



June 2021 Newsletter



3 amigos

This trio -- Bob Holland, Ralph Harms, Jerry Lyman - - are regulars at Fairgrounds GC

They are usually joined by their friend Doug Green.

No matter how well they play, they always seem to have a really good time.

The practice green . . .

A lot of good questions, but not a lot of good answers yet as far as the fate/future of our popular practice green.

We are exploring several possibilities, including adding a second level of screening to keep errant golf shots from landing on the practice green and endangering golfers as well as members of our staff. That possibility is still being researched and negotiated with the powers-that-be.



We considered building a new green adjacent to the putting green but that didn't seem like a good idea, for a number of reasons.

We are also thinking about re-opening the old practice green, but limiting play to a specified number of golfers.

We will continue to pursue options with the hope of eventually re-opening the old green, which is arguably the best practice green in the area.

In the meantime, golfers are urged to practice their chipping on a portion of our putting green. We only ask that you limit shots to short ones.

We really do appreciate your patience while we sort through the details in an effort to re-open our outstanding practice green.

Fair or no fair ???

We've received mixed messages over the past few months about what if any kind of Sonoma County Fair will be held this summer, as well as whether the annual horse racing session will be on the schedule, but the situation has become more clear.

According to the Sonoma County Fair web site, there *will* be a fair, although it will be scaled back . . . what exactly that means is somewhat uncertain, but there will be *something*. Dates are July 28 through Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8 (closed Monday and Tuesday).

As far as horse racing, there will be a Sonoma County Fair program, but it will reportedly be held at Golden Gate Fields instead of Santa Rosa. Golden Gate Fields is not open to the public at this time, but to watch Wine Country Racing you can still watch and wager on your favorite horses.

GGF will be live streaming races online at <https://www.goldengatefields.com/> and there will be instructions on their main page as to how to watch.

Bottom line: As far as our golf course is concerned, we will apparently be open . . . we usually close for two weeks to accommodate the horses. There will be efforts made to keep fair-going non-golfers from packing our parking lot. Stay tuned.

Lessons: We are still lining up a teaching pro for Fairgrounds, but if you want instruction from our PGA pro **Frank Johnson**, call the Pro Shop (284-3520) and we can help get you set up.

