

BAY PALMS GOLF COURSE

FEBRUARY 2024

TUNE UP TUESDAYS

Great 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 for a session at the pro shop: 1100-1200, 1200-1300, 1700-1800, or 1800-1900.

Next session: 20 Feb

GOLF CARTS

The new golf carts have arrived. Just a reminder, there are no GPS screens on the carts. However, we will be able to track them, as well as limit their access to certain areas. We will not be handicapping carts. Please do not ask the Pro Shop to do so since they will not have the ability to do it. Everyone will have access to the back of the greens, somewhere within the 20-foot range. Bay Palms does have 2 SoloRider golf carts for those needing additional physical assistance. Please call ahead to schedule their use.

COURSE HAPPENINGS

Bill and his crew began extra maintenance on the tee boxes and fairways of the South. If I allow carts to drive up on the tee boxes as well as the greens, we will create additional work. We've started to see some growth on the fairways, and we will continue to keep the South closed on Mondays. Bill just returned from the Golf Course Superintendent's Conference with some more info on how to eliminate our nematode issues.

Just a reminder that on tournament days we will not honor the Triple 5 special. The North course play increases on those days the Triple 5 disrupts the flow of play. Otherwise, if you are playing Triple 5, remember that golfers coming off hole #13 have priority for the #14th tee box.

TAMPA BAY AIRFEST 2024

Another weekend packed with air performances and family friendly activities is coming to MacDill, featuring the U.S Air Force Thunderbirds. The golf course will be closed 28-30 March (Thursday-Saturday) in support of the show. This year, we'll be hosting 7 beer booths, and we need everyone's contribution to make this event a success. We're looking for volunteers who can work 4-hour shifts. If you can help, please sign up at the Pro Shop. We'll have specific information available closer to the event date. 2022's was fun and memorable, and this is shaping up to be the same.

PGA SUPERSHOW

I had a chance to attend the PGA conference and show. Most of the popular club manufactures have new product out this year, and the good news is that I have brought these demo clubs to you. You can hit: Taylor Made Qi10 irons and drivers, Callaway Smoke AI irons and drivers, Mizuno ST Max drivers, coming – Cobra Dark Speed drivers and for the women – Ping GLe3 woods and irons. Try before you buy. Along with the new clubs, we have shirts, hats and gloves for both men and women. Shari has put a nice closeout display by the front entrance. Please make some time to check out your Pro Shop for great merchandise.

DRIVING RANGE

We mentioned the driving range renovation would be completed by December. Unfortunately, there is still some debate as to who will be completing the project. We'll keep you updated.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2-3 March: Club Championship. Additional Information available at the Pro Shop.
Reminder that the South Course will be closed every Monday for maintenance.





EVENTS

- 2 Feb: 1230 Shotgun South - Christ the King School Open
- 3 Feb: 0900-1400 - Cleveland Demo Day: Sign up at the Pro Shop.
- 5 Feb: 1200 Shotgun South Course - FamCamp Scramble
- 9 Feb: 0900 Shotgun South - St. Mary's Tournament
- 10 Feb: 0800 Shotgun South - It's Almost Spring Classic:
Sign up at the Pro Shop. *Limited to the first 100 participants.*
- 16 Feb: 1200 Shotgun South - VERKADA Golf Scramble
- 17 Feb: 0900 Shotgun South - First Responders Appreciation Tournament
- 17 Feb: 0900-1400 PXG Demo Day: Sign up at the Pro Shop.
- 23 Feb: 1000 Shotgun South - Roosevelt Elementary Dad's Club
- 24 Feb: 0900-1400 - Mizuno Demo Day: Sign up at the Pro Shop.
- 26 Feb: 1200 Shotgun South Course - FamCamp Scramble
- 1 Mar: 0900 Shotgun South - USF AMA
- 2-3 Mar: 0800 Shotgun South - Club Championship
- 8 Mar: 0800 Shotgun South - SOCCENT Golf Tournament
- 9 Mar: 0830 Shotgun South - Coach Frank Ortega Foundation
- 11 Mar: 1200 Shotgun South Course - FamCamp Scramble
- 15 Mar: 1230 Shotgun South - MOAA
- 16 Mar: 0900-1400 - Cobra Demo Day
- 22 Mar: 0900 Shotgun South - MARCENT
- 23 Mar: 0900-1400 - PXG Demo Day
- 24 Mar: 1000-Shotgun North - Charlotte D'Berry
- 25 Mar: 1200 Shotgun South Course - FamCamp Scramble
- 28 Mar: Pro Shop open until 1200. Carts due back by 1400
- 29-30 Mar: Complex Closed for AirFest

Thank you,

-Dave Stewart, PGA Director of Golf

