

**Sun City Oro Valley
The Views Golf Club**

**The Greens Reconstruction Project,
The Driving Range Tee Project, and
Chipping Area Work**

Introduction

This overview of the Greens Reconstruction Project is provided for your information. Also included in this overview is work scheduled for the Driving Range Tee and the Chipping Area. It is hoped that this overview will answer many of your questions and contribute to your understanding of what is happening as these projects proceed this summer.

Beginning in late March the grasses on the greens and the areas of disturbance will be killed by two sprayings. This is done so that when this soil is reutilized on other areas the invasive species of grasses are not distributed to those areas.

Play on the temporary greens will begin on April 20th!

The contractor, Pro Turf International, is scheduled to mobilize the week of April 13th, 2020, and start construction the week of April 20th, 2020. The scheduled completion of construction is July 15th, 2020. The contractor plans on working six days a week, ten hours a day. Work may start as early as 6 am.

The contractor's project manager said that the nature of the work lends itself to "social distancing". The work is outdoors, and individual employees will be spread out across several greens at a time. The tasks for each green will be performed and when completed, the worker(s) performing that task will move on to the next green. Therefore, the project team is comfortable that reasonable steps will be taken to protect all involved from the COVID virus.

The final elements of construction will be the sprigging of grass on the greens and the sodding of the surrounds that were disturbed during construction.

Following the completion of construction, it will be time to grow grass!

Once the grass has grown to a point, Course Maintenance has arranged for "walking mowers" for the initial mowings. This will allow the grass to grow with less disruption than would be caused by the larger riding mowers.

There is no established date on which play will begin on the new greens. The date is dependent upon growing conditions.

It is our intention to provide to the residents of Sun City Oro Valley weekly updates on the progress of the construction. We will be including pictures from time to time.

The Process of Green Reconstruction

What follows is a summary of the activities that will occur for the nineteen (19) greens on the golf course. The greens will not be reconstructed in the same sequence as we play golf. Rather they will be performed in a sequence determined by the contractor such that the deployment and utilization of resources is the most efficient and cost effective.

Construction activity will result in some holes being closed to play for short periods as safety precaution for players, walkers, and the contractor. Your understanding is appreciated.

During construction and when we are growing grass it will be important that all players and walkers stay outside of the "Area of Disturbance". This is for your safety and the success of the project.

Michael Kropf and his crew will be very busy during this time as they perform course maintenance activities. In addition, the maintenance staff will be preparing the construction areas (this has already begun), and generally ensuring that the contractor is performing as required. Please keep your phone calls to Michael at a minimum.

Howard Schulz (217-825-5093 or howardschulzscov@gmail.com) and Tim Kelley (734-645-8199 or tkelleyscov@gmail.com) are members of the Green Reconstruction Project Committee. At least one of them will be on the course daily to observe the progress of the work. Weekly updates providing progress details and what is planned for the next week of construction. If you have questions or concerns, please address one of them.

Mike Gogel, the golf course architect, will also be on the course several times per week depending upon the scheduled activities.

Please allow the contractor to do his work. Please do not ask them questions. REMEMBER, YOUR QUESTIONS MAY EXTEND THE COMPLETION DATE OF THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT!

Mobilization, Site Preparation, and Erosion Control

Following contractor mobilization, site preparation, staking the areas of construction and the installation of erosion control to protect existing drainage swales into the desert will be performed.

Clearing and demolition will follow. This includes the removal of the existing sod and reshaping in some areas.

Green Excavation

The greens will be “cored out” or dug out to a depth of 10” to 12”. The greens will be expanded out to their original boundaries, toward the irrigation lines and sprinkler heads. No soil will be hauled away from the golf course. Soils will be used to improve the surrounds of the greens to soften slopes, raise the bottom of grass bunkers, and generally make the course more playable. The design will improve the maintainability of the course and safety for maintenance operations.

Some holes will require some more reshaping than others. These holes are #2, #11, #15, #18, and the Practice Green (PG).

Some existing bunkers will be removed, and general shaping of new bunkers will also be completed.

If existing irrigation heads need to be removed, they will be salvaged for re-installation towards the end of the grading process.

There will be a temporary cart path between #2 temporary green and the #3 tee box.

Drainage and Construction

Once the greens are cored out, the installation of the drainage system occurs. This will involve the installation of a flat drainage pipe system that will radiate across the total area of the green. This system will tie into round pipes that will carry the water away from the greens.

The flat drain system will be covered with a sand and organic mixture. The green will then be contoured in accordance with the project grading plans.

Some bunkers will also be constructed in this phase of the project and will include new bunker liner and drainage systems.

Irrigation

The greens will be expanded back to their original boundaries, just inside the irrigation system and sprinkler heads. The contractor is responsible for raising or lowering existing sprinkler heads to be level with the newly established grade and restoring any irrigation that is damaged or disturbed during construction.

For the 5 of the new greens, the contractor will be reinstalling sprinkler heads and piping to serve the new greens.

Concrete & Stone Work

On some holes the newly installed drainage system will cross an existing cart path. In these locations the path will be saw cut and then restored by the contractor.

Likewise, some existing stone work for erosion control into the washes will be disturbed by the installation of new drainage. The contractor is responsible for replacing, restoring the stone work as well.

Finishing and Grassing

The overall construction process is disruptive, and it will be necessary to partially reshape greens, surrounds, and place excavated soils. This finishing also includes planting sprigs and sod.

The greens will be “sprigged” with Tiff Eagle.

Fairway and rough will be 419 Bermuda Loam Based Sod.

Driving Range Tee

The driving range tee, while not part of the original project, will be leveled and expanded by the same contractor that is doing the greens project. Having the same contractor do this work will be at a reduced cost verses having a different contractor mobilize and do this work later.

This project includes re-establishing, leveling the turf of the driving range tee and expanding it. This will provide additional square footage to accommodate the growth of grass during periods of extended use. Over 1 million practice golf balls were hit on the range last year.

The driving range tee will be extended back towards the putting green. This requires the relocation of cart paths from between the range and the putting green. Other modifications will be made to cart paths in this area.

The irrigations system for the driving range will be improved such that smaller areas of the range can be irrigated at opportune times. This design will provide for improved turf management by maintenance staff.

The driving range will be closed for construction. You will be able to hit practice balls from the grass in front of the existing range. This temporary driving range tee will be “irons only” as the distance to the houses at the end of the range will be reduced.

Chipping Area Work

This work will be undertaken by course maintenance staff as part of their summer workload. As a result, access to the chipping area will be closed when this work is being performed.

The construction contractor will place soils removed from some of the greens in the chipping area. Course maintenance staff will grade the soil, place bunkers and greens, and seed and sand as required.

This will result in improved greens and bunkers in the practice area. Additionally, the raised chipping area and bunkers will not be affected by rain events as it has been in the past.