

The Ranch Forecaddie

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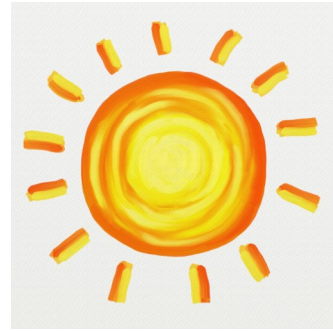
June 2023

Golf in June

May begins with hot temperatures after a very short spring. As we move into the hotter weather, don't forget to take extra hydration with you to the golf course. Pay special attention to hydration options that offer replacement minerals, as water alone is not enough! We stock Gatorade and a no-sugar electrolyte option called LMNT for those watching their sugar intake. 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.

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. The pro shop closes at 4:00pm. Pro shop staff will carry the pro shop cell phone (520-561-1196) until 6:00.

Staff is available until one hour before sunset.

First tee time: 5-1 to 5-31: 7:00am

Last tee time: 5-1 to 5-31: 6:00pm

Shotguns: 8:00/1:00

Rate Periods:

5-1 to 5-31: Prime 7:00 - 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.

June Maintenance Schedule

We will continue closing one hole per nine to cart traffic to help maintain the quality of the turf. We will also continue our program of resting the natural turf 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, and the heavy use of the driving range.

The Bermuda turf is up and in full growth mode. Please support our maintenance staff by filling divots with sand and repairing ball marks on the green. Cart traffic is highly damaging to the turf, so please limit time on the turf as much as possible.

During May the crew will be spending more time on the course mowing, as all the turf, including the rough, will be actively growing. Please be patient if you encounter them. Heavy mow days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

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. Our golf clinics are great for learning a new skill or brushing up a skill that needs some work.

The next clinic will cover putting and will be held on Monday, June 19th at 9:00 am at the putting green. Please see your Chelsea home page event calendar for the full clinic schedule.

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!

Eliminate Potential for Cup Damage

When using a "ball grabber" attached to the end of a putter to extract a ball from the cup, please remove the flagstick first to eliminate the potential for damage to the edge of the turf surrounding the cup. Thank you.

Golfing News Cont.

Cart Rules

The following rules shall apply to all types of golf carts, both rental and privately-owned:

- DRIVE ON CART PATH until even with ball, then enter turf at 90° when gates are not present.
- SCATTER ACROSS TURF until ball is on green.
- EXIT TURF at 90° to cart path.
- REMAIN ON CART PATH on all Par-3 holes.
- STAY 25 FEET from tees and greens.
- DO NOT DRIVE around sides or back of greens.
- DO NOT DRIVE in the desert.
- DO NOT ENTER private resident property to retrieve golf balls.

Ball Marks

Our greens have been in service for almost 18 months now. Aaron and his crew are doing a great job keeping them smooth and fast. To do our part as golfers, we should make every effort to keep ball marks repaired! Ball marks that are repaired immediately heal faster and create less surface disruption resulting in a smooth green. Let's do our part to keep the greens looking good! Please remember to stay in the habit of finding and repairing ball marks on the greens to help keep them rolling smoothly.

Pace of Play

Please follow these simple tips to improve pace of play without having to rush around the course:

1. Be prepared to play your shot while waiting for others to hit, so you can play immediately without delay. This includes shots played while on the putting green.
2. Clean and replace your club in the bag; and record your score, at the next tee, not at the green.
3. Hit a provisional ball when appropriate, and limit searches for lost balls to 3 minutes. Players in the group that can hit safely should do so; while those that can't, should help search.
4. Limit socializing to periods when you are prepared to hit and there is a wait to safely hit.

Have fun on the course, and keep your play efficient, so all can experience an enjoyable pace of play!

Cart Damage to the Course

Without question, cart traffic is the number one cause of damage to the turf on the course. Please do your best to limit the time your cart is on the turf. One easy way to do that is by staying on the cart path until even with your drive. This simple tip can reduce wear and tear exponentially because entering the turf area early is the most common mistake made by golfers in terms of course damage.

Rules Question of the Month

Q: What can I do if, when dropping a ball for taking relief from a red penalty area, the ball keeps rolling outside of the relief area?

A: After dropping the ball twice, place the ball on the spot the ball landed when being dropped. If the ball will not stay after two attempts, the player must place the ball on the nearest spot where the ball will stay at rest. This may result in the ball be placed outside of the relief area; however this location must not be closer to the hole and must also be in the same area of the golf course, i.e. the General Area. See Rule 14.2e and 14.3c(2).

Golf Maintenance News

June Maintenance Plans

June 5th - 11th is our 1st closure for aerification and everyone wonders what we do during this week so here's a basic out line of our plans.

Greens -

- Verti-cut - to reduce grain.
- Heavy Topdress - fill in aerification holes and smooth surface.
- Deep solid tine - aerification to create channels through greens profile.
- Pull cores using .4" inner diameter tines - thatch reduction.
- Clean of cores.
- Apply fertilizers.
- Heavy / deep watering in to help flush salt and bi-carbonate accumulation in greens profile.



Golf Maintenance News Cont.

Fairways -

- Shock wave - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcVAnBefJKY> - this a "linear" decompactor.
- Spring rake - this will be done to reduce the puffiness and grain in the fairways and remove thatch. This process will seem aggressive but recovery will occurs within a few weeks.
- Scalp - after we spring rake the fairways we'll "scalp" all the excess grass that has been stood up, again reducing the puffiness and graininess of the fairways.
- Cleanup - excessive clippings.
- Topdress - level surface and dilute thatch accumulation. This will aid in water infiltration and help firm the fairway surface.

Roughs -

- Deep solid tin aerification - reduce compaction
- Core aerification - reduce thatch and improve water infiltration.
- Remove cores form surface
- Collars - core aeration with .5" tines - reduce compaction and thatch.

Tees - Spring rake tops - same as fairways - this will be done to reduce the puffiness and grain in the tee top and remove thatch. This process will seem aggressive but recovery will occurs within a few weeks.

Drainage - We will also begin working on drainage projects around the course, this will be on ongoing summer project of ours.

Thanks,

Aaron Thomas

Golf Course Superintendent.



Tip from the Pro

Chelsea Resident Home Page Golf Information

Over the years, resident golfers have requested many sources of information regarding the golf facility be made available in convenient access. The Chelsea resident home page became the landing point for this access. As a reminder, here is a list of many of the items to be found by simply scrolling down the home page.

- Frost/Course Condition Information
- Golf Course Maintenance Closure Schedule
- Event Schedule
- Rate Sheet and Application for Annuals and Playcards
- Golf Course Local Rules
- Greens Committee Minutes
- Chelsea User Guide



Check it out and let us know what you think!

Mike Jahaske PGA, 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

SBRWGA: www.sbrwga.com

SBR Ranchette Putters: susanamorrill52@yahoo.com

Greens Committee: SBRGreens@gmail.com

Contact Us!