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

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COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE GOLF NEWSLETTER

Protecting Our Golf Courses: Why a Golf Cart Compliance Program Matters



Privately owned golf carts are an important part of our golf community and provide residents with a convenient way to enjoy the course. As golf carts have evolved, however, many now include larger tires, lift kits, additional seating, and other modifications that can affect how they interact with our golf courses.

Our proposed **Golf Cart Compliance Program** is designed to protect the golf courses while allowing residents to continue enjoying their privately owned carts. The program will establish clear, objective standards for cart **size, tires, safety, and modifications**, along with a consistent inspection and approval process.

The goal is **not to restrict golf cart ownership**. It is to make sure that carts operating on our courses are appropriate for the turf, irrigation systems, bridges, cart paths, and other golf course infrastructure.

The program will also make the process fairer for everyone. Rather than relying on individual opinions about whether a cart is appropriate, every cart will be evaluated using the same standards. Approved carts will receive a registration decal, making it easier for Golf Staff to quickly identify compliant carts without unnecessary interruptions.

Most importantly, the program is about **protecting the investment we have in our golf courses.** Preventing unnecessary turf damage, irrigation repairs, and infrastructure wear helps preserve course conditions and control maintenance costs for everyone.

The program is intended to emphasize **education and voluntary compliance firs**t, with a clear process for correcting problems when they are identified.

Our goal is simple: protect the golf course, improve safety, provide consistent standards, and allow residents to continue enjoying their golf carts responsibly.

New Golf Cart Compliance Program starting September 2026

To protect our golf course turf and irrigation systems, Cottonwood Country Club and Palo Verde Golf Club are introducing a new Golf Cart Compliance Program starting September 2026. This initiative establishes clear, consistent standards for size, tires, and modifications to ensure privately owned carts are safe for our infrastructure while keeping the evaluation process fair for all homeowners.

What You Need to Know

- **Registration & Decals:** All personal carts must be inspected and registered at either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde pro shop. Once approved, you will receive an official compliance decal for display.
- **Requirements:** Carts must meet the size and modification guidelines outlined in the current community Golf Cart Policy.
- **Timeline:** Registration opens in September 2026, and **all carts must display an approved decal by March 2027** to maintain course access.

By participating, you help prevent costly damage, preserve course conditions, and protect our community's investment. Please review the Golf Cart Policy and visit either pro shop this fall to get registered!

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.

Golf Maintenance Closures are Officially Coming to an End for the Season!

Starting in early September, the weekly Tuesday and Wednesday closures at Cottonwood and Palo Verde will officially end, reopening both courses to 7-day-a-week play.

Fall Golf Schedule Highlights

- **7-Day Access:** Both Cottonwood and Palo Verde golf courses will operate seven days a week beginning in September.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday Tee Times:** Standard tee time reservations will now be active on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- **Pro Shop Hours:** Both Golf Pro Shops will be open daily from 5:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

Stop by either pro shop or check online to book your early autumn tee times!

"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

Final Days: Up to 50% Off Clearance at the Golf Shops!

Time is running out! With August coming to a close, you only have **3 Mondays left** to take advantage of our massive end-of-season clearance sale before these deals disappear at the end of the month.

Don't Miss Out

- **Up to 50% Off:** Save big on high-performance golf apparel, gear, and top-quality accessories across the shop floor—exclusively at Cottonwood and Palo Verde.
- **Limited Inventory:** Clearance stock is moving fast! Once your size or favorite item sells out, it's gone for good.
- **Daily Shop Hours:** Both Pro Shops are open daily from **5:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Stop by Cottonwood or Palo Verde today to snag the best selection before the end-of-month deadline!

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

The Beauty, Power, and Science Behind Our Community Fountains

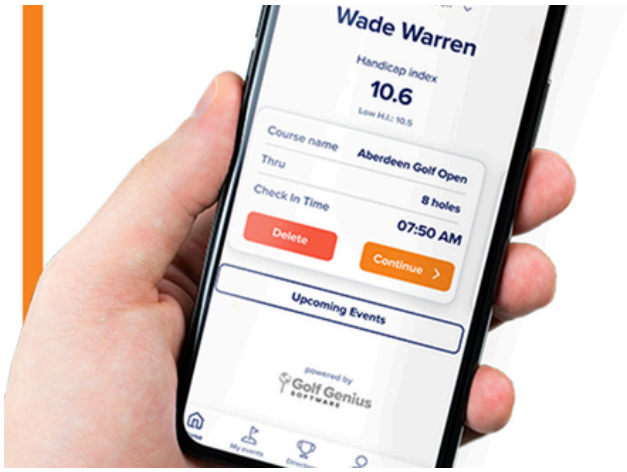


They capture our eyes as water dances in the Arizona sun, but the fountains gracing our Cottonwood Palo Verde lakes do far more than just look beautiful.

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)



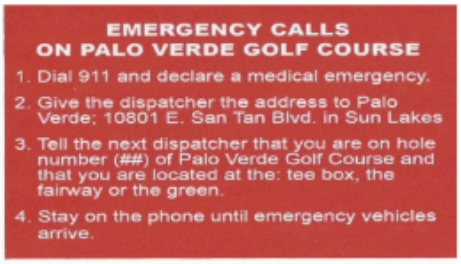
Fix ball marks correctly
Click here to ensure you are fixing the correct way



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.