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A Message from the Director of Golf:

Dear Patron,

As we grow closer to the renovation of the golf course, clubhouse, cart barn, and now the addition of a championship disc golf course, I've included a brief overview of the project, map, and a draft of the new scorecard below this intro. Also included is a summary of the maintenance that will be completed leading up to construction. I hope this answers any questions about the process.

Complete redesign and renovation of all major components of the golf course including: Greens, tees, fairways, bunkers, irrigation, drainage, cart paths, clubhouse, infrastructure, driving range, and turf(s).

Grasses include:

- Greens, Tif Eagle (ultra-dwarf Bermuda grass has improved speed, consistency, and overall playability. The extremely fine blades maintain and deliver excellent trueness for putting).
- Fairways, Tif Eagle (specifically selected for its superior drought and wear tolerance compared to other Bermuda grass varieties).
- Bunker Faces, Zorro Zoysia (a finebladed dark green color, and number one ranked Zoysia grass in the world used in golf).

We began spraying three products on October 18 to aid in removing the undesirable species of turf grass and weeds from the golf course. This is a typical process done before a renovation occurs and while the grass is actively growing. The spraying will result in a similar look to a really cold winter when the turf naturally goes off-color and is dormant. The spray mix will have a green pigment added to it to help aid in the appearance. Playing conditions will be similar to dormant turf, and

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with it being dry we expect faster ball rolls through the fairways and rough.

We will not be treating Greens during this process.

The three products we are using are (brand name / active ingredients / rates per acre by labels):

- Tri Clopyr 4E Select / Triclopyr/ 1 quart
- Fusilade II / fluazifop-p-butyl / 24 ounces
- Ranger Pro / glyphosate / 5 quarts (we will be using 4 quarts)

Please note:

- Spraying of turf will be done by a contracted licensed applicator.
- Label directions will be followed in the use of all products applied.
- Products used require the applicators and handlers to wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, and chemical resistant gloves, socks, and shoes.
- Drift management is between 2-10mph. Above 10 mph, application will be halted.
- Products are required to dry on plant before any human or pet enters the area. A qualified person will confirm before play can proceed.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your Golf Course Superintendent Anthony Baur at <u>abaur@sjcfl.us</u>. There is a lot of research, university studies, and factual knowledge out there that has been helping farmers and agronomists for over 40 years perform a similar process to what will be occurring at St. Johns Golf Club.

Thank you for your support during this project and we look forward to seeing you in the coming months!

Regards,

Wes Tucker, PGA Professional Director of Golf



PROJECT MAP AND DRAFT SCORE CARD

*All yardages are estimated and subject to change with infield changes during construction.

Tees	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	out	
Championship	460	160	445	475	310	180	600	200	420	3250	
Match	437	152	423	451	295	171	570	190	399	3088	
General	391	136	379	404	264	153	510	170	357	2764	
Relief	345	120	334	357	233	135	450	150	315	2439	
Nearest	322	112	311	332	217	126	420	140	294	2274	
Par	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	35	
Handicap	5	15	1	17	13	11	3	9	7		
Tees	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	total
Championship	410	595	400	460	225	420	440	175	550	3675	6925
Match	390	566	380	437	214	399	418	166	523	3493	6581
General	349	506	340	391	192	357	374	149	468	3126	5890
Relief	308	447	300	345	169	315	330	131	412	2757	5196
Nearest	287	417	280	322	158	294	308	123	385	2574	4848
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	36	71
Handicap	16	6	10	2	14	12	4	18	8		

NEWS AND EVENTS



Golf Clinics

From beginner to seasoned veteran, St. Johns Golf Club offers a variety of clinics to help you fine-tune your skills. Clinics are \$15 per person and require registration.

Thursday Golf Clinics - 9 - 10 a.m. Nov. 4 and 18 | Dec. 2 and 16

Friday Ladies Golf Clinics - 9 - 10 a.m. Nov. 5 and 19 | Dec. 3 and 17

Saturday Morning Clinics - 9 - 10 a.m. Nov. 6 and 20 | Dec. 4 and 18

To register for a clinic, please email **<u>bmauricio@sjcfl.us</u>** or **taycock@sjcfl.us**, or call the Pro Shop at 904.209.0350.

Upcoming Events:

November -

- November 6 Turkey Bowl
- November 11 Veterans Day
- November 25 Thanksgiving Day (Pro Shop will close at 2 p.m.)

December -

- December 24 Christmas Eve (Pro Shop will close at 2 p.m.)
- December 25 Christmas Day (Course/Pro Shop closed)

Associations -

- Ladies Golf Association (LGA) Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
- Men's Golf Association Mondays



- Wednesdays, and Fridaysat 7:09 a.m.
- Skins Game Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 a.m.

Golf History in St. Johns County

Did you know that St. Johns County has a long, interesting history with golf?

In 1895, the first golf course in Florida opened on the grounds of Fort Marion, commonly known as the Castillo de San Marcos today. Then, in 1916, the St. Augustine Golf Development Company opened the Ponce de Leon Golf Club, located on north US 1 near the modern day St. Johns County Administration Complex. The future President Warren G. Harding was a regular visitor at this course prior to taking office. The Ponte Vedra Inn and Lodge's ocean course opened in 1932. This course is



listed on Florida's Historic Golf Trail. And of course, in 1989, our very own golf club opened and continues to proudly serve you to this day.

PRO TIP

Four Setup Keys to Consistent Golf Shots

Written by, Tommy Aycock- Head Golf Professional St. Johns Golf Club

With all the advice in books, online, and from your playing partners on how to swing, golf can become complicated in a hurry. By the time you get to the first tee, you have 15 swing thoughts, and you haven't even started your backswing. Many of the issues that occur during your swing are a direct result of the way that you address the ball, and saying "Hello ball" will not help. The advantage of improving your pre-swing fundamentals is that they are all completed before you swing the club. Therefore, you can focus on your target as you swing the golf club. Paying attention to the following four fundamentals can help the consistency of beginners to tour players, and yes tour players do spend a great deal of time working on these four keys:

Grip - The grip is your connection to the golf club, and is key to producing speed and returning the clubface to the proper position at impact. Start by making sure that when you are holding the club, the grip is in the fingers of both hands as opposed to the palms. The two main pressure points are the two middle fingers of each hand. Both thumbs should be pressed to the side of each hand to produce a line that should point between the sternum and the right should be as light as possible to allow you to maximize speed. If the club is slipping, consider buying a new glove or regripping your clubs.

Aim – There are two keys to improving your alignment. The first key is aligning the clubface so that the lowest groove on the golf club is at a 90 degree angle to the direction that you wish the golf ball to start after impact. You can check this by placing an alignment rod across the front of the clubface at address, and then place a second alignment rod at a 90 degree angle to the first and note the direction that the second alignment rod is pointing. If it is anywhere other than your target, make a clubface adjustment and check it again. After aligning the clubface, check the alignment of your feet by placing the alignment rod across your beltline to determine if your hip alignment. After aligning your feet, place the alignment rod across your beltline to determine if your hip alignment matches your feet, and repeat this procedure with your shoulder alignment.

Stance – The outside of your shoulders should be the same width as the inside of your feet when hitting a driver. The outside of the shoulders should be the same width as the outside of the feet when hitting a wedge. The proper positioning of the feet is to turn both of them out approximately 15 to 20 degrees, and this will allow you to be able to turn the body more effectively during the swing. If your stance is too wide, you will have difficulty making a turn. If your stance is too narrow, your body weight will move outside your feet during the swing and shot distance will be reduced and shot dispersion will increase.

Posture – This is often the most overlooked, but a critical fundamental for a consistent golf swing. When preparing to hit a shot, hold the club straight out and stand tall with a straight back and legs. When setting up to the ball, push the hips back to create an angle to be able to reach the golf ball. It is important to keep your back straight when bending to the ball. To check the correct position, put an alignment stick against your back and make sure it touches the back of your head all the way to your tailbone. Slightly flex your knees, but only enough so that they are not locked at address.

You are now ready to hit your shot! It is recommended that you work on one fundamental at a time when practicing your swing, but each of these four can have a significant impact on your game. We will see you at the course.