

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in May

May begins with temps in the 90's and climbing. Please remember to increase hydration as here in the desert, due to the dry air, perspiration is not evident, and it is easy to get dehydrated without realizing it. Please also remember that snakes are out of hibernation and may be out on the turf or near the edge of a wash, where you may come in contact with them. 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

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



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 6:00.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 5-1 to 5-31: 7:00am

Last tee time 5-1 to 5-31: 6:00pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

5-1 to 5-31: 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.

May Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to be on the artificial turf for one week beginning Monday, May 16th. 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 May will cover bunkers, and will be held on Monday, May 23rd, at 9:00am at the practice bunker.

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 Usage and Rules Effective April 1, 2022

Purpose

In order to significantly reduce and/or limit excessive wear and tear to the turf areas on the golf course due to cart traffic, the following policy will be applied.

Definitions

Traditional Golf Cart (TGC) - Designed for use on the golf course with a capacity of two riders.

Single Rider Cart (SRC) - A TGC with only one rider.

Cart Usage

Each tee time will be limited to two (2) golf carts, with the intent that a foursome would have two riders per cart.

Exception

If anyone is uncomfortable sharing a golf cart, *and they will be using a privately-owned cart*, the group may be allowed to play the course with the additional carts. However, the following restrictions shall apply:

On any given golf hole, only two carts will be allowed off the cart path when no other restrictions apply (i.e. Cart Path Only).

Any additional carts must remain on the cart path for the entire play of that hole (no alternating back and forth with the two other carts that are allowed on the turf for that hole).

Single Rider Carts with a handicap flag will not count as one of the "two carts."

Each tee time will be limited to one (1) SRC *with a handicap flag*, with the intent of having no more than a maximum of three carts per group driving on the turf.

This policy is not applicable to Personal Golf Vehicles (PGVs) (i.e. carts designed for one rider...e.g. scooters).

Carts with just spectators must always remain on the cart path (no exceptions).

Recommendation

For groups with more than two carts, we suggest the golfers determine within the group which cart or carts will remain on the cart path throughout the round during the playing of each hole.

Cart Rules

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

When the GATE SYSTEM is in effect, enter and exit turf areas through gates designated by 3-foot red stakes with green caps located at the beginning and end of fairways.

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.

Golfing News Cont.

Rules Seminar May 11

The next rules seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 11th, in the Sol Ballroom from 10am to 12pm and will cover an intro to rules, etiquette, and pace of play.

Broken Tee Correction

Last month in my article, I mentioned that one of the acceptable practices for dealing with broken tees was to toss them into the desert, far from turf areas. After discussion, we would like to ask golfers to simply place the broken tee in the trash, or if a trash can is not nearby, to put the broken tee in a pocket, or in the golf cart, and dispose in the next available trash can.

Thank you!

Restrooms at #9 Tee

Now that the restrooms, ice and water machine, and expanded golfer parking is finished at Ed's Dogs, the restrooms at #9 tee will be closing as of June 1st. Water cups will not be provided at Ed's Dogs, so please grab a cup prior to beginning your round from the Pro Shop or one from home.

Ball Marks

Great news, our new greens are starting to show signs of maturation and a softening which allows the ball to stop soon! 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.

Golf Maintenance News

Greetings from Golf Grounds

To wrap up my discussion on the native desert areas from the previous two Forecaddies, I'd like to ID the most common grass plants and cacti we have surrounding the course.

Grasses - The list below is the most abundant grasses we have surrounding the course.

- Purple Three-Awn- these are currently putting out new growth, they are the wavy purple grasses. [Three-Awn : Aristida \(rockymountainsflora.com\)](#)
- Alkali Sacaton - [Vegas Germplasm alkali sacaton Conservation Plant Release \(usda.gov\)](#)
- Galleta Grass - [Big galleta \(Pleuraphis rigida\) Plant Guide \(usda.gov\)](#)
- Side Oats Grama - [Plants | AMWUA](#)
- Blue Grama - ['Hatchita' Blue Grama \(usda.gov\)](#)
- Arizona Cotton Top - [Arizona Cottontop | Digitaria Californica | Granite Seed](#)

Cacti - I'm sure there's a few I missed, but these are the most prominent types of cactus we have.

- Buckhorn Cholla - [Buckhorn Cholla | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)
- Teddy Bear Cholla - [Teddy Bear Cholla | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)
- Chain Fruit Cholla - [Chain Fruit Cholla | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)
- Native Prickley Pear - [Genus Opuntia \(incl. Cyllindropuntia, Grusonia, and Corynopuntia\) \(desertmuseum.org\)](#)
- Hedgehog Cactus - [Hedgehog Cactus | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)



Golf Maintenance News

Compass Barrel Cactus - [Compass Barrel Cactus | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)

Fishhook Pincushion - [Fishhook Pincushion | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)

Soaptree Yucca - [Soaptree Yucca | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)

Desert Spoon - [Desert Spoon | Desert Mountain, AZ \(desertmtcommunity.com\)](#)

A Couple of Other Topics for the Month

We put out an application of organic based fertilizer this week. Throughout the year, we'll make 3-4 of these applications across the golf course. I strongly believe in the use of organic fertilizers for the overall health of the course and its soils. These granular applications are not the only organic applications we make, as we are constantly using carbon based fertilizers in our spray applications throughout the year. The main brand of granular we use is Earth Works. If this is an interest to you, take a look at these informative articles and review their website as it's full of great information. [EarthWorks White Papers : EarthWorks \(earthworksturf.com\)](#)

As a reminder, please don't cut through the desert to get to your ball or to go to your next set of tees.

Thanks for caring about our golf course!

Aaron Thomas

SBR Golf Course Superintendent



Tip from the Pro

Pace of Play

On April 1st, the golf course returned to two riders per cart. It is important for all golfers to reacquaint themselves with the practices of efficient pace of play that have gone dormant during the single rider cart period. 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 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!

Thank you!

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SBR Director of Golf



Contact Information

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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.

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