

# The Ranch Forecaddie

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## Golf in February

February arrives with the promise of warmer weather on the horizon. Thus far, we have had a warm winter, which was a perfect follow-up to the wet summer we experienced while replacing the greens. The greens are beginning to soften, so don't forget to repair ball marks. Also, please do your best to reduce the time your cart is on the turf, to control turf damage for better conditions for all. 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.

Spring is near!

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. The pro shop closes at 3:00pm. Pro shop staff will carry the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196) until 5:30.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 2-1 to 2-14: 7:45am

First tee time 2-15 to 2-28: 7:30

Last tee time 2-1 to 2-28: 4:30pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

2-1 to 2-14: Prime 7:45 - 11:52

2-15 to 2-28: Prime 7:30 - 11:52

Midday 12:00 - 1:52

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Twilight 2:00 - 3:22

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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.

### February Maintenance Schedule

The **driving range tee** is planned to be on the artificial turf for one week beginning Monday, February 21st. The natural turf will be rested one week per month, except in December and January when it will be rested for two weeks in those months due to the slowing of the growth rate of the rye overseed.



Every 3-4 weeks, November through March, we will delay tee times one hour on a Monday and Wednesday to allow the staff to paint the greens and fairways.

**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.

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## 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 putting and will be held on Monday, February 21st, at 2:00pm at the practice putting green.

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## 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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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## Golfing News Cont.

### Cart Rule Extended

Cart sharing will remain optional through February and will be reviewed again as we head into March when the outlook on COVID 19 is again quantified. We do request that golfers consider sharing a cart whenever comfortable to help in reducing the wear and tear on the turf during this busy golf season.

### Valentine's Week Sale

The Pro Shop's Valentine's *week* sale is Thursday, February 10th to Wednesday, February 16th. **Discounts of 15% to 80%!**

Golf Course Ball Washers will not be replaced on the course at this time per corporate decision.

### Tee Sheet Changes Initiated in January

We have noticed some confusion regarding the public booking changes so are posting them again. The information in RED in #1 and #3 has been the most commonly misunderstood.

Begun on Monday, January 3rd, significant changes began regarding tee sheet set up for public access. In a nutshell, due to the increasing volume of resident play, public access will be **greatly** reduced, allowing more space for resident booking. The changes are as follows:

1. All **pre-blocked** public access booking slots will be eliminated. Public access will begin **after placement of residents onto the tee sheet. Any tee times left open after placement may be utilized for public play.**
2. **Public access booking** (including barter times) **will begin at 4 days ahead** of play **instead of 5 days** ahead of play. Since residents are placed 6 days ahead of play, this will allow residents to adjust their booking or to add a booking for 24 hours before the public has access to the tee sheet.
3. As initiated since the fall of 2020, **no outings will booked before 12:00.**

### Practice Putting Green Bumpers

As the cold weather sets in and our Bermuda turf goes fully dormant, it will be important to reduce the number of cups on the practice putting green. This practice will reduce the amount of old cups plugs evident on the dormant surface. Begun on Wednesday, January 20, the putting green has 9 cups **as well as nine bumpers 7 days a week due to the high volume use of the practice putting green.** In late March or early April, when the weather begins to warm and the turf comes out of dormancy, we will be able to restore the green to 18 cups.

### Saturday 9:00am Shotgun Trial Period

On January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5, the Saturday shotgun will begin at 9:00am as a trial for winter. Tee times will begin at 8:00. The shotgun will be limited to 96 players, **(February 5th is limited to 92 players due to tee times moving earlier)** in order to facilitate the tee times ahead of and following the shotgun. After the trial period and evaluation, the decision to either remain at 9:00 with a maximum of 96 players, or go back to an unlimited 8:00 shotgun will be made, in conjunction with the Greens Commit-

## Golf Maintenance News

### February Course Update

#### Poa annua/Annual Bluegrass on the Greens

We treated the greens for Poa annua on December 13th. Overall, I'm very pleased with the application and think we have had great results. On the day of the application, there was a slight breeze from the west, so some of the easterly edges of the greens did not receive the application so as to avoid spray drift onto the collars. The products we used to control the Poa will also kill the ryegrass in the collars so we needed to be cautious. We retreated the edges of the greens, and some of the isolated areas on the east sides of them on January 24th and 26th. I expect in the next 3-4 weeks we should see the Poa in those areas begin to die, and hopefully we'll be done treating Poa until next winter.

#### Projects around the Course

We are continuing to clean around the rough/desert edges. This will help improve sight lines around the course, and hopefully improve pace of play by making it easier to find your ball. We are removing Desert Broom, Salt Cedars/Tamarisk, tumble weeds, salt bushes, volunteer mesquites and Acacia trees. We currently on 13 and will continue going forward until we finish on 18.

We are also continuing with the edging and cleaning around the tees boxes. Although this does improve the esthetics of the course, it also helps us fine tune the irrigation around the tees in an effort to reduce water usage on the course.

In addition to defining our tee boxes, in February, we will be hiring an outside contractor to help us define the turf/desert edges around the roughs. This will serve the same purpose as the tees. Not only will it help clean up the turf edges, it will also allow us to adjust the irrigation so we only irrigate inside our turf line in our effort to conserve water.

Please let me know if there are any questions,

Aaron Thomas

SBR Golf Course Superintendent



## Tip from the Pro

### Care for the Course

This winter, Aaron and his staff have done a great job of keeping the dormant turf very playable, as close to the playability of active growing turf as possible. This bodes well for the rest of the year, when the turf is actively growing and the transition from overseeding we normally experience, and its related problems, is greatly reduced, possibly even eliminated. As golfers, we should do our best to support the efforts of our maintenance crew; it is considered part of golf etiquette and the responsibility for all of those that use our course. The tasks are simple, yet can have far reaching affects on course condition. Please do your part, as often as possible to:

1. Fill divots with sand (yours and one more).
2. Repair ball marks on the putting green (yours and one more).
3. Limit the time your cart is on the turf, as carts are the biggest cause of turf damage.

Thanks in advance for your efforts. Enjoy your time out on the course!

Mike Jahaske, SBR Director of Golf



## Contact Information

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

**Golf Maintenance:** **Email:** aaron.thomas@robson.com

**Phone:** 520-600-8797

**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](http://www.sbrmga.com)

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