# The Ranch Forecaddie

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### Golf in May

May is here; and on Monday, May 3rd, we convert the course to temporary greens in anticipation of the installation of new putting surfaces! The construction crew has completed the majority of the drainage and tee project as well as moving dirt to reshape the fairway on #16. The next 4-6 weeks, they will focus on stripping the old turf, replacing the upper sand layer, and placing the sprigs. 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

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See you at the pro shop,
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. 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 5-1 to 5-31: 7:00

No Shotguns at this time

Rate Periods:

Prime: 5-1 to 5-31: 7:00 - 11:52

Midday: 12:00 - 1:52 Twilight: 2:00 - 3:22

Super Twilight: 3:30 - Sunset



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### 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 move onto the artificial turf on Monday, May 24th. During the summer we will utilize the artificial tee for one week each month to allow the natural turf to recover as much as possible from the expected heavy traffic.



Slicing of the rough and aerification of the fairways will continue throughout the summer. The extra slicing and aerification is planned due to the heavy compaction caused by COVID single rider cart traffic levels. SBR Local Rules cover this surface disturbance.

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.

### Free Monthly Golf Clinic

Due to the renovation of the practice putting and chipping greens, clinics will be suspended until October. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to starting clinics again on our new surfaces!

### 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.

This is especially important during the next several months with the renovation ongoing and while workers are busy running heavy equipment and not expecting to be in contact with residents other than golfers.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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### Golfing News cont.

#### Course Construction UPDATES

- The golf course and practice facility greens surfaces will be replaced with Mini-Verde in a process that will overlap this spring and summer. The process will take approximately 5 months to complete. Annual golfers will receive a refund of the fees for those 5 months in the sum of \$1,100.00. On Monday, May 3rd, Annuals will be suspended and may play the course with temporary greens paying a green fee. Green fees will be reduced while temporary greens are being used. Suspended annuals will pay \$10 and residents will pay \$15. Chelsea points will stay as they are. In October when the new greens are ready, all suspended annuals will be restored; and green fees will revert to posted rates.
- Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will convert to all 18 holes having temporary greens. This will last until the new greens are grown in and ready for play. We expect the greens will be ready by the first of October. This date is variable due to weather conditions.
- During the course of the summer the fairways will be aerified 2-3 times and will also be heavily top-dressed with sand.
- Once the greens have been sprigged, the construction crew will leave. Our maintenance crew will then continue
  the grow-in process and also continue restoring the fairway and rough surfaces. We hope to improve the fairways and rough areas enough to allow them to be good dormant playing surfaces this winter. Any fairways that
  are short on density will be overseeded.

#### Local Courses, Access, and Rates this Summer

#### MountainView (520-818-1100) and The Preserve (520-825-9022). Call shops up to 5 days in advance.

May 1 - 31, 2021

- \$59 Open through 10:30 a.m.
- \$47 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- \$35 1:30 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- \$23 3:00 p.m. through end of day

June 1 - Sept. 30, 2021

- \$42 Open through 10:30 a.m.
- \$34 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.
- \$27 1:30 p.m. through 3:00 p.m.
- \$19 3:00 p.m. through end of day

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## Golfing News cont.

#### Local Courses, Access, and Rates this Summer Continued

#### MountainView and The Preserve Continued

All above fees do not include golf cart fees. Golf cart fees are per player and as follows:

\$12 - 18-holes
 \$8 - 9-holes

The fees beginning at 3:00 p.m. do include the golf cart fee. All other green fees above do not include the golf cart. Single rider golf carts will be accommodated based on the number of golf carts available but are NOT guaranteed. All golfers should plan to utilize a shared golf cart.

#### Robson Ranch Eloy (520-426-3333). Call the shop up to 7 days in advance.

- SBR residents may call up to 7 days in advance.
- SBR residents receive resident rates which include tax. Suspended SBR annual residents receive a cart included, regular residents will be charged \$10 per person for the cart.

#### Oro Valley CC — SBR staff will call OVCC for resident tee times up to 3 days in advance.

- May 1 through September 30 for tee times after 11am
- Green fee with cart and range included will be \$45.

#### Omni Tucson National — SBR staff can make tee times for residents up to 5 days in advance.

May 1- September 30: \$50 all day, includes green fee, cart and range, tax not included.

#### El Conquistador - Book tee times at their web site: Elcongolf.com

May through August

- DO NOT CALL, book at ElConGolf.com, then must check in with Ranch resident identification to get special rates.
- Special rates are for anytime Monday to Thursday and after 9am on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- May \$35 plus tax including green fee, cart, and range.
- June-August \$25 plus tax including greens fee, cart, and range.

#### Nine Hole Rates after 12:00

\$17.50 plus tax in May and \$12.50 plus tax from June - August.

#### The Views - (520-825-3110). Call the shop to 6 days in advance.

- May \$45 plus tax
- June September \$35 plus tax before 10am.
  - -\$25 plus tax after 10am.

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### Tip from the Pro

#### Temporary Greens Course

Beginning this month on Monday, May 3rd, we will transfer to 18 holes of temporary greens. The temporary green locations were selected to be far enough away from the regular greens to not be affected by the irrigation heads that will be running several times each day as we grow in the new greens surfaces.

We have created a temporary course in Golf Genius for the clubs and social groups that use GG for their games. The temp course will allow for the player's current GHIN index to be used, even though no posting will be allowed for rounds played at SBR while we have 18 temporary greens. In fact, the AGA will be shutting off access to posting scores for rounds played at SBR on May 3rd as well.

The rule for using the temp greens is "two putts maximum." This means that once on the green, you will make a first putt at the hole. If not holed, the second putt is considered automatically holed. You pick up your ball and move on to the next tee.

Have fun out there!

Mike Jahaske, PGA

Director of Golf

Contact Us!

### Contact Information

Golf Maintenance: Email: sbrgolfmaintenance@gmail.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

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Greens Committee: sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com