

# BAY PALMS GOLF COURSE

## APRIL 2024

### TAMPA BAY AIRFEST

The AirFest and the beer booth sales were an enormous success thanks in part to our wonderful volunteers. We can't thank you enough for your willingness to serve (literally) and your flexibility with ever changing plans. *Let's do it again in 4 years!*

### COURSE

Starting 8 April, the South Course will reopen on Mondays. A reminder to be kind to the turf as we continue to work on improving conditions. The South course is not fixed, but there are definite improvements to the fairways and tee boxes. The maintenance crew will continue to work on fairways as we get back into the growing season. Greens aerification on the South will be the week of 10 June. The following week, we are scheduling for temporary greens on certain holes on the North in preparation for our green's renovation project. More to follow.

### GOLF CARTS

Our new fleet is working well. We continue to monitor geo-fencing to adjust parameters that make sense. Pace Shield, the geo-fencing company, used the previous fleet's geo-fencing as a template. We realize that they are two separate systems that interpret boundaries differently. If you hear a series of beeps, this is a warning that you are ten yards from entering a geo-fenced area. The correct action would be to stop, place in reverse, or turn right or left to avoid the area. If you are locked up, give it a second, put in reverse and leave the geo-fenced area.

### PRO SHOP

Our peak season is ending, but the arrival of new merchandise is not. Come check us out. We have several demo drivers for you to try before you buy. Callaway AI Smoke, Taylor Made Qi10, Ping G430 Max and PXG Gen 6 driver.

On a negative note, I brought in a TaylorMade golf ball display. The display had four golf balls on the side as examples. We are down to one. Items on the countertops or displays are not like mints at a restaurant. You cannot take a pocketful. This is theft and needs to be addressed.

### GATES

Here are the newly posted hours of operation for all the gates and the Visitor Control Center:

Dale Mabry Gate: Open 24/7

*\*After-hours visitor passes will be issued at Dale Mabry Gate only.*

#### BAYSHORE GATE:

Mon-Fri: 0515-1830

Sat-Sun: 0700-1830

**TANKER WAY GATE:** Mon-Fri, Closed weekends & holidays

POV Traffic: 0600-0900

Commercial Vehicle: 0600-1400

#### MACDILL GATE:

Mon-Fri (Inbound ONLY effective Mon, 8 Apr): 0600-0800

Mon-Fri (Outbound only): 1500-1700

#### VISITOR CONTROL CENTER (VCC):

Mon-Fri: 0600-1800

Sat: 0800-1600

Sun: 0900-1500

### GOLF ETIQUETTE

Let's keep it positive out there. We continue to have incidents of groups being disrespectful to each other. Remember your golf etiquette and call the pro shop if you cannot resolve an issue amicably. *Keep Calm & Golf On!*



# Bay Palms Newsletter Continued

## TUNE UP TUESDAYS

Fantastic opportunity to sharpen your golf skills in a group environment. Our contracted instructor, Brian Burke, will host four sessions the third Tuesday of every month. Start with 30 minutes on the range followed by 30 minutes working on your short game. \$40 per person. Sign up & pay prior to the session at the pro shop: 1100-1200, 1200-1300, 1700-1800, or 1800-1900. Next session: 16 April

## BAY PALMS UPCOMING TOURNAMENT

Save the date for 5 May! The 1800-yard tournament, Cinco de Mayo style, is coming to Bay Palms. The 1800-yard tournament is happening on 5 May to celebrate Air Force National Golf Day. In the past, the Air Force Services Agency has mandated all AF golf courses host an event in celebration of this day. This year I have introduced a new format: It will be a two-person team event, with the tee box for all eighteen holes set up 100 yards from the green. Please review the flyer in the Pro Shop or the MacDill FSS web page. Hope to see you.

## EVENTS

5 Apr: 0830 Shotgun South - Ballast Point Elementary School  
12 Apr: 0930 Shotgun South - Mabry Elementary Dad's Club  
13 Apr: 1100 Shotgun North - Mad Dog's One Club Challenge  
19 Apr: 0900 Shotgun South - St. John's Episcopal  
19 Apr: 0900 Shotgun North - USF Army ROTC Golf Scramble  
20 Apr: 0900-1400 PXG Demo Day  
20 Apr: 0900 Shotgun North - Pinella's County Golf Tournament  
26 Apr: 0830 Shotgun South - SAME  
28 Apr: 0800 Shotgun South - Interbay Little League  
5 May: 0800-Shotgun South - The 1800-yard tournament, Cinco de Mayo style @ Bay Palms

Thank you,

Dave Stewart, PGA Director of Golf-Dave Stewart, PGA Director of Golf

**NATIONAL GOLF DAY**

**1800 YARD TOURNAMENT**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH | 8AM | SOUTH COURSE**

**Format: 2 Person Scramble**

Everyone will Tee Off 100 Yards from the Pin

Even Holes: Scramble Format • Odd Holes: Modified Alternate Shot

Cost: AGF: \$20 | Military AD/RET: \$40 | Civilian: \$50

Price includes Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls, Lunch & Drinks – Cinco de Mayo Style!

**Stop by the Pro Shop to sign up by COB on Fri, May 3rd**

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