



WELCOME

Palo Alto Golf Club 2023 Annual Meeting



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Baylands Golf Links

Key Personnel


- General Manager- David Hall
- Head Professional- Kevin Sprenger
- Asst. Professionals- Patrick Soli, Matt Sheppard, Joe Zarnoch
- Teaching Professionals- Dan Jamati, Mark Madayag, Roger Pineda
- Course Superintendent- P.J. Kaner
- Food & Beverage Manager- Ben Baltasar



Golf Operations Update

1. New golf cart fleet arriving in June.
E-Z-Go RXV Elite with lithium batteries. Color-Metallic Charcoal.
2. New Pneumatic shoe cleaning station located adjacent to cart wash area.
3. PAGC members receive Links Card pricing (15% off) on merchandise purchased with your PAGC winnings.





MISSION: Provide high quality playing conditions.

2023 Course Maintenance Objectives

1. Desired grasses- Bentgrass greens, Paspalum fairways/tees.
Eradicate unwanted Poa Annua & Kikuyu grasses throughout course.
Keep course firm and on the dry side.
2. Remove thatch layer throughout all turf areas by removing aerification cores.
3. Provide quality bunker conditions (firm, smooth).
4. Re-establish native grass areas to golden fescue that waves in the wind.



Eradicate Poa Annua & Kikuyu Grasses in Fairways & Tees

1. Herbicide spray applications targeting Poa Annua and Kikuyu grasses.
2. Promote Paspalum growth thru fertilizer and verticutting practices to fill-in where Poa Annua and Kikuyu was.





Remove thatch layer throughout all turf areas.

GREENS

1. Aerify (1/2" hollow tine) and sand topdress greens 2x per year (April & Oct.).
2. Solid needle tine aerification and light sand topdressing 1x month.
3. Light verticutting of greens 1x month.
4. Don't overwater.

FAIRWAYS/ TEES

1. Light verticutting 3-4x year.
2. Aerification (3/4" hollow tine) 1-2x/ year.
3. Sand topdress where needed.
4. Don't overwater.



Provide quality bunker conditions.

GOAL: Bunkers should be firm, smooth and free of rocks.

“Better Billy Bunker” construction:

- Designed by Billy Fuller, Augusta National GC Course Superintendent.
- Improvement on his original “Billy Bunker” system with pea gravel and *fabric liner*.
- Fabric liner replaced by a manufactured “binder” holding the pea gravel “liner” in place.



Provide quality bunker conditions.

1. Staff to probe depth of sand, add or redistribute sand to achieve proper depth.
2. Tamp sand to desired firmness.

How to rake a bunker?

1. Find the best entry and exit points.
 2. Enter the bunker with the rake in hand.
 3. Take your shot.
 4. Smooth over sand with rake as you back out of bunker.
 5. Step out of bunker and finish with a back raking away from the bunker edge.
- Do NOT cultivate sand. This disrupts the desired firmness of sand.
 - Gently smooth surface with a light touch.
 - Try not to rake sand to back edge of bunker (where you entered/exited bunker). Maintain a 2"-3" lip on bunker edge.





Re-establish native grass areas to golden fescue that waves in the wind.

GOAL: Golden fescue grasses that waves in the wind and is semi-playable.
(think British Open courses).

1. Periodic mowing 2-4x per year.
2. Herbicide applications to eradicate undesirable weeds such as Kikuyu and thistle.





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