

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in June

June of 2020 is a month full of change and new processes. On June 8th the pro shop re-opens and will be selling merchandise. June 1st -June 7th we not only aerify greens, we also aerify, inject sand, and top-dress all fairways. In addition, we plan to use sod to resurface the practice putting green. Finally, we begin a new maintenance closure schedule each Wednesday to allow the crew to work more in depth on one nine at a time each week. 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



Pro Shop Schedule

Pro Shop Hours - Open 30 minutes before the first tee time and 1 hour before shotguns. Soft close at 3:00pm 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 6-1 to 6-30: 7:00

Morning Shotgun: 8:00

Afternoon Shotgun: 1:00

Rate Periods:

6-1 to 6-30: Prime 7:00 - 10:52

Midday: 11:00 - 12:52

Twilight: 1:00 - 2:22

Super Twilight: 2:30 - 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.

June Maintenance Schedule

In June, Bermuda turf is out of dormancy and actively growing so fertilizing and major cultivation practices are a large part of the activity of the maintenance crew. Work on the perimeter of the course will stop as the larger area of turf to manage becomes the dominant task.



In June and July heavy maintenance projects are scheduled, so please take a look at the maintenance schedule posted on Chelsea for a comprehensive listing of maintenance closures or restrictions.

1. A second week-long closure is scheduled from Monday July 13th through Sunday July 19th. We will again aerify the greens and aerify and inject sand into the fairways.
2. Beginning June 10th 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.

Please remember: The 2020 golf maintenance calendar was updated a few months ago; so if you haven't looked at it, please take a look! Several adjustments have been made and include the overseeding dates, aerifying process, and summer Wednesday maintenance days.

Free Monthly Golf Clinic

The clinic for June has been cancelled due to COVID-19 precautions.

Golfing News

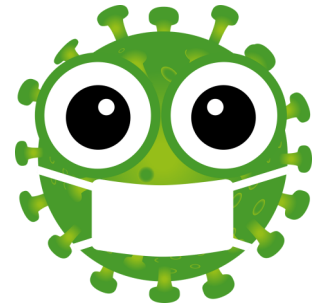
Golf Course Updates

June kicked off with a flurry of activity on the course during our first ever one week maintenance closure. Beginning the week, all greens were aerified and top-dressed, while a crew from the Dry-Ject company began aerifying and injecting sand into the fairways. As the fairways were being started, the sod company showed up to completely re-surface the putting green as well as a fresh band of rough sod around the perimeter. Aerifying the greens is something we do twice each summer; but as the fairway aerifying process is quite difficult to accomplish during play (as well as frustrating to golfers), we decided to combine the two into one operation and re-open with the work done, cleaned up, and the turf already beginning to heal and smoother. These processes for the fairways, along with the acid injection and additional topdressing, will greatly help to strengthen our fairways so they can transition better and provide better summer surfaces.

Golfing News Continued

COVID-19 Updates/Continuing Practices

1. On Monday June 8th tee time spacing will return to 7/8 minutes between groups. *It is imperative that golfers do NOT start early to maintain the safe spacing distance retained within 7/8 minute spacing!*
1. Check in will remain **at the window only** through the end of June. We will re-evaluate as to what we will do for July 1st moving forward.
2. One player per cart will remain mandatory until further notice.
3. The **shop will be open** for purchasing merchandise or customer help/service related issues with a **maximum of 5 customers** in the shop at any one time.
4. Pro shop touch surfaces will be disinfected daily.
5. We will be **accepting cash inside the shop only for merchandise purchases** as the window does not allow for that at this time.
6. We can collect prize money through the HOA card or with a credit card (with an added .25 surcharge). **No cash will be taken for prize money unless the club wishes to collect it from ALL players and have one individual bring into the shop.**
7. The cups on the greens have been returned to right side up and now have a short section of plastic piping that will still allow retrieving the ball from the cup without contact. This set up will allow the ball to be holed without bouncing out due to hitting the flagstick ferrule **eliminating the need for a special rule regarding this issue.**
8. Bunker rakes, ball washers, and benches will remain **off** the course and driving range.
9. Scorecards will be available at the pro shop counter again. Due to hoarding, the boxes on #2 and #11 will remain empty.
10. All pro shop events and clinics are cancelled through June 30th.
11. Private individual instruction will again be available starting on June 8th.



Pro Shop Sale Coming Soon!

After two months having the pro shop closed and unable to sell merchandise, we are as ready as our golfers to open up the shop and have our first sale of the summer! Sales are not easy to have during this time of social distancing due to COVID-19. We are changing the length of the sale and the discount structure so good prices and plenty of access while social distancing will be possible. In order to allow everyone plenty of time to take part in the sale we are calling our Fourth of July sale, the sale will run from July 1st through July 7th. We will not have lay-away the day before, but will allow for our standard 24-hour merchandise hold. All regular priced in-stock apparel will be 30% off, and there will also be deeper discounted items on the sale rack. All in-stock regular priced equipment will be 15% off, and there will also be deeper discounted items placed around the store.

We look forward to seeing you!

Golf Maintenance News

Golf Maintenance Agronomy Report-June

Because we are closed for the week, it makes sense for this month's topic to touch on the benefits of core aeration and other cultural practices that are necessary to provide quality turf conditions to our members and guests.

Cultural practices, or maintenance of soil and turf, are important and necessary functions in order to maintain and promote healthy and manageable turf which mean better playing conditions and consistent surfaces from tee to green. In order to have a smooth roll on greens 95% of the year, certain practices must be done 5% of the year. Greens and other surfaces will develop problems if soil, thatch and root zone management are ignored or not managed properly through routine cultural practices. One the most important cultural practices is the process of core aerification which relieves soil compaction. During the aerification process, the mechanical equipment provides small holes that improve oxygen availability to fragile roots. The availability of oxygen and the release of carbon dioxide stimulate plant growth and aid in developing a stronger and healthier root zone. Turf density will also be increased, which means there will be more plants in a given area, which vastly improves turf appearance and general quality. The benefits of aerification include a consistent playing surface and soil profile throughout the year.

The Dry-Ject crew is moving along nicely and will be finished Saturday. Again this process fractures soils, aerates amends, top-dresses lightly and rolls, all in 1 pass, which is why the process is slow. We are accomplishing 5 things with one pass of the machine. The results have been impressive. We are injecting a sand filled hole on 3 inch by 3 inch spacing at a sand distribution rate of over 10 tons per acre. When the process is finished, we will have injected over 300 tons of high quality material to all our fairways.

The greens were punched Monday-Tuesday (June 1 and 2) and are healing nicely. With the warm temperatures, I am expecting a quick recovery.

The putting green has been sodded with larger roll grass and looks great. Drainage issues have been corrected, and we will have a nice practice putting green in 3 to 4 weeks. Mike J. will publish the information as to when the green will open.

Wednesday closings begin next week and will include sodding projects and drainage improvements to our worst areas first. I'm thinking we will start with the low lying areas of 4 fairway first.

Christopher Blake, GCS
SBRGC



Ask the Pro

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This month I answer one of the questions submitted for the new "Ask the Pro" column.

Question: I have trouble topping and hitting behind the ball. My golfing friends tell me my head is coming up; but the more I try to keep it down, the worse I get. How do I keep my head from moving?

Answer: The advice to keep the head down or unmoving throughout the swing is a very common, although incorrect, tip given to those who often top or hit behind the ball. While you don't want excessive or erratic movement of the head, there should be movement of the head to allow proper motion of the body for consistent contact with the ball.

The golf swing is a movement of the torso, actuated by the legs, with the hips as the primary pivot points (versus the low back). Since you are moving from hip to hip (weight transfer) the head, being in the center of the torso, will move toward the back hip in the back swing and all the way to the forward hip in the follow through. Head motion, then, is a slight lateral and level motion on the backswing and a fairly large lateral and level motion (rising upward as well after impact) on the downswing, impact, and follow through. Any undue restriction on the natural movement of the head with torso will cause inconsistent contact as the club will not stay down with the ball past impact.

For more help learning this motion, see our options for instruction.

Send me your questions via email, and I will put one in this article for next month!

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Director of Golf

SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club



Contact Information

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

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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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