

This is “Turf Talk” from Scott Anderson:

Golf Course Maintenance:

1. Tuesday (CW) / Wednesday (PV) closures: The Tuesday-Wednesday closures have been beneficial and will begin this year June 4,5. Summertime is one of the busiest times of the year (outside Overseeding) for golf course maintenance. It is the time of year when all the work is done to prepare for October Overseeding and winter ryegrass. During the days of closures, the team is working 10hr days. On the closure days, the team does not do any work to prepare areas for play.... Greens are not being cut unless work **is** being done, hole locations are not changed, and bunkers are not prepared unless work **is** being done. Projects, such as, vertical mowing, topdressing of greens, large aeration events for the fairways & tees, and other projects can be completed in one day without being a distraction to golfers. Irrigation auditing is done throughout the entire day when the team can visually see and evaluate operation of the system at full capacity. Leaching of salts which requires sprinkler heads to run for several hours on the greens, or other areas, can happen during the closure day. A few examples of projects that will be noticed by Members in the upcoming weeks because of the Tuesday / Wednesday closures... addressing drainage in some areas of the golf courses, sodding areas that did not TRANSITION well, bunker repair work and repositioning of sand. All these projects can be completed more quickly when there is not the need to work around golf play. **So... thank you for Tuesday, Wednesday closures**

Palo Verde Sprinkler / Gate Valve installation:

2. The sprinkler replacement / installation project has begun at Palo Verde. Half of the work was done on the perimeter of the golf holes, along the homeowner fence lines, during March April. The small sprinklers and electric solenoid valves were replaced on holes 1->18. On April 29, the PV team started the work of replacing the large sprinkler heads, and swing joints, in the fairways. This work requires that the golf hole where work is being done, be closed. Like Cottonwood, the Membership has been great and understanding as the team works through this project.



Water Coolers on golf course:

3. Water coolers are placed on the golf course for ALL golfer use during the heat of the summer. The ice and water are replaced fresh every day. They are a welcome, thirst quenching site all year but particularly to those of us that play golf during the summer. The team has 14 water coolers...seven of them are used each day while the other seven are brought in daily to be cleaned, sanitized and prepared for next days use by the F&B staff..... thanks Jennifer! Andres ‘Andy’ Alvarez handles the responsibility preparing coolers with ice and water. He takes this responsibility very seriously and with utmost pride. He is meticulous at wiping down, and cleaning the cooler stations as he re-installs. Thank you Andres!!

