

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in January

Finally 2021 has arrived! Let's hope that the new year will bring a reduction to the tension from the past year. We are excited to continue our progress toward improving the golf facility and look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks and months. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021!

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

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 1-1 to 1-31: 8:00

Morning Shotgun: 8:00

Afternoon Shotgun: 1:00

Rate Periods:

1-1 to 1-31: Prime 8:00 - 11:22

Midday: 11:30 - 1:22

Twilight: 1:30 - 2:52

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.

January Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to move onto the artificial turf on Monday, January 13th. During the winter months we will utilize the artificial tee for about 10-14 days each month to allow the natural turf to recover as much as possible from the expected heavy traffic.

The winter, especially during frost season, is when the staff gets most of the trimming around the perimeter of the course done. Now that we have a staff member designated for this duty, we hope to stay ahead of the ever-expanding amount of finished lots on the course.

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 Wednesday 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

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 January will cover pitching and will be held on Monday, January 25th, at 2:00pm, at the practice pitching 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.

This is especially important during the early morning while workers are busy with prepping the course and not expecting to be in contact with residents.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Golfing News cont.

Greens Re-Surfacing Postponed

Discussions were held with the Greens Committee to consider having the course greens re-surfaced due to their age and condition. Robson has given approval to re-surface the greens, but the Greens Committee felt that as so many residents are relying on the golf course for activity during COVID, it would be a bad time to close the course for 3-4 months in the summer of 2021. In lieu of re-surfacing, and also because there was discussion on whether to use min-Verde or Bent as the new turf, we decided to overseed with Bent to provide a test opportunity.

Golf with the Pro

Come join Mike and Ken for a round of golf every Wednesday at 11:00am. The tee time has room for 3 residents. Mike will play nine holes and Ken will play nine holes. This is an opportunity to golf and socialize with your pros! Although there isn't time for a playing lesson, all topics and questions are welcome. The sign up book is at the counter in the pro shop. Regular green fees apply per membership status, but no placement points are assessed. Stop in or call the pro shop and get signed up today!

Frost Delay Season

Frost Delay Season continues through March 15th, so please remember to check your Chelsea home page to see if your tee time has been delayed by frost. The information will be posted as close to 7am as possible. If your tee time is later in the morning or early afternoon, we ask that you check with the Pro Shop to see if any time has been made up.

Sand Containers

Two new large, brown sand containers have been added to the course. We now have sand containers on #1, #6, #10, and #15.

Golf Club Fitting Days

We are working on setting up club fitting days with our vendors. Look for upcoming dates to be announced in early February after the PGA Merchandise show.

Greens Committee

The Greens Committee has expanded and now has a Maintenance sub-committee and a Rules sub-committee. The Greens Committee is committed to providing communication between the resident golfer and Robson management. To contact the Greens Committee use this email: sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com

Golfing News cont.

Community Snack Shack (Ed's Dogs)

The community snack shack is now open for business; however, they are not yet making grab and go food for golfers. The cart parking and cart traffic flow is also still being sorted out. For these reasons, we ask that you enjoy Ed's Dogs BEFORE or AFTER golf, but *not* when turning to the back nine. If a group stops, they will lose their turn on the tee and will have to wait until the next opening. Our tee sheets are still very full due to COVID, and the wait could be fairly long.

Sand Containers

Additional sand containers **will be added** to the front nine at #6 tee and on the back nine to the restroom area at #15.

COVID-19 Guidelines

COVID-19 guidelines were reviewed in the last Greens Committee meeting on October 7th and were updated for opening day October 20th. The changes are listed below. No additional changes are expected at this time.

- One golfer per cart is optional and NO LONGER MANDATORY. Rental carts will no longer be complimentary and golfers will be charged for use of rental carts.
 - Rakes will be restored to the bunkers.
 - Sand bottles will be replaced on rental carts, and on-course sand containers will be filled and available.
 - Water cups will be available at the Pro Shop by the ice and water machine and in the restrooms at #15 tee.
 - Flagsticks will REMAIN IN PLACE.
 - Shotguns WILL NOT BE RESTORED at this time.
 - While some of the procedures have been relaxed, **it has been observed that golfers are becoming lax in observing the utilization of masks and/or social distancing. We are fortunate that SBR has not experienced any severe issues with COVID; but, please stay vigilant as we are not free of this issue yet!**
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Golf Maintenance News

Golf Maintenance Employee Appreciation Thank You

On behalf of the entire golf maintenance staff, I would like to thank all of you that donated to the employee appreciation holiday fund. These gestures go a long way with the crew and boosts morale and creates motivation. A special thanks go to the ladies for the amazing goodie bags!

Thank you so much,

Happy New Year!

Chris Blake

SBR Golf Course Superintendent



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Tip from the Pro

Extra! Extra! Golf Carts Devastate Course!

Back in the day when a newspaper was the prime source of news, that might have been the headline. Of course, back then they didn't have carts to worry about. It is understood that during these COVID times, allowing golfers to ride alone is a prudent option to promote social distancing. Golfers, in fact, are beginning to really enjoy it as it improves pace of play in many cases. What it doesn't improve is the damage golf carts do to turf. We are actually seeing more golfers, many of them residents, take license with the cart traffic rules. Just this week we had an annual golfer wave off a ranger when approached as to being reminded that carts are not allowed on par three holes (unless carrying a valid state handicap placard).

Driving alone is part of golf right now; but, please follow the tips below to limit the extra damage to the course during this time.

- **Stay ON THE PATH UNTIL EVEN WITH YOUR DRIVE.** Do not cut onto the turf just past the shortest tee box.
- **RETURN TO THE PATH** between long shots, or when the ball is on the green complex.
- **DO NOT** drive around the sides or backs of the greens.
- **DO NOT** drive on par three holes unless carrying a handicap placard.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Our turf condition depends upon it!

Mike Jahaske PGA

Director of Golf

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



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.

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Contact Us!