



MCAS Miramar Golf Course Electronic Newsletter

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School is Out, and Summer is in at Miramar!

Summer is upon us! Why not enjoy the long days with a round of golf? We have some exciting events taking place in the coming months at our facility. For starters, our **Independence Day Sidewalk Sale** will be taking place **July 2-4** at the Miramar Golf Course Pro Shop. You can expect fantastic deals on shoes, equipment, apparel, and much more! There will be a raffle contest during this event, and all you need to do to be eligible is make any purchase! The grand prize will be a Callaway Big Bertha Driver.

We will look forward to seeing you there!

From the Desk of Steve Parker, Superintendent

During the months of May & June we sodded the landing areas of holes #4 & #9 with salt tolerant Paspalum sod. This is the same type of turf we used on #9 fairway at the 100 yard area two years ago. The Paspalum is the only turf that has withstood the salts, heavy clay, and poor drainage which we encounter here on the Mira Mesa plateau. We plan to sod the fairway & rough around the fairway bunker on #9. Additionally, we plan to sod #4 fairway from the 150 yard to the 100 yard area. Time permitting, we may also be able to patch bare areas on holes 3, 7, 11 & 15. The holes will remain open for play during and after this procedure.

I am still dedicated to providing fast and firm playing conditions this year. If the golf course is to play firm, we must accept the fact that the turf will not be a solid color of green from wall to wall. When this course is green, it is generally soft and spongy. The plan is to give the turf infrequent deep water to keep the turf alive and growing but not necessarily a verdant shade of green.

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To Our Valued Tee-Club Members:

We are adding value to your experience each and every day!

Our goal is to make your experience at Miramar special and unique. Our staff is dedicated to the idea that you as customers are the most important aspect of our operation. Please continue to provide us with any ideas, programs, or even merchandise that you would like to see make their way to our facility. Comment cards may be picked up in the Pro Shop at any time during our normal business hours of 6 am. To 6 p.m.

This summer, we have instituted the weekly Game Maintenance Program. This is ideal for those who could use a tune-up on some of the more detailed aspects of the game of golf or need help with basics in any particular area. Rates for the program are free for Active Duty Military, \$12 for Retired Military, and \$15 for DOD / Civilian Guests. Call 858-577-4155 in order to sign up as spots go quickly. Our PGA instructors have your best interests at heart and will help you every step of the way!

I hope each and every one of you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

- Independence Day Weekend Sidewalk Sale – July 2-4

MCAS Miramar-Based Active Duty Specials:

- *Dollar Day* (cart not included) - 3rd Wednesday of each month
- *Quality of Life* - Active Duty plays for free (cart not included) two hours after twilight begins
- *Game Maintenance Program* – Active Duty clinics are free each Wednesday from 1130-1210 and 1215-1300 on a first-come-first-serve basis. All authorized patrons may participate in the second session for the following rates:

\$12 – Retired Military
\$15 – DoD / Civilian Guests

Sign up in advance to reserve your space!

General Information:

- *Summer Hours of Operation* – **Monday-Sunday, 6AM-6PM**
- *Tee Times* – **(858) 740-6968**
- *Pro Shop* – **(858) 577-4155**

SPECIAL OFFERS

Super Twilight – 3 Hours After Twilight

E5 & Below, \$12 | E6 & Above, \$15 | DOD, \$20

Golf Club Closeouts – 35% off select hybrid clubs

Free Golf Cart

When you present this coupon, play any time between 10:30-1:30 Monday-Wednesday and receive a free golf cart with purchase of an 18-hole round of golf! *



*Offer expires July 31, 2010, limit one per customer

Instructor's Corner: Hinge and Hold for Solid Chips

By Michael C. Jones, PGA

Many players who chip poorly have an issue with solid contact. In order to create the best angle of approach on this very simple approach shot, players should *slightly* hinge their wrists upon the takeaway. What this does is create a more vertical position of the golf club on the backswing and allow the player to make a descending blow onto the golf ball.

The next aspect of this exercise is to hold the finishing position of the swing. The club head should finish low to the ground, and the shaft should be in line with the arms and hands, *never passing them*.

By holding this position, you can program your muscles to emulate this proper motion when it really counts!

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