

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in February

February is here and high season is in full swing. There are many special events coming up in the next few months so keep an eye on the event calendar linked on your Chelsea home page for scheduling. We will also be in frost "season" for about another 6 weeks so check the Chelsea home page for any possible delays. Frost information will be posted as close to 7am as possible. Please also take a look at the Pro Shop Schedule section as we have made some small changes to the rate period time tables. 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 3:30pm 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 2-1 to 2-14: 7:45

2-15 to 2-29: 7:30

Morning Shotgun: 9:00

Afternoon Shotgun: 1:00

Rate Periods:

2-1 to 2-29: Prime 7:45/7:30 - 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.

February Maintenance Schedule

In February, no special maintenance is scheduled; but, it is a time when the crew will have more time to trim desert areas and maintain the border strip along resident property where it joins to the golf course due to less turf to mow. This extra time can quickly be eroded as we have a very busy course which limits how much the crew can get done while golfers are present. Also, many special events require more set up time and can also use more space on the course.



The **2020 golf maintenance calendar is now published and available to view on Chelsea**. Several adjustments have been made to the overseeding dates, aerifying process, and summer Wednesday maintenance

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 February will cover chipping and will be held on Monday, February 17th, at 2:00pm at the chipping green.**

Golfing News

Gold Tee Update

This month we will be placing the yardage stones for the Gold Tees, complete the work on the tee on #13, AND begin the construction of 4-5 more permanent tee structures. The holes earmarked for the new tee structures are #11, #12, #15, and #9 or #17. Chris will begin the work soon; so there will be some piles of soil being placed as well as workers shaping the areas. These areas will be marked GUR, and you will be entitled to free relief for lie, stance, and swing.

Cleveland/Srixon Wedge& Ball Fitting Day

The reps from Cleveland/Srixon will be here on Monday February 10th from 10am to 2pm to offer wedge, putter, and chipper fitting as well as golf ball fitting. Stop by and get ready to improve your short game!



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Golfing News Continued

Pro Shop Valentine's Sale

Coming up on Wednesday, February 12th we will have a Valentines Day Sale from 3-5pm in the pro shop. Discounts on merchandise will be decided by you selecting a valentine card and opening it to reveal your discount! Apparel discounts will range from 15% to 50%* and equipment discounts will range from 5% to 20%*. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and Valentine-themed snacks will be served. Layaway will be available starting at 7:00am that day. We hope to see you there!

*All discounts are in addition to current resident and annual discounts.



1st Tee Equipment Donation Drive February 21st

Have an old set of clubs, golf balls, a bag or other equipment packed in the corner of your garage? On **Friday, February 21st, from 8am to 11am** the 1st Tee of Tucson will be accepting your donation in the parking lot outside the SBR pro shop. Donations are tax deductible and donating this equipment is a great way to support the youth development mission of the First Tee of Tucson. Your generosity will ensure that no child gets turned away for financial reasons and you can feel great knowing you're helping Tucson youth develop critical life skills and learn how to play the game of golf.

For questions regarding a donation or the First Tee of Tucson contact Paul Knott at kpaulknott@gmail.com

Artificial Turf Range Tee

We will be using the artificial turf tee on the range periodically to allow the natural turf time to heal. Besides giving us a good surface to hit off while the natural turf is healing, it also allows for warm up with out being affected by frost.

One issue that does arise, however, is what to do for teeing the ball up when hitting the driver or fairway woods. The artificial turf will hold a tee up, but only has a depth of about one inch, so the typical 2-3/4" tee is too long. Some players are causing safety issues for themselves and others by moving up onto the natural turf as there is a potential to hit the brick pavers that surround the artificial turf or by moving too far forward and putting themselves and others in reach of mishit shots.

To solve this problem we sell 1-1/2" tees in the pro shop. They work quite well and create the perfect teeing height for drivers!

Golfing News Continued

Dormant Fairway Questionnaire

This winter we are testing and promoting the dormant fairway option to improve summer turf conditions in the fairway. A questionnaire was created to help evaluate how the golfer perceives the aesthetics and playability of the dormant painted fairway. Questionnaires are available on the resident Chelsea home page and in the pro shop. We encourage you to fill out the questionnaire multiple times throughout the next 12 months as we move through the seasons and you experience this evolving concept. Your feedback will be an important part of the data we gather to access the process going forward.

We have only received ONE so far!! Please take this opportunity to participate in this important process!

Golf Course Tree Placement

If you see tall orange stakes on holes #7 and #18, they are potential locations for planting trees. The trees would be used to help guide the golfer to play the hole as designed. The golf operation, greens committee, and local homeowners (those that live on #7 and #18 and are affected by the potential locations of new trees) are working together to evaluate these placements. Some golfers have commented on the placement with concern that they may have to play the hole differently and that the hole may become more difficult to play. I would ask everyone to consider different choices in club or tee box before evaluating the changes proposed. Our hope is to enhance the enjoyment of the course as well as help direct shots toward the center of the golf hole lowering the potential for golf balls ending up in home sites.

Golf Maintenance News

Coming up next month I will provide an update on golf course projects .

See you out on the course!

Christopher Blake, GCS

SBR Golf Club



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Golf Tip of the Month

The Science of Ball Mark Repair

The title of this article either peaked your interest or caused you to quickly move on. Talking about ball marks is usually relegated to finger pointing about who made them but didn't fix them. This article is more for those who already make the effort to fix their ball mark (and hopefully one extra!).

If you are making the effort to repair ball marks, it is important to do it in a fashion that is both lasting and allows the turf to remain in a level healthy state.

The biggest mistake made when repairing ball marks is to lift the turf upwards. This creates an unsupported pocket under the area and also tears the roots of the turf. The results are a ball mark that sinks back down after a night's watering and a dead patch of turf where the ball mark was.

To fix a ball mark and avoid this scenario, repair the area in this fashion:

1. Working from the **OUTSIDE** edge using a tee or ball mark repair tool: **PUSH DOWN** and **IN** towards the center.
2. Continue around the outside of the ball mark, pushing the "outer rim of the crater" **DOWN** and **IN**.
3. Finish by lightly tapping the area with the bottom of your putter .

Remember to repair your ball mark and one other on every green!

Mike Jahaske, PGA



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

SBRWGA: www.sbrwga.com

SBR Ranchette Putterers: <https://ranchetteputters.wordpress.com>

Greens Committee: sbrgreencommittee@gmail.com

Contact Us!
