

# *Bay Palms Golf Complex*

## *"No Hunt News"*

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### COURSE CONDITIONS

Two weeks ago we were requiring mandatory observance of the 90 degree cart rule due to the parched condition of the fairways. This was being done to prevent the damage that occurs when the golf cart "breaks" the dry and brittle grass blade. Now after a few afternoon showers....POOF! we're green again! Fortunate for us the Bermuda grass that we have out here is VERY resilient. To care for the courses we still ask you to use the 90 degree rule as much as possible and NEVER drive golf carts directly in front of any green.

The greens on the north course have also made a remarkable comeback – much being attributed to the extensive sod replacement by the maintenance staff, the rest credited to the chemical application targeting the nematodes that had infested our greens and mother nature's good rain water didn't hurt the recovery process. (Please remember our irrigation water comes from the base waste water treatment plant and as such contains very high sodium levels – grass does not like salt water!)

Now for the down side....many of our fairways and tees are still infested with nematodes. You can tell these areas very easily by noticing the spurge weeds that are abundant in many areas around the courses. Spurge is easily identified as a dose to the ground growing multi-leaf weed that is green with a reddish hint in color. Where you see this weed growing you can be assured nematodes are in the area. (The nematode feeds off the roots of grasses but does not like the spurge; therefore the spurge grows very well in these areas). Unfortunately, until we are able to eradicate the nematodes, the spurge will live on. And more unfortunate, the only chemicals that work well on nematodes are highly controlled and VERY expensive. We will continue to do all that is possible but please don't expect miracles.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We had a couple of hole in ones this past month that I would like to recognize. First to ace was Mike Anderson on Hole # 7 of the south course. Mike made his hole in one Saturday afternoon June 26th using a 5 iron from the gold tees. Next in line is John Bateman. John made his hole in one on Hole # 3 of the south course on Tuesday June 29th also playing off the gold tees but not really wanting to disclose his club of choice that day ☺. Way to go guys!

### EXTENSIONS FOR ADVANCE GREENS FEES DUE TO ILLNESS

Commonly referred to as "memberships" advanced greens fee money is collected by us but turned over to the Air Force at the time of initial payment. The Air Force then prorates this money back to us on a monthly basis. It is for this reason we are no longer able to offer extensions to memberships as a result of lost time due to illness. **WHAT WE CAN DO** is notify the Air Force in advance if you are unable to play and receive a refund for any unused portion of the advanced greens fees you have paid. This should be a fairly simple process if you are having a planned procedure (hip replacement, scheduled operation or the like). If however, God forbid, you have a heart attack we need to rely on your golfing partners to notify us so we can process the paperwork for you. I do not want this in any way to sound cold hearted or unaccommodating but I do want you to know we are trying to help you look out for YOUR money and don't ever want you to be paying for something you are not able to use.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

As a point of interest, through the end of September we are open Tuesday through Sunday (excluding Monday holidays and a couple of Monday's where we have golf tournaments large enough to justify opening for them). Our first tee time is 7 am and currently we require all rental clubs and electric golf carts be returned no later than 8 pm. As a point of notice, on afternoons when rain or thunderstorms are present we will be dosing the facility if the weather and forecasts indicates no clearing is expected. If it is raining or storming out and you need to get clubs out of your locker I would advise calling the Pro Shop @ 813-840-6904 to make sure the building will be open. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.