



# Tee 2 Green

## President's Message

*By Bob Pacheco, Golf Association Board President*

It's hard to believe the 2020-2021 golf season has ended. Thank you to all members for your on-going support and understanding as we faced so many challenges this year but we did it with a record number of rounds, no rakes, single carts, new carts and then divided carts all while enjoying the great game of golf!

This year, the golf season ended with a very successful season ending golf scramble. It was exciting to reintroduce a shotgun start and a luncheon and award ceremony recognizing all the signature tournament winners. And, as our golf season winds down, your Golf Committee and Ladies Golf Association are already busy reviewing activities from our 2020 golf season and beginning to plan for next year.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that at our most recent board meeting, the board of directors approved 23 committee members. A huge thank you goes to all the volunteers for their willingness to serve and contribute their time and experience to improving our golf club.

Thank you for making this season successful and an enjoyable one! For those heading north, safe travels and enjoy your summer and fall months. We're looking forward to your return and what we hope will be a successful, COVID-free golf season!

### **"CHECK-IN" PROCESS**

Members are reminded that they are **required** to check in with the Pro Shop in-person prior to their round of golf. Starters will verify that you have checked in prior to allowing you to play. If you travel all the way to hole #1 or hole #10 and haven't checked in, you will be required to return to the pro shop before teeing off.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Message from the Pro

*By Michael Raber, Golf Professional*

Reciprocals, PGA Pass and Social Residents may begin play on May 1. Partitions will be available for carts upon request and all carts will be 2 players/cart.

Many of you may be asking why the Reciprocal list is a little light this season and below are the reasons:

- Some of the clubs are still following COVID guidelines as a reason for not participating this year.
- A few clubs have given a straight "No" (but not many)
- 8-10 Clubs are doing renovations
- 1 club is requiring proof of a COVID vaccine to play
- 4-5 clubs are doing chargeback only
- Some clubs are waiting to see how busy they will be with their members. They will probably be added in June

## Golf Course Update

*By Jesse Metcalf, Course Superintendent*

With the last events of the season wrapped up, the maintenance team will begin preparing for summer cultural practices. The encroachment eradication program will begin by targeting the perimeter of each green to eliminate any of the collar grass that has grown into the putting surface through the course of the past season. Members will notice small yellow areas around the edge of the green. These areas will be plugged once we complete our first round of cultural practices which will take place from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>. The remaining closures will take place from July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>.

The maintenance staff strives to provide excellent playing conditions all year long. The cultural practices performed during the summer months ensures that Bonita National remains one of the best conditioned golf courses in the area. The maintenance staff needs your help in keeping the greens in top form and asks that each player repairs their ball mark plus one other. This will help ensure that all of our members can enjoy the same putting conditions throughout the day.

Thank you for keeping Bonita National in top form!

## Ladies Golf Association

*By: Diane Long*

The LGA recently held its closing luncheon. It was exciting to see so many of you in one place again. My hope is that we have full luncheons after every Tuesday event in the coming season.

Thank you again to Margie Steller and the outgoing board for their exceptional work over the last two years.

Congratulations to all of the winners this past season with a special shout out to our two most improved players Cheri Strand (18-holes) and Pat Headley (9-holes)!

Have a safe and healthy off season, and we'll see you in the fall.



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### **Driving Range Update**

Funding has been approved for the addition of hitting mats on the driving range. The mats will provide approximately 250 linear ft of mat area or approximately 25 hitting stations. The hitting mats will not be open every day but rather will be controlled by the pro shop, greens committee and golf course superintendent. This project, which is scheduled to begin during this year's maintenance season, will greatly help with the maintenance and recovery of the natural turf on the driving range during periods of heavy use. If you would like to find out more about the material of the hitting mats, please look up Synthetic Turf International.

### **Cart Partitions**

Carts with partitions in place will be available upon request. Just let the Pro shop or bag staff know that you want one. All carts will be staged without partitions; however, "good" carts and "good" partitions will be ready for use and installed as needed.

### **COVID Update**

Bunker rakes have returned to the course. Please be courteous and rake the bunker for the next player.

### **Board of Directors Meeting May 17**

4:00pm  
Clubhouse  
Registration required  
(use Chelsea Reservation System)

### **Summer Closure Dates**

*June 1 – 10*

*July 19 - 28*

*September 7 -16*

### **Roving Guard**

A roving guard is patrolling the golf course between the hours of 7:00pm and 11:00pm. You can reach the rover at 239-738-5170 if you see an incident that needs to be reported.

We celebrated the Champions on Saturday, April 24 at the season closing scramble and luncheon. The event was met with great weather, great food and good times had by all. We look to make this an annual event at Bonita National.



Women's Bonita Cup – Peggy Hanson and Nancy Fuller  
Men's Bonita Cup – Bob Chaffin and Dennis Helenbrook  
Ladies Club Champion – Kelly McGowan  
Men's Club Champion – Brian Trymbiski



The website is full of information on the Golf Club, golf events, rules and regulations, governance documents, Chelsea tutorial, etc. Take the time to review and check back often for updates – [www.bonitanationalgolf.com](http://www.bonitanationalgolf.com)

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