



***MAY 2021***

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

***Rick Price, PGA***

We want to thank all our winter residents and guests for a successful season and wish you all safe travels back home; and we look forward to seeing you again in the Fall.

We are now heading into the transition stage of the golf course where the ryegrass is dying off and the Bermuda grass greens back up because the evening temperatures have been warming up, allowing the Bermuda grass to grow again.

On May 20, we start our maintenance aerification program. Please see the maintenance schedule under the Update News section below. After the aerification of greens, we will follow up with a light sand topdressing and the fairways the following week.

After a year, we are now introducing shotgun starts back into our operations. All the associations moving forward this summer will have 7:00 AM shotgun starts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's.

The General Manager and Board of Directors has approved the new golf rates and membership plan for 2021-2022 fiscal year starting July 1st. Toward the end of this month, we will send out the new rates and post them on the website.

The Chip & Putt Finale will be Thursday, May 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on the practice putting green and at Charley's Grille. During this time, the driving range and putting green will be closed at 3:30 PM. We will conduct our weekly clean pick of all the range balls in the wash and desert areas. We would appreciate any volunteers to help retrieve balls from the desert.

The Pro-Member Invitational on Saturday, April 17 was a one better ball gross and one better ball net competition. The winning team was professional Rick Price, Dean Silverlock, Mike Gerber and Doug Kimble shooting a -12 under par total of 132. Professional Todd Crain and his team Sue Lafontaine, Darlene Lamb and Nancy Klucking finished in second place six strokes back at 138. Katelyn Hutchison's team of Debbie Huffman, Rob Ranson and Eileen Buskirk were in third at 139.



**Winning Team: Dean Silverlock, Mike Gerber, Rick Price & Doug Kimble**

Thank you for enjoying all the activities at the Club this season, and we look forward to what the future brings.

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## Updated News

**CHIP & PUTT:** On Thursday, May 6 will be the Chip & Putt Finale from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on

the practice putting green and driving range tee. This will be the last event of the season until Fall. The entry fee for this event is \$10 per person for the contest, prizes, Charley's Grille (hamburger or hot dog) and one drink after you complete the chipping and putting contest. There are only a few spots left. Sign up online through the reservation system or call the Pro Shop at 520-825-3110. The winner of the putting contest will have a putt for a chance to win \$5,000!

**GOLF COURSE REMINDER:** We ask your help when driving your golf cart around the tees and greens, always to keep the cart and all tires on the path, including all handicap flagged golf carts. Please follow the signage for golf cart traffic and use the 90 degree rule to enter and exit the fairways.

The first tee time in May is 6:30 AM. The Pro Shop will open at 6:00 AM and close at 5:00 PM daily.



# SPRING/SUMMER 2021 GOLF MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

5/20: Aerification of practice green  
▪ Green closes for the day starting at 9:00 am

5/24: Green aerification - Back nine closed

5/25: Green aerification - Front nine closed

6/1 - 6/4: Fairway aerification - Back nine closed

6/7 - 6/11: Fairway aerification - Front nine closed

7/26: Green aerification - Back nine closed

7/27: Green aerification - Front nine closed

9/20 - 10/10: Closed for overseeding

TBD: Short game area open

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## PRO SHOP STATUS

We welcome you into the Pro Shop. However, we require masks inside 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 available the majority of the time outside of the pro shop to assist you with check in. Our Tee Host will be on the tee to get you started on time.

## GOLF CART POLICY



The Views Golf Club golf cart policy is two players per golf cart. Single players should be prepared to share a Views Club cart. We pair golfers up to share a golf cart according to starting times booked. Cart rental is a per seat charge.

Due to the lack of availability of golf carts, we cannot provide single rider golf carts. You may consider walking or renting one of our four single-rider scooters. However, please do not book a tee time if you are uncomfortable riding with someone else in a cart. Masks are recommended while riding in the golf cart. Masks are not required while playing, on the driving range or practice areas, if maintaining social distance – but if unable to do so, please wear your mask.

If you have a private golf cart, you may continue to ride as a single. Only two carts will be allowed in the fairway or rough at any given time. Any additional carts in the group must always remain on the cart path the entire hole.

If you have less than four players and would like no one else to be paired with your group, you are welcome to pay for the entire foursome at the public rate to reserve the space.

It is also the person's responsibility to book the starting time to fully communicate these procedures to all golfers in their group in advance before arriving at The Views Golf Club.

### **TEE TIME RESERVATIONS**

Thank you for checking in and being ready to tee off a minimum of 10 minutes before your scheduled tee time. The early arrival to your starting time helps keep us on schedule throughout the day, leading to a good pace of play and an enjoyable day on the course.

### **PRACTICE FACILITIES & DRIVING RANGE TEE**

**DRIVING RANGE** - We are now hitting off the grass practice tee on the driving range.

**PRACTICE PUTTING GREEN** - The area is available for putting and chipping.

**SHORT GAME PITCHING AREA** - The new short game area features two practice chipping greens and a bunker located between the 1st tee and 9th green at the bottom of the hill. We are scheduled to open the short game area on May 15. The short game practice area is for members, residents, and paying guests only. If someone wants to use the practice area that is not a member, resident or paying guest, the fee is the same as a large bucket of range balls and purchased in the Pro Shop.

### **FINN SCOOTER'S**

We have four Finn Scooters available to rent. They are easy to ride with a low-center of gravity, and the lightweight aluminum frame makes it a well-balanced ride. If you can ride a bike, you can ride a Finn. Renting a scooter is easy through a downloadable app. The cost is \$25 for 18 holes and \$14 for 9 holes. This fee is additional to the golf rate, and is

charged right through the app when registering to use the scooter.

### **HOLE IN ONE**

April 17 - Suzie Trujlio - Hole #7 128 yards - Driver

April 26 - Bob Kornkven - Hole #3 136 yards - 9-iron

### **MERCHANDISE & SALE**

We have selected items of merchandise on sale at 50%. We look forward to assisting you find the perfect gift or items you are looking to purchase. As a reminder all members receive 25% off clothing and 10% on golf clubs and accessories.

**The Views**  
Golf Club at Oro Valley

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MOTHER'S DAY!**

**SPECIAL OFFER: \$120 GIFT CARD FOR \$100**

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Available May 7 - 9  
Limit 2

### **PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLF TEAM**

The Views Golf Club will participate in the PGA of America's junior golf program called PGA Junior League. We are looking for junior golfers between 13 - 17 years of age to join. If you have a child or grandchild interested in participating in this six-week program this summer, [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. [JOIN CLICK HERE](#)

## **Lesson Tee**

## **5 Tips to Improve Your Mental Game**

Bobby Jones said, "Golf is played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch course... the space between your ears.". Golf is unquestionably one of the most mentally challenging games. It is an individual quest with nobody to help you during the process but yourself. If you lose focus and your confidence allowing negative thoughts to dominate your attitude, your score will reflect your thoughts. It is key to find the right frame of mind before and during playing golf.

Below are five tips to think about, they might seem obvious, but ask yourself whether you utilize these simple mental strategies before and during a round. If not, maybe you should:

### **1 – Focus on the here and now**

Most golfers are already thinking about how they are going to score and play certain holes before they step on the first tee. "If I can just start par the first three holes," they think, "and then I can afford a couple of bogeys on those difficult holes around the turn, and I might pick one up at the par-5 11th, as the wind should be behind us there."

It is important to have a game plan or strategy. However, if your mind gets too far ahead of you in what your score will be, it makes it more difficult to focus on the immediate task and the shot you are facing at that moment. You cannot control what will happen in 30 minutes time or what happened 30 seconds ago. All you can do is concentrate on the next shot, chip or putt and make the best possible effort. If you are not present in the moment and your mind is not focused on the current shot, you will not play to your best ability.

### **2 – Every shot is an opportunity**

Every time you tee up your ball, the obvious objective is to get the ball into the hole in as few shots as possible. Do not think about what has happened on the previous holes, just focus on your target for each shot to get the ball in the cup in the most efficient way from where it lies. Every shot does not have to be perfect. It is a game of misses and the key is to learn to miss it in the most effective way to score your best.

If you hit a bad shot that ends in a challenging situation, try to think of it as a new opportunity to hit a spectacular shot. Do not have a bad attitude or think how unlucky you are; remember, your objective is to get down in as few shots as possible from the current position, whatever it is.

Be rational and logical about your situation. If your ball is in the desert behind a rock or cactus, the best way to limit the damage might be to chip out or take a penalty drop. You almost certainly will not get the ball into the hole in as few shots by trying to hit a miracle shot – that is how the really big numbers are made to ruin a round of golf.

### **3 – Forgot any poor shots and think of the good ones**

Most amateur golfers' dwell on their poor shots. I say, what is the point? Once it has been

hit, nothing can be done about it. The only thing you can affect is what happens next. I understand more than anyone when it comes to learning to let it go. I used to have a difficult time with dwelling on poor shots or when I made a bad score when I was younger. It was not until I changed my attitude and strategy. After hitting a bad shot, you can vent your frustration (internally, of course) until you have put that club back in your bag. After that, the shot and frustration are over. It should be totally forgotten, and your mind should move on to the next stroke. A good habit to get into is then move on to think about a recent shot that you hit good.

#### **4- Believe Your Next Shot Will Be Your Best Shot**

Amateur golfers can be guilty of giving up on rounds too quickly. Remember, you are not doing this for a living, that is why you have a handicap to help you, and remember all it takes is one good shot, good swing or lucky break to turn things around.

Golfers who get the most out of their games will never give up hope and give it their all until the very last putt has dropped.

If you set out with a certain goal in mind and you get to a point in the round when you realize there is no chance of achieving the goal, change your goal. However, the goal should always be to have fun and enjoy yourself.

#### **5 – Positive Self-Talk**

If you are having one of those days where nothing seems to be going right and the ball just does not want to go into the hole, do not give up or feel sorry for yourself. Focus on the positives. Maybe you have had excellent speed and you have no three putts, or you are rolling the ball right on the line you choose but just not quite getting the break of the green quite right. Keep at it and soon, you will get the right line and the putts will start dropping. Remember, "Whatever you consistently speak becomes believable in your mind, which you will simply set out to prove."

**We invite you attend one of our weekly clinics on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or take a private lesson for further help with your full swing and short game.**

**Call the Pro Shop at 520-825-3110**



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# GOLF CLINICS

Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
9 - 10 AM

MAY 4 & 5	FULL SWING   SHORT GAME
MAY 11 & 12	SHORT GAME   FULL SWING
MAY 18 & 19	FULL SWING   SHORT GAME
MAY 25 & 26	SHORT GAME   FULL SWING

**\$20/lesson**  
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2020-2021 Membership Plans - [CLICK HERE](#)

Club Golf Leagues to join: [CLICK HERE](#)

- Men's 18 Hole
- Women's 18 Hole
- Men's 9 Hole
- Women's 9 hole

USGA Handicap: [CLICK HERE](#)

Charley's Grille @ The Turn comes to end for this season with the last two days of operation being Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 from 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

Starting the month of May we will now be holding shotgun starts.

Bunker rakes are available on the golf course. Please rake the bunkers and we still recommend sanitizing your hands after use.

Golf and COVID-19: Latest news on course operations

Playing guidelines to golf safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many medical experts believe that golf is one of the safest activities you can participate in during these current times as long as you take proper precautions. These include social distancing with other golfers at the course. Wear a mask when sharing a golf cart with someone you do not know. Walking is available in certain circumstances approved by the Pro Shop.

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