



September 2022 Newsletter



IT'S OPEN !!!
Our practice green, closed for a long time, re-opened on Monday, Aug. 15 with a few new rules for golfers to follow . . .

Finally, our practice green is available . . .

We closed our popular practice green many months ago, primarily for safety reasons, but it is open again – with some rules to make it safer and more enjoyable.

As the two big signs indicate, golfers who wish to use the practice green **must** check in with the pro shop – no exceptions – where you can sign in.

Just two golfers are allowed at the same time; there is a 5-ball limit per player and there is a 30-minute time limit. We are also asking golfers to please repair their divots and rake the bunkers after you've used them.

If you want to practice putting, there is an area located behind the driving range.





**Early morning
is a great time to
play 9 holes and
also enjoy –
most days – a
nice sunrise.
Book a tee time
and the course
is usually
all yours . . .**

Some thoughts on bunker play . . .

Open Face – The first thing to do is to open the clubface and then take the grip. Opening the clubface and then taking the grip makes sure that the face will be open on the backswing. Open the face first and then grip the golf club.

Open Stance – Much like the chip or pitch shot, open your stance and aim slightly left of the target. If you are in a practice bunker you can draw a line left of the target and aim your feet on this line. Make sure your ball position is slightly forward of the center of your stance.

Dig your feet in slightly – You want to get sand out on to the green, so getting your center of gravity nice and low is ideal to achieve this. Your aim is to slide the clubhead underneath the ball and dig out sand a couple of inches in front of the golf ball.

Swing on an out-to-in swing path – During practice draw a line in the sand on the line of your feet which is aimed slightly left of the target. You want to swing the club on this line

Dig out sand two inches behind the ball – Just make a slight mark two inches behind the ball . . . your goal is to dig out the sand before the ball in this area. This will only apply to a practice bunker as grounding your golf club in a bunker during competition will add penalty strokes to your score.

Follow through – Much like a full swing, follow-through and the completion of the swing is important. You can practice splashing out sand onto the practice green initially to get a feel.

