

Desert Falls Country Club

Chip Shot

DECEMBER 2020



GOLF SHOP HOURS
6:30 - 4:00
Daily

DRIVING RANGE
6:30 - 4:00
MONDAYS
6:30 - 1:00

OUTSIDE SERVICE
HOURS
5:30 am - Dark
Daily



Dear Desert Falls Country Club Members,

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least. On behalf of Mr. Chun, we would like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding. We have been trying to make things as easy as possible and sometimes we have succeeded and at other times we have not. All the decisions that have been made are intended to improve the members' experience.

I think that is enough talk about 2020, so let's talk about 2021. I am really excited about where we are headed as a club. Our course, as many of you have pointed out, is in the best shape it has ever been in when opening after over seeding. Thanks for continuing to fix your ball marks and fill those divots with sand. For our lakes, we will be adding fountains to holes 9, 10, 12, 16, and 2 in the lake on 18. I think that Hole #12 is looking so much better and a fountain will definitely improve it. Our patio is almost complete with new patio furniture on the way. We are also adding a built in BBQ on the patio so that when we can have social functions, we will have a nice area to do it in (see the pictures below of our progress). I believe many of you have seen the grill and the changes that have been made - please feel free to go see the updates.

Our plans for next summer include painting the exterior of the building along with some additional updates on the inside. Most importantly, we will work to continue to improve the playing conditions of this great golf course. JC and his crew are doing a great job and for that I thank them all. I hope that if you see the maintenance crew out there to let them know your thoughts of the course and the conditions. They really appreciate hearing from all of you.

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On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for welcoming me to your club. You have made me feel appreciated and because of that I will work hard to make this special place a more enjoyable club to belong to. Thanks for supporting the club and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.

Best Regards,
Mickey Sanchez
General Manager
760-340-3323



DFCC HOURS OF OPERATION

Pro Shop

Daily

6:30 am – 4:00 pm

Driving Range

Monday

6:30am – 1:00 pm (closes early for maintenance) **

Tuesday-Sunday

6:30 am – 4:00 pm

**Tuesday Driving Range

Location at the far end of the range by hole #17

Grill/Bar/Restaurant

These eating establishments are currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will continue to monitor this situation and provide updated opening times.

Snack Bar is open for takeout only

Over the summer, the Advisory Board worked with General Manager, Mickey Sanchez, to implement the Advisory Board Standards and Guidelines as well as initiate the Standing Committees for Desert Falls Country Club.

After careful consideration, we decided to change the number of Advisory Board members from nine to five. Because of this change, we held no elections this year for new members to the Advisory Board.

Each member on the Advisory Board will chair one of the Standing Committees. The intent is to simplify the committee process and make those committees active for the Desert Falls membership.

The Standing Committees are as follows:

Membership/Communication (Chair: Bob Polmateer) – this committee will work with members to foster good communication throughout the Club and work to enrich the members experience at DFCC. They will work with management on projects to promote and grow the membership and implement a Club Ambassadors program to greet new and prospective members.

Social Committee (Chair: Pam Link) – this committee will work with Club Management to prepare, promote, and organize an annual calendar of social events, entertainment, and other Food and Beverage oriented gatherings for the entire Membership, including all Full Golf and Social Membership categories.

Golf Activities Committee (Chair: Meri McGraw) – this committee will work with Club management to prepare, promote, and organize an annual calendar of golf events for the membership. In addition to ensuring that all MGA and WGA golf events are scheduled for the year, it will also include events that are NOT related to the MGA or WGA and will include events for all Full Golf and Social Membership categories.

Handicap Committee (Chair: Dan Campbell) - this committee will monitor the posting of golf scores of all DFCC members, pursuant to U.S. Golf Association guidelines, and for reviewing and where necessary revising handicaps used in tournaments for which the Golf Activities Committee is responsible. They will also work with the Head Pro to recommend rating of the golf course and handicapping of holes.

Greens Committee (formerly the Golf Committee) (Chair: Ken Sakai) – this committee will discuss all aspects of golf course maintenance with Club management and the Grounds Superintendent. Its goal is to provide feedback for course set up, playing conditions, mowing heights and general maintenance practices.

As we move forward with both the Advisory Board and the Standing Committees, I am sure some changes will occur. This year will be especially tough with continued COVID restrictions, but I can assure you that the board and management are working to find events that we can all participate in safely.

Thanks, and please let anyone on the board know if you have any suggestions.

Meri McGraw

Advisory Board President

Social Activities

Cheers from your DFCC Social Committee!

Our Advisory Board, which replaced the Board of Governors, has formed a Social Committee for our Club that will oversee and organize most of the non-golf activities at Desert Falls.

Unfortunately, because of health mandates due to Covid-19, most of these activities have been put on hold. We want to assure you that we are still working for you so that we will be ready to return to business as usual when the restrictions are lifted. We intend to continue with the "Clubs within a Club" that so many of you have enjoyed in the past, as well as adding new ones to the list. If you have any interests or suggestions for new activities, we welcome them all! Also, if you are interested in organizing a group social activity, please contact me and we can get that started. In the meantime, stay safe!

Best regards,

Pam Link, Chair, DFCC Social Committee

While our Putters Club is currently not meeting, due to Covid restrictions, here is a picture from earlier this season. Look at all the great fun these ladies are having! Putters club will resume on Wednesday at 10:30 am soon!



Golf Activities

Handicap Committee

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to the 2020/2021 season from your Handicap Committee. Here are some things we want to remind you of whether you are playing in a WGA/MGA event or on your own in a casual round:

1. Post EVERY score EVERY time you play on the SAME DAY you play.

2. Until rakes are replaced, whenever your ball comes to rest in a disturbed area of a bunker, you may take a free drop within one club length no closer to the hole, or you may play your ball as it lies.

If your ball comes to rest in an undisturbed area, you must play it as it lies.

3. Local rules forbid hitting out of any native penalty area. If your ball goes into a native area, you must play your next ball anywhere on the line between where you hit the ball from and where it crossed into the penalty area with a one stroke penalty. In the interest of speed of play, do not enter the native area to find your ball.

Thanks for your cooperation and have a GREAT season.

Dan Campbell, Chair

WGA News

The playing season for the DFWGA runs from November through April each year. Ladies days are Tuesdays and Thursdays with open play on Tuesday and a fun competitive game on Thursday. To join the DFWGA you need to be a golf member of Desert Falls Country Club and have an established handicap with the SCGA using the GHIN system. We have a large group of ladies with a wide range of handicaps, so all levels of golfers are welcome. In addition to our regular ladies' days, we have several events coming up in January including a special member-only event on January 14 and our Member-Member club tournament which starts at the end of January. It is a two-day eclectic event where you select a member to partner with.

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the WGA, please contact the President, Joan Fialko, at joanfialko@yahoo.com.

MGA News

With our 2020/21 Season now in full swing we want let you know of our upcoming January events. If you are not a member yet of our Men's Golf Association at Desert Falls, we encourage you to join today. Each Monday and Wednesday our Golf Pro Jeff will present us with a new challenge of play. Prizes are paid out for each day's winning combinations.

Upcoming MGA events include our Governor's Cup scheduled for January 8th, 11th, and 13th. This event is a two-man team net best ball tournament and the top 4 teams will share the prize. The winners of each flight will be playing to determine the overall Governor Cup winner, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place.

We welcome all male members of Desert Falls Golf Club to join us and become a member today of your MGA. Dues this year are \$120. You will be added to our mailing list so you will be notified of upcoming events with follow up reminders. So, come on out and enjoy the camaraderie of our great bunch of guys at the friendliest club in the desert.

To join: Contact any one of your Board Members or see the Pro Shop.

2020/21 Board of Directors:

President: Bob Juliano
VP: Bob Morand
Treasurer: Mike Soran
Handicap Chair: Dan Campbell
Membership/Communications:
Bob Polmateer
Directors: Bob Creighton
Rocky Wheeler
Paul Magana

January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 MGA PLAY	5 WGA Ladies 8-10	6 MGA PLAY	7 WGA Ladies Sweeps/General Meeting	8 MGA Governor's Cup	9
10	11 MGA Governor's Cup	12 WGA Ladies 8-10	13 MGA Governor's Cup	14 WGA Special Member Event	15	16
17	18 MGA PLAY	19 WGA Ladies 8-10	20 MGA PLAY	21 WGA Ladies 8-10	22	23
24	25 MGA PLAY	26 WGA Ladies 8-10	27 MGA PLAY	28 WGA Round 1 Member/Member	29	30
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Hole in One!

Jan Campbell June 13, 2020, Hole #6 101 yards, 7 wood

Bonnie Shanahan June 23, 2020, Hole #6, 6 hybrid

Stacey Walker August 13, Somerset Golf Club-Reno

Pat Talarico November 20, 2020, Hole #14, 7 iron

Mary Holley December 3, 2020, Hole #14, 101 yards, 7 iron

First all let me say how wonderful it is for us to establish our Advisory Board for 2020/21. This Board officially replaces our former Board of Governors and is established with five members and is headed up by Meri McGraw. Meri has worked diligently and put together a group of members to represent you to our Ownership and Management team. Thanks to Mickey Sanchez for his support to this endeavor.

As of late we have had a lot of interest in the Club and I personally reached out to 18 new memberships with several being couple's memberships. Welcome all to the ***friendliest Club in the desert!***

Your membership committee has newly appointed Ambassadors who, along with me, are here to help in any way we can to make your golfing and social experience at DFCC a very welcome and enjoyable time. Our new male ambassadors are Bob Morand and Bob Creighton. We are still searching for two women ambassadors to join the team and if you are interested please contact me. Our team will be seeking to get out and play a round of golf with all our new members this season. We are also excited to welcome back former members of the Club who have returned to DFCC.

The Membership Committee is also working with the DFCC management team to publish this newsletter. If you have any articles or updates, please contact me at bob@jasta.ca

Our golf course is in incredible shape thanks to our new Superintendent JC and we all look forward to a wonderful year of golf, friendship, and social times together.

Bob Polmateer

Advisory Board, Membership Committee Chair

Welcome New & Returning Members:

Gerry & Lee Bergen

Bill Bester

Bernie & Zoria Broughten

Jonathan & Angela Bradbury

Sandra Bubeck

Sandra Cahill

Daniel Crus
Neil Donnelly
Sue Graham
Christian Groff
Richard Hayden
Robert Henry & Susan Frantin
Keven Hegemen & Nancy Brown
Jan Landberg
Greg Lilly
Charles T Mathews
Joyce Mines
Eddie Orozco
Darrel & Nicole Ripley
Mel & Wilma Schumacher
Joseph Seiders
Damian Valdivia
Mason Williams

A special thanks to the Desert Falls Social Committee for getting the Pro Shop and patios decorated for the holidays. While we do not have the normal holiday events or all the decorations out, we do appreciate the beautiful work they did!

Jeffrey Gathmann

I grew up in Southern California and picked up golf when I was 6 years old. However, it was not until I got into high school where golf was my one and only sport. After growing a passion and love for golf, I went to college to study PGA Golf Management. While attending the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs, I completed 16 months of internships at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course, Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course, and Brasada Ranch. I have been with Desert Falls Country Club since February of 2020 and was recently promoted to Head Professional.

Please contact me to setup lessons to improve your game in 2021.

Best regards,
Jeffrey Gathmann

PGA Head Professional
Desert Falls Country Club
(760) 340-4653

Sandra Palmer

Greetings everyone,

I am so glad to be returning to Desert Falls for my 3rd season of teaching. Hopefully, you are looking forward to getting into the swing of things and having a great golf season.

This last year has been challenging for all of us. I want to assure you that I am making every effort to adhere to the guidelines that are in place. With this in mind, I will only be offering individual lessons. This will consist of 1/2 hour or 1-hour lessons. Also, I will be offering a series package if you are interested.

I had a wonderful career, and it would be a privilege to pass some of my knowledge on to you. My coach and mentor was Harvey Pennick and I work to pass on his instruction to my students.

My credentials include winning the US Women's Open and the Colgate Dinah Shore Championships.

I am looking forward to seeing you out on the links.

Have a great golf season and stay safe.

Please contact me directly to setup a golf lesson:

Sandra Palmer

Cell: 949-677-1081

Email: SJPPRO@aol.com

Kasia Kay

From the very beginning I was passionate about sport in school, immersing myself in the swimming team and winning many track and field accolades in javelin, long jump, high jump, and cross country running. My first love however was horse jumping, I have been riding horses since I was six years old, my parents own a small stable with four horses at home in Poland. Unfortunately, when I was seventeen, I had a horse accident the day before a competition. I woke up in the hospital where they told me that I broke my spine, and I would never walk again. I spent six months in a wheelchair determined to get back my normal, active life. When I finally started walking, and was able to do sports again, I was introduced to golf. I have not looked back. Winning a small competition at the local golf course the first time I held a golf club, ignited my love of this game. Eager to improve I dedicated myself to practicing and was very soon winning Polish golfing competitions. In 2008 I won as an amateur in my handicap group and represented Poland in the Amateur World Golf Championships in South Africa. I finished 8th overall but 1st as a woman. Since moving to Los Angeles over 10 years ago I've continued to play and have been training at the David Leadbetter School in Florida, then with Jay Lim, and now Micheal Bantley (Charley Hoffman's coach). I'm proud to have become the face of golf in Poland after being approached by the Polish Golf Association. I've have won many golf tournaments in Poland and I was the best female player in my country. I have been blessed in my life to be able to travel the world and play some of the most prestigious golf courses and tournaments around the world. After my third attempt at LPGA Q School, I received my Symetra Tour card starting the 2017 season. I am also an ambassador to numerous golf brands including Miura, Taylormade, Truespec, Oaklay. I'm very excited to have relocated to La Quinta where I can continue working on my game and get ready for the 2021 season.

If you are looking for some help with your golf game, give Kasia a call at the Dessert Falls Golf shop! (760) 340-4653

Jim Schreiber

Jim is originally from the Chicago area and a lifetime member of the PGA of America. He is a graduate of Arizona State University where he was also on the golf team with such PGA standouts as Tom Purtzer, Howard Twitty and Bob Gilder. He surprised many of them with his runner-up finish in the Arizona State Amateur in 1971.

Jim comes to Desert Falls with a wealth of golf business and teaching experience. He was the Head Golf Professional at Edgewood Valley Country Club in LaGrange Illinois, Terravita Golf in Scottsdale, Arizona and Tripoli Country Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before retiring to the Coachella Valley. During his time as a Head Professional, he has given lessons to all skill and age levels of golfers from juniors, college golfers, men, women, those with disabilities and professionals. He has received teacher of the year nominations in his local PGA sections. Since 2013, he has been the lead instructor for the Jeff Symmonds Golf Schools as well as providing private golf instruction in the area. For the last two years, Jim has also been a certified Callaway golf fitter and demo day representative. Over his years in the golf business, Jim has worked golf schools with such famous golf instructors such as Jim Flick, Mike Bender and David Pelz. He has also qualified and competed in the National Club Professional and Senior Club Professional Championships.

In working with a student, Jim does first like to see the golfer play a few holes and get to know their game before taking them to the range to develop a plan that works best for the student with their physical attributes. Jim uses video and teaching aids in his lessons. He also instructs the student how to practice better to improve all parts of their golf game.

If you are looking for some help with your golf game, give Jim a call at the Dessert Falls Golf shop! (760) 340-4653