### August Maintenance Schedule

The entire facility will be closed every Wednesday, June through September, and August 1 to August 7 for heavier maintenance operations. The course has also one additional scheduled closure week, from September 19 to September 30, to prep for the winter. Since we will not be overseeding the fairways, carts may access the fairways when we open October 1. On the range tee, the natural turf will be rested one week per month, except in December and January, when it will be rested for two weeks in those months due to the slowing of the growth rate of the rye overseed.



The Bermuda turf is actively growing and coming out of dormancy. The maintenance crew will be applying fertilizers and performing cultivation to support this activity. Changes in the rotation of the course or one-hour delays to the first tee time may occur as needed to support these important procedures. Please support our maintenance staff by filling divots with sand and repairing ball marks on the green.

**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.

## 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 August will cover chipping and will be held on Monday, August 22nd, at 9:00am at the practice chipping 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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

## Golfing News Cont.

### Cart Rules

The following rules shall apply to all types of golf carts, both rental and privately-owned:

- DRIVE ON CART PATH until even with ball, then enter turf at 90° when gates are not present.
- SCATTER ACROSS TURF until ball is on green.
- EXIT TURF at 90° to cart path.
- REMAIN ON CART PATH on all Par-3 holes.
- STAY 25 FEET from tees and greens.
- DO NOT DRIVE around sides or back of greens.
- DO NOT DRIVE in the desert.
- DO NOT ENTER private resident property to retrieve golf balls.

### Ball Marks

Great news, our new greens are starting to show signs of maturation and a softening which allows the ball to stop sooner! The bad news is that this development we have all waited for also allows the ball to mark, or dimple, the greens when it lands. Please remember to get back in the habit of finding and repairing ball marks on the greens to help keep them rolling smoothly.

### Pace of Play

Please follow these simple tips to improve pace of play without having to rush around the course:

1. Be prepared to play your shot while waiting for others to hit, so you can play immediately without delay. This includes shots played while on the putting green.
2. Clean and replace your club in the bag; and record your score, at the next tee, not at the green.
3. Hit a provisional ball when appropriate, and limit searches for lost balls to 3 minutes. Players in the group that can hit safely should do so; while those that can't, should help search.
4. Limit socializing to periods when you are prepared to hit and there is a wait to safely hit.

Have fun on the course, and keep your play efficient, so all can experience an enjoyable pace of play!

### Cart Damage to the Course

Without question, cart traffic is the number one cause of damage to the turf on the course. Please do your best to limit the time your cart is on the turf. One easy way to do that, is by staying on the cart path until even with your drive. This simple tip can reduce wear and tear exponentially because entering the turf area early is the most common mistake made by golfers in terms of course damage.

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## Golf Maintenance News

### What's Coming Up in August

We will be closing again August 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> for our second round of course wide aerification. We'll be performing much of the same practices as the first round in June, but going with slightly larger holes in the greens this time.

During our closure we'll also be doing some work on the tee complexes around the course.

- We'll be enlarging the teeing surface on #2 Pine and Rust tees along with #6 Rust tees. There will be a contractor onsite that will assist us with the reshaping and grassing of the tees.
- We are also going to be performing some leveling of selected tee tops with a "Fraze" mower -  
1 - green, 2 - plum , 3 - rust, 4 - green, rust, 5 - black, green, rust, 6 - green, 7 - green, 8 - rust, 13 - green, rust, 14 - black, green, rust.
- The goal of this process is to reduce the crown from the selected tees in order to help level out the teeing surface.
- Here are a couple links that go more in depth on the "Fraze" mowing process and its benefits.  
<https://www.golfcourseindustry.com/article/fraze-mowing-bermudagrass-recovery/>  
<https://www.golfdom.com/chop-the-top-fraze-mowing-gains-traction-in-us/>
- The recovery for both of the tee projects will be 2-3 weeks. Tee markers will be moved to temporary locations until we are able to use the tees again.

We are also going to shift the chipping green bunker to the north by 10-15 feet. In its current location, it is too close to the green, so the sand from the bunker is accumulating on the greens edge and the slope making it very difficult to maintain turf there. By pushing the bunker back we'll make it easier to maintain and improve the turf conditions there.

We'll begin mowing down the native grasses towards the end of August. This will give the plants enough time to regrow slightly before they shut down this fall.

Thanks,

Aaron Thomas

SBR Golf Course Superintendent



## Tip from the Pro

### Two for One

During 30 years of teaching golf professionally, I have seen many golf swings and learned much about the intricacies of the mechanics of proper golf swing set up and motion. As Ben Hogan once remarked, all the details for successful ball striking come down to a few key items. Two that are, in my experience, the most important, and provide the result everyone desires—consistency—are grip pressure and proper head motion. These two tenets are difficult to master because most golfers are trying to hit a golf ball with a club, instead of to swing a club to hit a ball.

The goal is to swing the club and not hit with it. This is where a two for one comes in: grip the club lightly, and allow your head to move naturally. The club will swing, providing you with consistent ball striking. The beauty in this is that it is universal and applies to, and improves, every golf swing. While being aware of and controlling grip pressure is something that takes time to learn, it has the advantage of not involving the more tedious and difficult changes to mechanical motion in the swing.

A few practice sessions focusing on becoming more aware of grip pressure and ball striking always improves one's game by improving natural head and body motion. This leads to the joy of good hits and more pleasure in playing this all encompassing game we call golf.

Have fun out there!

Mike Jahaske

SBR Director of Golf



## Contact Information

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

**Golf Maintenance: Email:** aaron.thomas@robson.com

**Phone:** 520-600-8797

**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:** [jackdon8@yahoo.com](mailto:jackdon8@yahoo.com)

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

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