

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in September

This year overseeding doesn't begin until late in September, so the gradually cooling temperatures can be enjoyed with the course open through the 27th! While we still have much to do in this initial 2-3 year program of fairway repair, much progress has been made; and several additional fairways are healthy enough to be left dormant this winter for better transition next summer! 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.

See you at the pro shop!

Mike Jahaske, PGA  
Director of Golf



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## Pro Shop Schedule

Pro Shop Hours - Open 30 minutes before the first tee time and 1 hour before shotguns. Soft close at 5:00pm as staff go out to check the course carrying the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196).

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 9-1 to 9-30: 7:00

Morning Shotgun: 8:00

Afternoon Shotgun: 1:00

Rate Periods:

9-1 to 9-30: 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.

### September Maintenance Schedule

In September, the Bermuda base turf is starting to slow down as the days are now 1-1/2 hours shorter and temps are starting to drop (really!). The maintenance crew will focus on preparing the turf to go dormant by fertilizing and preparing to overseed beginning September 28th. The course will re-open October 20th barring any unforeseen weather related delays. Work on the perimeter of the course will resume after the course is open and the overseeded and dormant areas are in playable condition.

This month and continuing through to overseeding we will close one nine every Wednesday for concentrated work without the interruption of golfing traffic and the potential for more projects to be completed. Golfers playing 18 holes will play the open nine twice. Back Nine morning nine hole times will not be available on Wednesday and Friday.



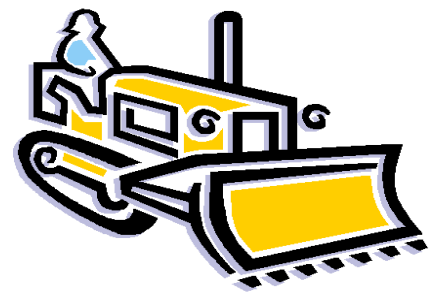
## Free Monthly Golf Clinic

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 September will cover bunkers and will be held on Monday the 21st, at 9:00am, at the practice pitching green.**

## Golfing News

### Golf Course Updates

- #7 fairway received extra sod between the tees and the landing area to repair some thin spots. The rest of the sod work in the fairway and green collar have taken well, and the seams are quickly filling in.
- #8 apron and green collar have been re-sodded and have also taken well, and the seams are quickly filling in.
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## Golfing News cont.

- #10 rough areas that were sprigged are growing and gradually filling in.
- Spot sodding is being done as deemed necessary prior to the begin of overseeding on September 28th.
- The practice pitching area turf is continuing to fill in and has been open for use for a few weeks. Watch for the signs limiting the farther areas of the space for safety as the range tee moves back. No chipping or pitching will be allowed outside of the signage and white chain.
- Development of a local rule to deal with soggy areas on the course continues with input from the AGA, the WGA and MGA, the Greens Committee, and the golf professional staff. Management has committed to work on the drainage next summer that will include repairs to existing drains as well as the addition of drains to low lying areas that do not currently have a purpose built drain.
- Discussion has begun in the consideration of potentially resurfacing the greens in the next year or two. We are very early in the process, and information will be released as developments occur.

### Golf Course Access

Dear residents, as many 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!

### COVID -19

- No changes to COVID-19 restrictions at this time.
  - Please continue social distancing, wearing a face mask when required, and hand washing.
  - We ask that you do not wet your golf towel at the ice and water dispenser. Golf towels are not sterile and contaminate the water nozzle for those wishing to fill their drinking containers. While we cannot put out buckets of water for general use due to COVID-19, you are able to wet your golf towel in the restroom at the sink.
  - While individual carts are mandatory, please limit travel on the turf to reduce damage from the extra cart use.
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## Golfing News Continued

### Labor Day Week Sale at the Pro Shop

Come on in to the pro shop the week of September 7th through September 13th and enjoy end of summer deals on merchandise! In stock equipment will be 15% off with specials up to 50% off. In stock apparel will be 30% off with specials up to 80% off!!

**SaddleBrooke Ranch Pro Shop**

**LABOR DAY** *Week*

**SALE**

**All Sales Final!**

<b>HARD GOODS</b>	<b>SOFT GOODS</b>
<b>15% TO</b>	<b>30% TO</b>
<b>50%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>OFF</b>	<b>OFF</b>

**SEPTEMBER 7TH-13TH**

## Golf Maintenance News

### Golf Course Update September

As we move in to the month of September, it's time to put projects on hold and shift our focus towards overseeding preparation and conditioning the golf course turf for the winter months. We will sod a few more small areas, but we are better off doing some grooming and conditioning of the golf course turf as we head towards the fall season. After September 1, it doesn't make sense to do any more sodding. It's time to focus on what we have and to start thinking about next year, especially considering the significant progress that we have made with the fairway recovery efforts. We did well.

Nothing set just yet with the overseeding plan, but here's what I'm thinking now- we seed all tees, all collars except for 7 and 8, roadside rough on 10, 3rd section of 10, all greens and holes 4 and 9 on the front 9. Of course the practice areas will be seeded, and the plan there is to close 1 week prior to the 28th. This will offer nice surfaces to use a week prior to opening. There are a couple more holes that are questionable at this point and by the end of the week, we will know where we are going.

The new practice putting green has lowered to (almost) greens height. Today it is slightly above our cutting height compared to the golf course greens. The new turf has at least 8 inches of new root growth. I'm glad most of you are using it as it will begin to react more closely to what we have on the course.

To date we are at 2.5 inches of rain for the monsoon season. It's been hot and dry as most of you know, and some cooler temperatures are on the way. The long range forecast looks promising for a successful seeding season. Trust me; everyone is looking forward to it, and I'm sure all of you are as well. Last year we made it 100 degrees 3 times. This year we have had over 30. What a difference a year makes. Let's hope for a cool, not cold October.

We have a lot of new faces on the staff. This year with all that has been happening has been very challenging to say the least. Training new people takes a while, but they are catching on. Roger has done an excellent job keeping things together with the day to day process. When you see him, offer a Thank You. He deserves it.

See you on the course!

Chris Blake

Class A GCS SBR



## Tip from the Pro

### Golf Course Access

The subject of golf course access has been coming up quite a bit since COVID restrictions took away many avenues for exercise and recreation. It is understandable that many residents (especially non-golfers) would look at the green open spaces of the golf course and be attracted to them. Unfortunately, the golf course has many features that create safety issues that require extensive insurance coverage for its 108 acres of space. Insurance coverage, as all of you know, is very specific and always relates to the intended use of a particular property. In the case of the golf course, the insurance covers the use of the land for all the issues that may arise for the staff that maintain and operate the facility, the golfers that use the facility, and any outside contractor that may be called in to assist with maintenance or repair of the facility. All these forms of coverage reflect the use and care of the land as a golf facility. They do not cover the land for use as a recreation and exercise area.

What this means is that if a resident is not actively involved in golfing or care of the course they should not enter the area of the course. The course is owned and operated separately from the HOA as well, and owning a residence within the SBR HOA community does not come with automatic access to the course for recreation and exercise.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation in not entering the golf course area for any purpose other than to play golf or if you are engaged with Adopt-a-Hole and are helping care for the course.

Thank you,

Mike Jahaske PGA

Director of Golf



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## Contact Information

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

**Golf Maintenance:** 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.org](http://www.sbrmga.org)

**SBRWGA:** [www.sbrwga.com](http://www.sbrwga.com)

**SBR Ranchette Putters:** [ljsentivanac@gmail.com](mailto:ljsentivanac@gmail.com)

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

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