



***AUGUST 2020***

## **Message from the Director of Golf**

***Rick Price, PGA***

The greens reconstruction and driving range tee is now complete, and the short-game area will be done in the next few weeks. We want to remind everyone how critical this time of the project is for the newly sodded areas. Please do not drive or walk on these areas, and please do not disrupt the new putting greens.

With the greens re-construction project complete, the plan is to open play on the new greens by September 14. Over-seeding is right around the corner with the golf course scheduled to close September 21 - October 11. The Pro Shop will be open with limited hours during overseeding, as the driving range will be open. On Monday, October 12 we will reopen and will be cart path only for two weeks.

There has never been a better time to be a member! We are excited about the latest changes to the golf course and look forward to you joining us for the 2020-21 season.

All current annual golf members who renew their membership for the 2020-2021 season will lock in their same rate as 2019-2020 (excluding Corporate Memberships). When renewing your annual membership, you may purchase it online through our website or in the Pro Shop.

If you are a first-time annual golf member and you purchase after July 15, we will prorate

your membership. All new members must purchase directly through the Pro Shop.

You can pay by credit card or check. If you pay by credit card, we suggest you keep your card on file in our system to allow you to charge directly to your credit card for any future incidentals charges.

I would like to apologize for some issues we have had with our online reservation system lately. We have been diligently working with the company that provides our reservation system to solve these issues. We had another update this week that will resolve most if not all of the problems. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I want to thank you for your patience in this matter and promise that it will be resolved as soon as possible.

We thank you for supporting us during this time of COVID-19 and the greens reconstruction project. If you have not played the new "short course" on temporary greens, try it, as it is a lot of fun.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and be safe!

## Updated News

Golf daily rates are 25% off our advertised prices for residents and public play through August. These rates do not apply to any membership plans.

2020-2021 Daily Rate Fees - [CLICK HERE](#)

2020-2021 Membership Plans - [CLICK HERE](#)

Hydration is extremely important during the summer heat. Let's be prepared for thunderstorms, possible flash floods, and lightning. It's official "Monsoon Season" in Southern Arizona, which means we need to be careful.

Be sure to follow the following suggestions to keep yourself safe while heading out on the course during the monsoon season. Check the forecast and check it often. Download a reliable radar app, seek shelter immediately if you're not able to get off the golf course in time. Don't worry if you can't finish your round; we are happy to give you a rain check "credit" to complete your round another time. The important thing is to be safe and use your best judgment when the weather is questionable.

### **Pro Shop Status**

The Pro Shop is open. We are requiring masks inside the shop to ensure the safety of all our members, residents, guests and staff. The check-in process will continue as follows, a tee host/concierge will be stationed outside of the pro shop that will check you in. If it's necessary to come into the Pro Shop, we will allow up to two people at a time. However, a mask will be required. All carts will continue to be sanitized and the key will be in the cart. The player assistant will be on the tenth tee to get everyone started.

We have some merchandise offered up to 50% off and ask about even large discounts on any sun damaged items from our out door sale. We have some good variety of golf shorts for men, along with golf skorts and shorts for ladies. As a reminder, a sales are final. We hope to see you all out playing and shopping soon, and we thank you for your continued support during this time!

### **Tee Time Reservations**

Thank you for showing up and being ready to tee off a minimum of 10 minutes before your scheduled tee time. The early arrival to your tee time also helps to keep on schedule throughout the day, which also leads to a good pace of play. This will help ensure that tee times stay on schedule and we can all have an enjoyable day on the course.

Thank you again for your help checking in early to allow us to run the tee on time and if for some reason you can not make your tee time please call or cancel online.

### **Practice Facilities & Driving Range Tee**

**DRIVING RANGE** - The tee has been completed and sodded. The artificial tee line on the back of range will be installed the first week of August and if everything goes as scheduled will be available to hit off of in the next couple weeks. The newly sodded area on the driving range tee will not open until later in August or September.

**NOTE:** Please help us by staying off all the newly sodded areas on the driving range tee and around the putting green. Thank you for your cooperation.

**PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN** - We are excited about the putting green and the fact it is twice the size of the original practice green. It will not be available until approximately September 14 for use.

**SHORT GAME CHIPPING AREA** - The new short game area with two practice chipping greens and practice bunker is located between the 1st tee and 9th green at the bottom of

the hill. This entire area will be sprigged in this month and will not be available until after overseeding. We will keep you updated on the progress. As a reminder the short game practice area will not be overseeding this year.

### **HOLE IN ONES**

Richard Flax - July 4 Hole #3 100 yards - Gap Wedge

Terry Devalk - July 7 Hole #3 95 yards - Pitching Wedge

Juanita Fischer - July 8 Hole #12 104 yards - Pitching Wedge

Steve Petshe - July 8 Hole #1 140 yards - 6 Iron

## **Lesson Tee**

### **How to Read Putting Greens**

The anticipation of putting on the new greens is exciting as we have all been patiently waiting for the past four months, and we are now only a month or so away.

I felt this would be an excellent time to talk about how to read greens. Have you ever heard someone, or have you said, "I didn't think it was going to break that way," as your ball misses the hole by a foot? But if you are like many, understanding the exact contour of a green can be difficult. There are many different techniques out there to help sharpen your skills on the greens, and I have a few tips that may help you. Although, this may help as well. The plan is to have green books created to help you with the slopes in the new greens. We will let you know when they are available for sale.

1. Pay close attention as you approach the putting surface. It can be easier to see how the green slopes and if there is a noticeable break, look for a high point and a low point. You should notice the overall configuration of the green until you finally step up to your ball.
2. Greens are designed to drain water, meaning they have low points to which the water runs. If you can identify those areas, you will have a much better chance of reading the break of the green. These breaks can be very subtle as we are only talking about a 1-3% grade difference.
3. One of the most important things you need to determine is the proper pace you need to roll the ball the right distance. Is your putt uphill or downhill? Our eyes can judge distance well but may not always catch uphill and downhill slopes. Walking the putt to feel the

slope in your feet can help you to determine proper speed.

4. When trying to determine how the ball will move on a side slope, Look at the general area, rather than just the line. In other words, if you study several feet on one side of the line versus several feet on the other, the tilt of the green becomes more apparent — and, of course, you should always aim for the higher side.

5. If all else fails, watch your playing partners, and see how their putts react. You can learn a lot about what your ball will do, even if it is not on the exact line or the same side of the green.

## Upcoming Events

All shotgun events currently through the month of September have been canceled due to COVID-19. However, the 18 hole men's and women's associations will have starting times blocked for casual fun events. Please check out the website for more information.

Golf and COVID-19: Latest news on course operations

How to play golf safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many medical experts believe that golf is one of the safest activities you can participate in during the current outbreak as long as you take proper precautions. These include social distancing with the other golfers at the course and in your group, not sharing a golf cart unless it is with an immediate family member you live with, not shaking hands after the round and not socializing in the clubhouse afterwards.

We are currently still in Phase 1 of three Phases. We will keep you up to date as things progress.

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