

The Ranch Forecaddie

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Golf in January

January is here, and with it, a brand new year! We hope that 2022 is a year of good health for all! We are about to begin the busiest time of the golf season with a fully dormant course and the highest amount of resident golfers we have yet had. 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.

Happy New Year!

Mike Jahaske, PGA

Director of Golf

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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 5:00.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time 1-1 to 1-31: 8:00am

Last tee time 1-1 to 1-31: 4:00pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

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

Midday 11:30 - 1:22

Twilight 1:30 - 3:00

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 be on the artificial turf for two weeks beginning Monday, January 17. 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.

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 putting and will be held on Monday, January 24th at 2:00pm at the practice putting 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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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.

Tee Sheet Changes Coming in January

Starting Monday, January 3rd, significant changes will begin 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 *until after placement of residents onto the tee sheet.*
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.*

2022 Golf Rates

The 2022 golf rates are now available, viewable, and printable on your Chelsea home page. Copies are also available in the pro shop. Annuals and playcards for 2022 became available for purchase at the pro shop beginning Monday, December 6.

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. By reducing the cups, we can reduce wear and tear by being able to move the holes farther apart. Starting Wednesday, December 29th, the putting green will have 9 cups to putt to. On Wednesday mornings, during the Putter's weekly event, nine additional bumper style flagsticks will be used to allow for a full 18 hole effect. The bumpers will be removed after their Wednesday morning event. 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, and 29, 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 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 Committee.

Golf Maintenance News

Upcoming changes for the Putting Green, Chipping Green, and Tee Boxes

With the onset of winter weather, the ongoing theme of wear and recovery becomes critical for the practice greens. We are going to implement the use of "bumper pins" for the next couple months, until the greens start actively growing again. The bumper pins do not go into a traditional cup in the ground, instead they have a stake that goes into the greens surface, and have a round bumper to putt at.

The purpose of the bumper pins is so that we do not have to cut as many cups in the practice greens on a weekly basis. When it's cold, the recuperation of the old cups/plugs almost come to a stop. If we continue cutting as many cups, the greens will soon be covered with visible old plugs, and the putting quality of the green will be greatly reduced. The use of the bumpers will ultimately provide a better putting/chipping surface over the next couple of months.

Chipping Green

We will be removing the two flag sticks and cups, and replacing them with four bumper pins. This will provide more pins to aim at when multiple people are using the chipping green.

Putting Green

We will be removing nine of the pins and cups from putting green. These will not be replaced with bumpers except on Wednesdays while the Putters are having their weekly event. We will return to eighteen pins once the weather warms back up.

Tee Box Clean Up and Edging

We are beginning to edge and define the perimeters of the tee boxes. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (non-association days), we may move some of the back tee markers to the forward tees, so that we can continue with our work and not have to stop every time play comes to the tee box. This will only occur on one hole at time.

Cart Traffic Reminder

Please follow the 90 degree cart path rule and observe the two holes selected for cart path only each week to help us keep the course turf in good condition!

Happy New Year everyone!

Aaron Thomas

SBR Golf Course Superintendent



Tip from the Pro

Coming Up in 2022

The New Year is here, and I would like to share some of the activities we plan to bring to you in 2022.

Rules Seminars

January 19—10am in the Sol Ballroom: How to properly drop the ball.

March 16—10am in the Sol Ballroom: TBD

May 4—10am in the Sol Ballroom: TBD

Get Golf Ready

Get Golf Ready classes for new or returning golfers will again be offered this coming February. GGR classes will consist of 5 small group (class size maximum of 12) lessons at a cost of \$99! Sign up will be announced in the February Forecaddie.

Golf with the Pro

Golf with the Pro will resume Wednesday, February 2nd. The sign-up will be available in the Pro Shop. The tee time will be 11:00 and will include 9 holes with Mike and 9 holes with Ken. Applicable green fees will be waived.

Happy New Year!

Mike Jahaske, SBR Director of Golf

Contact Information

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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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