



## ***April 2021 Newsletter***



### ***Something new. . .***

After a week of having to answer the question "what's in the cardboard box?" we were able to get our latest addition up and running in early March.

The "Range Servant" has been long awaited. The old ball machine had a lot of issues but hung in there until the new arrival could be installed.

The "Range Servant" may eventually offer three basket sizes instead of the two we currently provide. Additionally, while the old machine tended to fluctuate in the number of balls it would dispense, the new one will be much more accurate.

### ***Practice green update . . .***

We get a lot of questions about the status of our old practice green as well as one we had tentatively planned to be constructed adjacent to the putting green, which for now is serving a dual purpose as a chipping and putting area.

We are still considering some options that include re-opening the old green, which we know our golfers really enjoyed . . . it is, we think, the best in the area.

Options include raising the height of the screen fencing to protect golfers from range balls. We will let you know as soon as we know. We appreciate your patience.





***One long day . . .***  
**We had to close the golf course Monday, March 22, but we think you will feel it was worth it when you start sinking putts on our aerated greens.**

### ***Making good greens better***

We usually aerate our greens and embark on other maintenance projects when we are shut down for the Sonoma County Fair and horse racing program in August, but this year's fair and racing are in doubt – a decision will reportedly be made April 27 – so we decided to get the essential aeration done early. It was a long, laborious effort for our maintenance crew, but they managed to finish the job in just one day.

For a week or so, the greens – including our putting and practice greens – were not what our players have come to expect and enjoy, but when the new grass has a chance to grow in, the greens will be outstanding once again.

We appreciate your patience, and hope you enjoy our “new greens.”

### ***Short putts . . .***

- We have three electric golf carts, which are primarily for golfers with medical conditions, but are actually available to all players. However, we have had a few incidents recently where carts were driven carelessly and without regard to other golfers, so we would appreciate your cooperation in driving safely.
- There is a sign posted near the No. 1 tee that requests golfers to check in at the Pro Shop before teeing off, but some players either don't notice the large sign or choose to disregard it. We would appreciate it if you will follow the rules and check in with the Pro Shop before you tee it up. Thanks.

### ***Lessons available . . .***

While we do not presently have a teaching pro at Fairgrounds, we can arrange for lessons from one of our Tayman Park Golf Group PGA instructors.

If you have an interest in lessons, check in at the Pro Shop or call 284-3520 and we will put you in touch with a qualified instructor.

