

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in November

November brings cooler weather and the start of the holiday season. We hope you enjoy the refreshed golf course with our beautiful new greens and the cool sunny weather! Towards the end of the month we may begin to experience frost delay so be prepared to check the Chelsea home page as temps at night hit the 30's. 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.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
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 3:00pm. Pro shop staff will carry the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196) until 5:00.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 11-1 to 11-14: 7:30am

11-15 to 11-30: 7:45am

Last tee time 11-1 to 11-30: 4:00pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

11-1 to 10-31: Prime 7:00 - 11:22

Midday 11:30 - 1:22

Twilight 1:30 - 3:00

Super Twilight 3:00 - 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.

### November Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to be on the artificial turf the week of Monday November 22. 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.



**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. In addition, we will start tee times one hour later on Wednesdays to allow maintenance more time to complete necessary applications and other regular maintenance. With the use of single rider carts due to COVID, pace of play has decreased, and the window maintenance normally uses for regular upkeep has been greatly diminished.

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## 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 November will cover pitching and will be held on Monday the 22nd at 2:00pm at the practice pitching green.

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## 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!

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## Golfing News Cont.

### Cart Rule Extended

Cart sharing will remain optional again for November 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.

### Holiday Sale

The pro shop Annual Holiday Sale runs Thursday December 9 through Wednesday December 15, come on in and take advantage of great year end values!

### Credit Books Monies Expiring!

Credit book monies expire on December 31, 2021 so please come visit us during the Annual Pro Shop Holiday Sale, pick up a spare range card, or have us place a special order for that item you have been saving up for! If you place a special order by 12-15 that doesn't arrive before the end of year we will hold your credit book monies until it comes in!

Any winnings you receive in December automatically go into your 2022 credit book to give you extra time to spend them!

### Club Fitting day Monday November 15th

Last chance to sign up for the remaining appointments for the club fitting day this coming Monday November 15th! Callaway, Cobra, Taylor Made, Cleveland/Srixon, and Wilson will be at the range from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Call or stop in the pro shop to schedule/check on available appointment times!

### 2022 Rates

Looks for the 2022 golf rates coming out in the next few weeks! We are excited to begin a new year of golf and continue to improve our course and practice facilities!

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## Golf Maintenance News

### November Topical News

There has been some comments regarding ball marks on the greens, so I'd like to address a couple items. To start, the ball marks I'm seeing on the greens are typical for non-overseeded greens. Our greens are still young and don't have much of a thatch built up yet and, although we don't want to have excessive thatch, it does soften the greens making them more receptive to shots cushioning the impact of the ball. This should develop by next summer. The brown ball marks you are noticing are typically a few days old, and it's my assumption that those larger marks were created by balls with a high trajectory and higher impact force. These marks will recover, the time at which that happens is of course, temperature dependent. The best thing you can do is to continue to properly repair your ball marks, if you're not sure of the proper technique please check out the USGA's website for directions.

Remember the 90 degree rule - Please help preserve the conditions of the roughs along the cart paths by following the 90 degree rule. We have put out white 90 degree signs out on all the holes. Please follow this rule to help disperse cart traffic and mitigate damage along the cart path edges.

Maintenance of native grasses around the course - With record breaking rainfalls this summer, these areas reached heights that many of you have never seen, and has become a topic of discussion for all. The desert areas surrounding the course are intended to be just that, native desert. The design intent was to have the native grasses frame the manicured turf and highlight the beauty of surrounding Sonoran landscape. It was not designed to be mowed down on a monthly basis or kept barren. If that was the case, the landscape surrounding the course would look like the common areas though out the community with formalized granite beds and plantings. Our intent is to have a beautiful native landscape that provides a challenging, yet fair golf course experience for everyone.

The plan moving forward, is to mow down the desert areas between the course and the homes twice a year at a height of 10-14 inches. This will be done early spring and again in early fall.

The early spring mowing will be done around the February/March time frame. This will allow us to mow off the dormant part of the grass plants and encourage the green up of the native grasses. This will also lower the canopy of the grasses to expose the flowers of our native forbs and annual flowers.

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## Golf Maintenance News Cont.

The fall mowing will be done at the end of the monsoon season, this should be end of August/start of September. This mowing will be done to cut back all the summer growth of the grasses and reduce the overall density of the landscape. This will allow enough regrowth for the grasses to provide some texture and the wispy rippling effect that makes Oracle so beautiful.

We have sprayed a 12 foot band around all the desert/Bermuda rough edges and will continue to maintain this area as a buffer zone for shoots that go outside of the Bermuda roughs.

We will on a regular basis, maintain a 12 foot band directly behind homeowner walls at a height of approximately 4-6 inches. This will be done when grasses are actively growing.

Another key to the native area management plan on a year round basis is to remove the TRUE weeds that we see growing, for example, Desert Broom, Salt cedars, Tumble Weeds, etc. This will be achieved by spraying and mechanical removal.

I hope this information is informative, please have a great Holiday season!

Aaron Thomas - Golf Course Superintendent

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club

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## Contact Information

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

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

**Phone:** 520-260-9314

**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)

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