Cottonwood & Palo Verde Country Clubs

Next Exit

Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes

GOLF SCHEDULES

Cottonwood
5:30am - 1:00pm Daily
Palo Verde
5:30am - 1:00pm Daily

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		CLOSED		Shotguns		Shotguns

Cottonwood

Shotguns Start 7:30am & 12:00pm

Tee Times Beginning 6:00am

Palo Verde

Shotguns Start 7:30am & 11:30am

Tee Times Beginning 6:00am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE GOLF NEWSLETTER



Summer Clearance Sale at the Golf Shops!

It's time to upgrade your golf bag and wardrobe without breaking the bank! Exclusively at Cottonwood and Palo Verde Country Clubs.

Whether you need high-performance apparel for the course or top-quality accessories to sharpen your game, we've marked down gear across the entire shop floor: Get up to 50% off sale items.

Shop Early for the Best Selection!

These savings are available only while supplies last. Clearance stock moves quickly, and once an item or size sells out, it won't be restocked at these prices.

Stop by the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Golf Shops to snag the best deals before they're gone!

Golden Hour, Great Golf, and Unforgettable Evenings



Nothing beats wrapping up the day with 9 relaxing holes played under Arizona's stunning sunset skies, followed by a delicious, chef-curated dinner at our country club restaurants. It's the premier couples experience—combining great play, wonderful company, and incredible food into one perfect evening.

Weekly Schedule & Details

- Cottonwood Country Club: Every Wednesday
- Palo Verde Country Club: Every Thursday
- Tee Time: Golf starts at 4:00 PM, with dinner immediately following.



Exceptional Value

- Annual Golfers: $10 per golfer
- Non-Annual Golfers: $20 per golfer

(Note: Dinner and beverage expenses are billed separately at the restaurant).

Reserve Your Spot Today!

Because of the fantastic value and ideal setting, our signup lists fill up fast every single week! Don't miss out on this week's twilight play and dining experience—call the pro shops today to secure your spot on the list before tee times run out!

The Evolution of the Fairway: From Scottish Dunes to Modern Play

Few sports carry a heritage as rich, storied, and enduring as golf. What began centuries ago as a simple game played on windswept coastal dunes has evolved into a global phenomenon, uniting millions of players through a shared pursuit of discipline, precision, and passion. Across generation after generation, the essence of the game remains remarkably unchanged: a journey from tee to green, driven by strategy, focus, and respect for the game.

The Scottish Roots: Where It All Began

The origin of modern golf traces back to 15th-century Scotland along the eastern coast, near the Kingdom of Fife. Local shepherds used carved sticks to hit pebbles toward target destinations across sand dunes. By 1457, the game had grown so popular that King James II famously banned it, concerned that Scots were spending too much time playing golf and not enough practicing archery for military defense! The royal ban was lifted in 1502 when King James IV took up the sport himself, cementing golf as a pastime worthy of royalty and commoners alike.

By 1754, the Society of St Andrews Golfers (later known as the Royal and Ancient Golf Club) was formed, establishing the first standardized rules of play, including setting 18 holes as the universal standard round.

Equipment and Evolution: From Featheries to Titanium

In golf's earliest days, equipment was delightfully primitive. Balls were handcrafted from wood, followed by "featheries"—leather pouches tightly stuffed with boiled feathers. Clubs were carved from hardwoods like beech, ash, and hickory.

The 19th and 20th centuries brought revolutionary innovations. The introduction of the gutta-percha rubber ball made play more accessible, while steel and graphite shafts replaced hickory. Today, high-tech manufacturing, aerodynamic golf balls, and custom-fitted titanium drivers allow players to optimize ball speed, launch angles, and distance, turning club design into a precise science.

A Modern Lifestyle: Community, Connection, and Passion

While equipment and course architecture have modernized, golf's core appeal has only deepened. Today, golf is far more than a competitive sport—it is a cornerstone of an active, vibrant lifestyle. It brings people together across generations, offering a unique blend of outdoor exercise, strategic competition, and meaningful social connection.

Whether playing a quick nine holes with friends, participating in club leagues, or enjoying a sunrise walk across immaculate fairways, golf offers a daily retreat into nature and camaraderie. The game continues to inspire players of all skill levels to refine their swing, enjoy the fresh air, and share stories at the 19th hole long after the final putt drops.

The Small Sphere That Big-Time Transformed Golf



It weighs just 1.62 ounces and spans a mere 1.68 inches in diameter, yet the golf ball is the single most technologically advanced piece of equipment in a golfer's bag. The story of this humble sphere is a fascinating journey of innovation that redefined how the game is played.

In golf's earliest Scottish days, players hit wooden balls carved from beech or ash. By the 17th century, the "feathery"—a leather pouch stuffed with boiled feathers—became the standard. While soft, featheries were expensive, absorbed water, and easily split. The game changed forever in 1845 with the invention of the "guttie," made from dried sap. Golfers soon noticed something surprising: nicked and scratched gutties flew straighter and farther than smooth new ones. This discovery birthed the modern dimple pattern.

Today's golf balls are engineering marvels. Featuring multi-layer construction with synthetic rubber cores and urethane covers, modern balls are designed using computational fluid dynamics. The 300 to 400 dimples on a ball create a thin boundary layer of air that reduces aerodynamic drag by up to 50%, generating lift and allowing the ball to soar down the fairway.

Whether engineered for soft feel around the greens, reduced side-spin off the driver, or maximum distance, choosing the right ball is vital to every golfer's game. The next time you tee one up, take a moment to appreciate the extraordinary engineering sitting on your tee!

Important Reminder: Resident ID Cards & After-Hours Golf Rules

To help us maintain a smooth, secure, and enjoyable playing experience for all residents, please keep the following guidelines in mind before heading out onto the fairways at Cottonwood and Palo Verde:

Carry Your Homeowner Identification

All golfers are required to carry and present their valid Homeowner ID card while on the course. Golfers without proper identification will be asked to leave the property.

If you do not have a valid annual golf pass, our course rangers are fully equipped to collect daily green fees directly on the course. For your convenience, we now accept credit and debit card payments right on the green!

After-Hours Golf Cart Rental

Planning a twilight or late afternoon round? If you need to rent a golf cart for after-hours play, please contact the appropriate pro shop before it closes for the day. This ensures our team has ample time to reserve and prepare a cart for your round.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our courses running smoothly! If you have any questions, please feel free to call either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Pro Shop.

Beating the August Heat on the Fairways

We've officially turned the calendar from July into August, and while we've powered through the first half of summer, the Arizona heat isn't letting up just yet! As we navigate the hottest weeks of the season at Cottonwood Palo Verde, staying smart on the golf course is essential to keeping your game sharp and your body safe.

Here are a few quick reminders to keep top of mind before you tee off:

- Hydrate Early & Often: Don't wait until you feel thirsty on the 5th hole. Start drinking water the night before your round, and alternate between water and electrolyte drinks while on the course.

- Beat the Clock: Schedule your tee times as early in the morning as possible to take advantage of cooler temperatures and lighter winds.

- Protect Your Skin: Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen before heading out, wear a wide-brimmed hat, and consider UV-protective long sleeves.

- Seek the Shade: Take advantage of covered golf carts, trees, and shade structures whenever you're waiting between shots.

- Listen to Your Body: Dizziness, fatigue, or muscle cramps are warning signs of heat stress. If you feel unwell, take a break in the air-conditioned Pro Shop or head indoors.

With a little preparation and smart play, you can safely enjoy the game you love all month long. See you on the greens!

250th Commemorative Golf Flag Raffle

Our commemorative 250th American Independence golf flags flew high across our courses throughout the holiday celebration. 36 fortunate homeowner's were drawn as the winners to take home this unique, limited-edition piece of Cottonwood history:

1	Orthen, Denise	19	Grube, Jim
2	Rosko, Teri	20	Bruno, Rich
3	Moser, Arve	21	Messier, Matt
4	Langston, Kathy	22	Bennett, Steve M
5	Kish, Sue	23	Cerimeli, Don
6	Alvarado, Ellen	24	Ballou, Bob
7	Jacob, Kelly	25	Crouch, Scott
8	Beaver, Ron	26	Erichsen, Deb
9	Miller, Rick	27	Gentzkow, Steve
10	Carr, Rob	28	Score, Bill & Diane
11	French, Jeff & Diane	29	Shouse, Mike
12	Zener, Shaun	30	Othick, Rena
13	Ramsey, Tim	31	Platt, Dave
14	Bosch, Joel	32	Mickelson, Leeanna
15	Balthrop, Craig	33	Moore, Bonnie
16	Schaedel, Bob	34	Prchal, Chuck
17	Vinje, Cliff	35	Torres, Bob
18	Hoeft, Teresa	36	Nelson, Jean

Didn't pick up your prize yet? If you're our lucky winner (or one of our event flag winners), please stop by the Golf Pro Shop to claim and collect your commemorative flag! Thank you again to everyone who played, celebrated, and made this milestone holiday one for the books.

Course & Community: A Friendly Reminder for Cart Drivers

See how you can help keep our community safe and neighbor-friendly

As many of us enjoy the convenience of traveling by golf cart, we kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and neighbor-friendly. Whether you're heading to the first tee or navigating residential streets, please keep the following in mind:

Respect the "Rough": Be mindful of homeowners' property, private yards, and community landscaping. A small detour can cause lasting damage to delicate turf and plants.

Paws & Peace: Many of our residents have pets near the paths. Maintaining a safe, steady speed helps keep our furry neighbors calm and everyone safe.

Smart Parking: When stopping near homes or common areas, please ensure you are in a designated spot and not blocking access or encroaching on private lots.

Stay on Track: Stick to designated paths to protect our shared spaces and maintain the tranquility of our neighborhoods.

A little extra awareness goes a long way in ensuring our community remains a beautiful and peaceful place to live and play.

Thank you for your courtesy!

GOLF CART POLICY HERE

"Turf Talk"–New on our Golf Courses

Want to know what's happening beneath the surface of our fairways? Stay ahead of the curve by tuning into Turf Talk, your digital source for all things agronomy.

Our Director of Agronomy, Scott Anderson, provides regular updates straight from the course. From insights on seasonal overseeding and green speeds to the science behind our bunker maintenance, "Turf Talk" gives you a behind-the-scenes look at how we keep our community's landscape in championship condition.

Don't be left in the rough! Access the latest updates online today and see what's in store for our greens this month.

READ THE LATEST

The Beauty, Power, and Science Behind Our Community Fountains

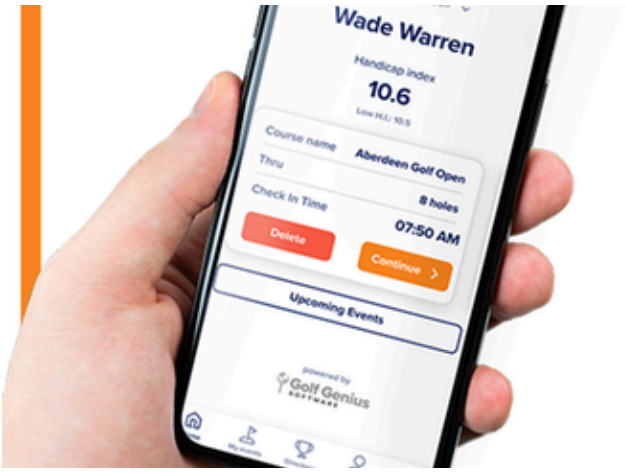


They capture our eyes as water dances in the Arizona sun, but the fountains gracing our Cottonwood Palo Verde lakes do far more than just look beautiful.

While these dramatic plumes add resort-style charm and peaceful ambience to your round, they serve a vital operational purpose: aeration. By keeping lake water continuously moving, fountains increase oxygen levels, prevent stagnant water, and suppress unsightly algae growth. This maintains healthy aquatic ecosystems for local wildlife while keeping our water features pristine for surrounding homeowners.

Behind these seamless water displays is a high level of forward-thinking management. Under the direction of Scott Anderson, Director of Agronomy, infrastructure care goes far beyond what is visible on the surface. Scott strategically plans ahead to protect community assets long before issues arise. Whether he is anticipating mechanical wear, managing lead times for specialized pump parts, or sourcing high-efficiency aeration technology, every detail is mapped out to prevent unexpected downtime.

By proactively managing equipment cycles and maintaining spare fountain parts on-site, Scott and his team ensure our lakes stay healthy and visually stunning year-round. The next time you pause near a water hazard, take a moment to enjoy the sparkling view—and the proactive care that keeps it flowing!



Tee It Up with Golf Genius: Your Digital Caddie

Attention CWPV Golfers! Both Cottonwood and Palo Verde utilize Golf Genius for all **tournament and league play**. This platform handles the logistics so you can focus on finding the fairway, ensuring smooth starts and professional results on the links.

The Golf Genius Advantage

Live Leaderboards: Enjoy live on-course scoring via your smartphone. See exactly where you stand against the field in real-time.

Integrated Sign-Ups: Everything from registration to the final scorecard lives in one place.

Tailored for CWPV: The app is set up specifically for our local league rules and unique tournament formats

The Game Plan: How to Sign Up
To ensure a smooth "pace of play" for our league starts, please use the following steps for all upcoming rounds:

Get the App: Download Golf Genius from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Check Your Inbox: You'll receive an email each week for the upcoming event.

To Join the Field: Click "Playing," verify your info, and hit "Sign Up."

Picking Your Team: If the format allows you to choose your partner or foursome, simply follow the prompts after selecting "Playing."

Sitting This One Out? Simply disregard the email or click "Not Playing."

CLICK HERE to learn more about using the app for your league play. See you on the green!

Missing Notifications? If you aren't receiving tee time email notifications, please contact either Golf Shop for assistance.

Multiple Properties? Read Below:
Use the Correct Name: Ensure you select the specific name/account tied to your current homeowner card.

Avoid Request Issues: Booking under the wrong name may result in your tee time request being denied.
Questions? Contact either Golf Shop for help.



Course & Community: A Friendly Reminder for ALL Golfers

Learn how you can help keep our golf courses looking great and enjoyable for everyone

Fill divots throughout the entire golf course with exception of the Tee Boxes (Maintenance Staff will fill Tee Boxes)



Fix ball marks correctly
Click here to ensure you are fixing the correct way



Correct Rake Position
once you have completed raking, please put the rake in the correct position



Stop by each Pro Shop to pick up your **Emergency Protocol Sticker**



- Please abide by the **90 degree cart rule** at all times (when not cart path only)
- Please keep up with the group in front of you - **No gaps**
- Head to the cart path before you pass the yellow stakes on all Par 4 and Par 5 holes - **Keep the green surrounds playable**
- **Play ready golf** at all times
- **Fix your ball marks** on the greens
- **Fill your divots** throughout the golf course

Get a Grip: Why Fresh Grips Matter for Your Game

In the world of golf, your hands are your only connection to the club. Over time, heat, dirt, and oils from your skin cause grips to oxidize and harden, leading to a loss of traction and performance. If your clubs are feeling slick or showing visible wear, it's time for a refresh.

The Benefits of Re-Gripping:
Improved Control: Fresh, tacky grips allow you to hold the club with less tension. This promotes a smoother swing tempo and prevents the club from twisting at impact.

Increased Distance: When you aren't worried about the club slipping, you can achieve better clubhead speed and more consistent ball striking.

Reduced Hand Fatigue: New grips provide better shock absorption, which is easier on your joints—especially during those long practice sessions on the range.

Weather Readiness: High-quality modern grips are designed to maintain traction even in the humid Arizona heat, ensuring your "big stick" stays secure in your hands.

Pro Shop Service
Don't let a worn-out grip cost you strokes on the scorecard. Whether you need to refresh your entire set or just want to stabilize your stroke with a new putter grip, we are here to help.

Visit either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Pro Shops today! Our professional staff offers expert re-gripping services for all clubs, including putters, to get your gear back in championship form.





After-Hours Golf Information

With the golf pro shops closing earlier during the summer months, **homeowners are still welcome to use the golf courses after hours.**

Rangers will continue patrolling both courses during these times.

All golfers must be able to present a valid Homeowners Card or Phase II Guest Pass while on the course.

Golfers **without** proper identification **will be asked to leave** the property.

Rangers will also collect applicable green fees from any golfer who does not have a valid Annual Pass.

If you **plan to rent a golf cart for after-hours play,** please contact the appropriate golf course before the golf shop closes that day so arrangements can be made to reserve and prepare a cart for your use.