

Chipshots

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AM Frost on the Greens



Frosty, Frozen Greens.

When you see white on the greens, that means they are frosty and frozen. It can cause damage to our greens when play happens during these conditions. If it is frosty at your house in the morning, it is likely frosty at the course as well. At this

time of year, usually by noon, the sun has reached all of the greens and the frost has melted away. As in the photo below, you can see half the green is frost free while the other half still is affected by the shade. Right now our greens are in great shape. The crew takes great care to clear them every morning of dew and other debris that may fall through the night. They are treated at least once a month to prevent fusarium blight, the fungus that is causing the spots on our practice green near the clubhouse. Let's do our best to keep our greens, green. Give them a break on those frosty mornings. Come out just a little later to play your round of golf.



Ruts Around the Course



Hey Folks, what about this doesn't look right?

If you guessed the ruts on that soft wet grass, you are exactly right. During the winter months we need to take care to not create further hazards out on the course. Driving

carts in soft, wet ground creates ruts that take months to repair. Not to there will

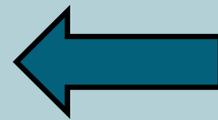
mention getting your cart stuck out be problematic when it comes to retrieval. At the time of this reporting fairways two and three are soaked and eight is not approachable unless you are on the cart path to the upper left of the green. Help us by staying near the tree line and walking out to your ball in the fairway. Or consider skipping some fairways for drier patches of grass.



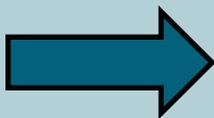
Around the Course



Shaun and Benni picking up the endless piles of needles and pinecones that fall throughout the winter.



Winter Golf. We only close down if it snows. Unlike the other San Juan Island courses we remain open all year. At times you can come out to play and have the whole course to yourself.



Parting Shot

Have we had a lot of rain? You could say that. Our irrigation house seems to be sinking into the pond. Be assured this is just an illusion. Is the pond incredibly full? Yes. Is it keeping the approach to number nine green in the water? Yes. Can we do anything about it except wait for it to drain away? No! In this case patience from all will be appreciated.

Mark Your Calendars

Membership fees are due on February 15.

Late Fees will incur on March 15.

If you need to arrange a payment plan contact Jodie today.
Flexibility is the key word on what is possible.



Another reminder with the dues form will be sent February 2nd. Look for it in your email soon.

Oops... another bad golf move. Notice the tire mark traveling over the green. I know this is not from the greenkeepers because their equipment have smooth tires without treads. No one should ever wheel anything onto the green whether it be driving cart, pull cart or for that matter skateboard, baby buggy, tractor, car, trailer or unicycle.



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