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Message from the Director of Golf

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As of March 31, 2020, Governor Ducey has defined the following services to remain open.

State of Arizona EXECUTIVE ORDER Section 4. d. “Engaging in outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, biking or **golfing**, but only if appropriate physical distancing practices are used.” 4. e. Attending or conducting work or volunteering in Essential Functions.

The Views Golf Club will continue to be open; please follow the guidelines set in place and remember to maintain a 6 ft distance from others. The restaurant will remain open for takeout orders only. 520-825-3277

6. “All persons may leave their place of residence only for Essential Activities, to participate in or receive Essential Governmental Functions, or to participate in or fulfill Essential Function outlined in Executive Order 2020-12.”

13. “This Executive Order shall not be construed to prohibit restaurants and food services providing delivery or take-away services, so long as proper physical distancing and sanitation measures are established and implemented.”

Golf is one of the few things we can still do during this time. Thank you for taking the time to review the following guidelines we have created to play golf at The Views Golf Club based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local and state health officials,

and SCOV. [CLICK HERE](#)

The schedule for reconstruction of the golf course greens, practice putting green, and short-game area will now start on April 20, 2020. The golf course will be open during construction and played as a par 68 starting on hole #10 — the maximum distance of approximately 5,000 yards. We are preparing the temporary greens to provide the best quality, putting surface as possible.

Our existing TifDwarf greens will be replaced with Tifeagle greens. The green complexes will be cored out 10-12 inches below the surface. The green surrounds will be sodded, and the green surfaces sprigged.

We will overseed the fairways as normal. However, all new grass areas will NOT be overseeded for the winter. A minimum of a year is required to establish the new sod before winter rye-grass could be seeded into the Bermuda grass, or it will be severely damaged the following season. All the par 3's will not be overseeded. The plan is to reopen Labor Day weekend in September and close the golf course for three weeks for overseeding starting September 21.

The greens project is essential to the long-term success of our community and golf course. We will add special value promotions during this time to play The Views Golf Club. Thank you for your continued support during the construction period.

Updated News

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 UPDATES**

At this time range balls will be sold by the bucket to individuals who have a credit card on file and are able to receive an email on their phone to get the code for the range machine.

As a reminder the temporary greens have been created and it is imperative that we do not hit off or drive over them. Please take a free drop from all temporary greens. This will allow us to provide a better putting experience once we transition over to the temporary greens on April 20. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Hole in One

Congratulations to Stasz Gorski on hole number 17 from 110 yards with a gap wedge on March 20.

Lesson Tee

Putting Tip

Do you want to improve your putting? Here are some fundamentals you should use in your practice routine.

Use an alignment rod or string line to indicate the target line when practicing. Find a putt on the practice green that is straight from about 5 or 10 feet to the middle of the cup. Start making putts. It will train your eyes to "see the line" precisely.

Keep the pressure in your hands soft and constant throughout the stroke. Feel is an essential part of putting. If your hands are too tight on the grip, you are diminishing the feel in your hands. Also, if your grip pressure changes during the stroke, it's probably not "a fluid stroke" but more likely a jab, flinch, push, hit ... well, you get the point.

There is no independent action in the hands. Your hands should not be moving independently of your arms and shoulders. To see if your hands are moving, as a drill, try watching your hands (instead of the ball) a few times. You'll see what your hands are doing during the stroke. If you turn these fundamental concepts into habits, it will make you a much more consistent putter.

Good Read

Social Distancing vs. Social Connection

Golf is about social connection. Let's not forget to do all the things we need to do to keep golf courses open by following the guidelines set for social distancing. However, let's not lose sight of the essential thing golf offers through social connection.

The concept of “social connection,” is the feeling that you belong to a group and generally feel close to other people. Scientific evidence strongly suggests that this is a core psychological need essential to feeling satisfied with your life.

With that being said, it's been a crazy few weeks. Does anyone know if it's OK to start taking showers yet, or should we just keep washing our hands?

Seriously, there is probably not a single person in our lifetime that has experienced anything like the coronavirus epidemic. What seems so disheartening is it doesn't appear that anyone is an expert nor are we close to acquiring a cure. We are all doing our best to take the proper precautions. We are all hopeful that the guidelines set in place will help flatten the curve until a cure is found. It is sad to see what is happening across our great country, and I feel very fortunate that we are still able to play golf as we continue to practice the safety guidelines.

This crisis is going to change everything we know. The reality that we knew just a few weeks ago is gone, and we will be building a new normal for a long time.

The key to all this is how are you responding or going to respond to what's going on around you? Are you acting in fear, panic, or doubt? Or are you operating from love, service, care, or as a positive influence? Now more than ever we have an excellent opportunity to set aside any fear, and use this time to serve, give, and reflect on all the good that life offers. Take the time to have fun and enjoy the sunshine while you play golf.

As many of you know, I was in a two-week self-quarantine after Jenny and I returned from our trip to Washington state. It was upsetting to me to witness my wife standing at the sliding glass door every day, staring pointlessly through the glass with tears running down her cheeks. It broke my heart to see her like this. After two weeks, I thought long and hard about how I could cheer her up. So, I finally let her back in the house – Rules are Rules!

Upcoming Events

All events through the month of April have been canceled or postponed.

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