



TEE to GREEN

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Message from the Director of Golf

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The greens reconstruction, driving range, and short-game area projects will be completed at the end of this month. We want to remind everyone how critical this time of the project is to achieve our goal. Even though most of the construction and contractors are gone, it is essential to keep everyone safe and the golf course. Please stay clear of all newly sodded areas and do not walk on or disrupt the new putting greens for any reason. As we are finishing up this project, we would like to remind everybody to continue to give the contractors and maintenance staff the right of way and priority as they move equipment and materials to finish their job promptly.

Our fiscal year begins July 1 with membership renewals, and 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.

We have received some questions regarding changes in our tee time reservations for previously blocked groups and 9-Hole memberships. Let me explain to clear up any questions:

Since the start of the COVID-19 in March, we have no longer been offering reserved blocks of starting times for private specialty groups. Moving forward, blocked tee times will only be available for the Men's & Women's 9 - & 18-hole groups or tournament events starting in the fall. In no way are we trying to break up group play, and I understand the importance and camaraderie of these private groups. However, we encourage you to continue in a slightly different manner. Through the tee time reservation system, you may reserve up to twelve players under the Group Reservation button in your profile, starting at 6:00 AM nine or eight days in advance. If you have more than twelve players, it will require someone else in your group to reserve the balance of starting times.

The reason for the operational change regarding the groups is that the numbers have increased to over 40 different types of groups to manage, making it increasingly complicated to manage all requests. The blocked groups dominate most of the tee sheet, not allowing other 9- & 18-hole members and residents an opportunity to book a starting time. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to justify reserving blocks for some and not others. When we first started the process of the blocked groups with the new tee time reservation system two and a half years ago, we had half the number of groups and were doing less than 40,000 rounds of golf. We are now doing over 60,000 rounds a year.

Since these group times are no longer available in reserved blocks, the tee time reservations have reverted to the way it was in previous years. However, instead of eight days for 18-hole members and seven days for 9-hole members, it will now be nine days and eight days. The operational decision to change 9-hole memberships to 8 days in bookings instead of 9 days was to maximize the number of 18-hole rounds and 9-hole rounds.

18-Hole membership – 9 days in advance

9-Hole membership – 8 days in advance

10-Play Smart Card – 8 days in advance

Residents – 7 days in advance

General Public – 6 days in advance
Anniversary membership – 3 days in advance

To understand this decision, please see the [attached history](#) for 9 & 18-hole booking tee time reservations. Also, you will notice in the attachment that 9-hole members were not permitted to play before 1:00 PM on Fridays, and tee times were not blocked explicitly for 9-hole players. Those restrictions have been removed, and we now specifically block tee times for 9-hole players in the morning on the opposite starting tee on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (league play), Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

In no way will it impact the booking for the 9-Hole members because those times would have already been blocked for the private groups.

We are thankful that we have been able to remain open during construction as a par 68 starting on hole #10 — the maximum distance of approximately 5,000 yards.

However, holes may be adjusted according to the needs during construction. On those days we will give you as much notice as possible. Look for notes on the tee sheet when booking a starting time for what's happening that day if you have not already been notified.

We thank you for supporting us during this time with 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 September 4, 2020. These rates do not apply to any membership plans.

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

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

If you click on the link below it will take you to our website to give you all the updated information about the upcoming greens reconstruction project.

[CLICK HERE](#) - GOLF COURSE RECONSTRUCTION WEEKLY UPDATES

Front nine and Back nine Closure

On Tuesday, July 14 the back nine is closed all day and Wednesday, July 15 the front nine is closed all day for sprigging of the greens.

Pro Shop Status

Until further notice, the pro shop will be open, but we will not be allowing anyone inside. We are doing this to ensure the safety of all our members, residents and guests. 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, all carts will continue to be sanitized and will have keys in them and there will be a player assistant on the tenth tee to get everyone started. We have clothing offered at 35% off, along with a special 50% off rack. We have some good variety of golf shorts for men, along with golf skorts and shorts for ladies. We hope to see you all out playing and shopping, and we thank you for your continued support during this time!

Tee Time Reservations

What is the proper time to show up for your tee time? Good tee time etiquette is to be 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. We have all been late for appointments. Tee times are no exception, but Doctor appointments usually advise arriving 10-15 minutes early to handle paperwork etc. Golf courses are not much different. We have tee times scheduled from 6:30 am - 4:30 pm in eight-minute increments. That does not leave much flexibility.

Thank you for your help checking in early to allow us to run the tee on time.

Blind Spots

We all have faced blind shots on the golf course with varying success but today we would like to talk to you about blind spots around the pro shop and restaurant area. With the onset of construction here at The Views we have seen many construction vehicles that have only added to the congestion around the pro shop and restaurant. It is imperative that we use caution and keep your eyes open in these congested areas. It is a credit to all of you that we have been incidents free. This is just a friendly reminder to use caution as you approach these areas. Thank you all again for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Summer is Here at The Views

As the summer heat intensifies it is important to remember to stay hydrated. As most of you know there is no water on the course. However, there is a water station with ice and cups adjacent to the pro shop. Bottled water and Powerade are sold in the golf shop to

help you stay hydrated. The American Heart Association advises everyone to consume half their body weight in ounces of water every day. Remember that by the time you feel thirsty it is often too late and you are already hydrated. Drink water early and often to help you stay hydrated.

For the past few couples months we have been able to keep the driving range open for shots up to a maximum of 150 yards. We also have a chipping area adjacent to the range tee. The Views golf staff hopes that you have all experienced an improvement in your short game and shots of 150 yards or less. If you need some excellent professional help with your game please contact one of our teaching professionals in the pro shop, Tim, Tom, Todd, or Katelyn.

HOLE IN ONES

Dave Glaser - Hole #7 - 95 yards - June 1 - 9 iron

Mick Lynch - Hole #17 - 77 yards - June 4 - Pitching Wedge

Zan Wicks - Hole #7 - 95 yards - June 12 - Gap Wedge

Rich Hagen - Hole #17 - 90 yards - June 13 - "A" Wedge

Jerry Herochik - Hole #7 - 90 yards - June 22 - Sandwedge

Lesson Tee

4 Tips to Improve Your Game

Take lessons

People can be persistent and refuse to accept help or instruction, preferring to try and figure it out on their own; the simple advice is don't. Teaching yourself, even with a good instructional book or videos, can lead you into bad (and sometimes irreversible) habits. A teaching professional may have to start you back to the basics, but in the long-term, there will be lasting benefits to your game.

Don't neglect your putting

Many people become obsessive about practicing at the driving range, consistently hitting hundreds of long-range shots. While this can help, provided that you are using the correct technique, many golfers (both experienced and beginners) neglect their putting. Putts account for a majority of your strokes in a round, yet far less time is devoted to practice putting.

Work on your grip

Since the hands are the only part of the body that come in contact with the club, it is vital to get the grip right. Take instruction from a professional regarding the grip. There are three main grips: the overlap, interlock, and the ten-finger baseball-style grip — decide with your coach which is best for you. A proper grip can take some time to learn and be comfortable until you get used to it, even without hitting balls. For practice, try gripping a club while at home.

Visit the driving range

Not only will the driving range give you a chance to hit a few balls without having to worry about finding them again, but it's also a great place to get advice and instruction. Initially, a professional might give you a few quick pointers, but take advantage of the different demo clubs available for you to try out for free. At the very least, hitting a few balls is an excellent way of letting go of stress, you will come away feeling great, and having fun in the meantime.

Good Read

What is 'Golf Fitness' and how does it make me a better golfer?

The golf swing is a unique movement. It requires the coordination of twisting patterns from the ground up. Your hips, shoulders, and spine are all twisting in unique ways while your lower body is simultaneously shifting weight to help generate even more power.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entire article.

Upcoming Events

All events currently through the month of July have been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19.

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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