



# RAKE & FIX YOUR DIVOTS

NOVEMBER 2025

## COOLER WEATHER AHEAD

### What to expect on the course

We appreciate your support and understanding as we care for the course during the seasonal transition.

- **Dormant grass conditions.** Most turf on the course enters dormancy during cooler weather. You may notice thinner lies and faster greens compared with the spring and summer months.
- **Driving range appearance.** Grass on the driving range will naturally turn brown as part of its dormant cycle. This is normal and healthy. To maintain a more appealing look, our team will regularly apply a nontoxic turf dye.
- **Cart usage and turf health.** Dormant grass is more susceptible to wear, especially in thinner areas. To help preserve turf quality, please share carts when possible and limit the total number of carts on the course each day.
- **Dress for the weather.** Mornings can be chilly, but temperatures often rise as the day progresses. Dressing in layers helps you stay comfortable throughout your round.

If you have any questions or need assistance, our team is always happy to help!

## WHICH TEE BOX?

Choose your tee box by distance, not ego; fewer swings mean better scores. Ignore age and gender; go by your average drive, not demographics. Playing too far back only makes the game harder and slows play.

### Handicap Guide

- Low (under 10): Blue tees
- Mid (10 - 20): White tees
- High/Beginners: Green tees

### Course Difficulty

If the slope feels tough, move up a tee. The USGA and PGA recommend shorter tees for faster play, more enjoyment, and a fresh view of the course.



## SPRINKLER HEADS AND LINE OF PLAY

Under Rule 16.1, relief is not permitted unless an obstruction interferes with your stance or swing. However, all rounds played at the Village should follow local rule "Model Local Rule F-5" (the "2-by-2 rule"). Many courses adopt a local rule allowing relief when a sprinkler head near the green lies in the line of play. This rule applies only if all three of the following conditions are met:

1. The sprinkler head is within two club lengths of the green.
2. Your ball is within two club lengths of the sprinkler head.
3. The sprinkler head is directly in your intended line of play.

If these conditions are satisfied, you may take free relief by finding the nearest point of complete relief from the obstruction and dropping your ball within one club-length of that spot, no closer to the hole.

This rule is especially helpful when putting or chipping from closely mown areas around the green.



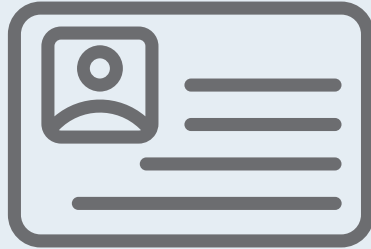
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## SHOW YOUR RESIDENT ID AT CHECK-IN

As a friendly reminder, all golfers are always required to present a valid Resident ID at check-in.

Please remember that we have new team members who may not yet be familiar with all residents. Showing your Resident ID helps ensure a smooth check-in process and correct rate assignment.



Failure to present a valid Resident ID may result in being charged the guest rate if accompanied by other residents or, in some cases, being unable to play.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to provide consistent, fair service for all players.

## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR BOOKING A TEE TIME

When using the online booking system, please remember that after selecting your desired tee time, you must also choose the 9- or 18-hole option and indicate the number of players.

If your tee time isn't saving, this is likely the reason. Taking these quick steps will ensure your reservation is successfully completed.



## COURSE CONDITION HOTLINE

The easiest way to stay informed before heading to the course

Golf staff updates the course condition hotline every day with the latest information on the 27-hole course, the par 3 and the driving range.

Call **949-597-4373** to check opening and closing times and see which facilities are open. If course conditions change, the message is updated throughout the day.



### A Note From Tom McCray

## CARING FOR OUR COURSE TOGETHER

Recently, I've noticed some areas showing signs of wear from a lack of basic course care. Please remember the course belongs to all of us, and a little attention from each

player goes a long way. Here are a few simple ways you can help:

- Use sand to fill divots so grass can grow back properly. Avoid overfilling, which can create uneven turf.
- Rake bunkers after use, including footprints or divots, even if they aren't yours. This ensures fair play for everyone.

- Fix your ball marks on the greens and any others you see to help maintain smooth putting surfaces.
- Follow directional signs and return carts to the path near greens to protect the turf.
- Keep carts on the paths near tee boxes to reduce wear in these high-traffic areas.
- Use the bins provided throughout the course to help keep it clean and inviting.
- Be mindful of your pace to ensure an enjoyable experience for all players.

Your efforts make a big difference in preserving the quality and playability of our course.

Thank you for your continued support and care!