

The Forward Press

December 2020



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DRIVING RANGE

Hours: 8:30am - 3:30pm*
by reservation only

*Subject to change due to
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RIDGE

Weekday: 9am - 4pm
Weekends: 10am - 5pm
by reservation only

PARC Short Game

Weekdays: 10am - 4pm
Weekends: 10am - 5pm
by reservation only

Well that was something!

In a few short weeks, 2020 will be behind us. A year none of us will soon forget. After making the very difficult decision to close the course back in the spring, so much has happened that it seems like 8 years, not 8 months.

On behalf of all of us at Cordova Bay, I would like to take this time to express the gratitude we feel to you, the golfer. The kind words of encouragement, the support, and the many acts of quiet kindness has made this very difficult year much easier to bear.

For me, 2020 reinforced many things that I already knew about the game. First, golfers are good people. This assuredly stems from the game of itself, one of tradition and honour. I can't thank you enough for how you supported all of our Covid-19 safety protocols. Second, I was reminded of how important the game is to those who play it. The *weekly game* provides much more to the golfer than a good walk. Of course, people all play the game for their own reasons, but my observations tell me that the overriding attraction is *community*. The gathering of friends to play a silly game in grand natural surroundings cannot be discounted as a great source of mental, physical, AND spiritual health. Bearing witness to the passion you all have is the very best part of my job and it always will be.

Jim Goddard, Director of Golf

**BILL MATTICK'S
RESTAURANT**

Hours: 11:30am-7:30pm
by reservation only

Christmas at the Bay

If you are able and willing to help the Cordova Bay Golf Course collect funds and donate items to local charities, please consider the following options:

- Donating non-perishable food items in the Christmas hampers, which will be located in the Clubhouse breezeway next week
- Choose from either the Burnside Gorge Community Association, BC Cancer Foundation, or the Mustard Seed and Cordova Bay will make a \$1 donation on your behalf (separate email to come)
- Christmas day golf...stay tuned for details

In addition, by this time of year, we would have hosted our annual Wine and Cheese reception. For obvious reasons, we were unable to celebrate with you this year. However, our annual budget for the evening will be gifted to the club's charities

Birds of the Bay

Bob Reese, one of our avid golfers and phenomenal photographer, took these amazing photos of our local fine feathered friends out on the golf course. Thank you for passing these along.

p.s. There are more beautiful photos at the end of the newsletter



The Newsletter

2021 Membership

by Jocelyne Lavack, Admin Assistant & Member Services

There's a new staff person who joined the Cordova Family. That's me - Jocelyne. You may have heard my name floating around the

clubhouse, or perhaps we even chatted on the phone. I am the new(ish) administrative assistant and member services agent. Need to update your credit card? I'm your gal. Did you move and need to change your mailing address? Call me up. Is there a mistake in your statement? Just give me a shout. I can be reached at accounts@cordovabaygolf.com or at 778-405-0645.



But just a little about me - because I am not just a faceless name that sends emails all day long. I moved to Victoria from Manitoba roughly 6 years ago and have not looked back. I grew up playing golf - though if you ask me if I'm any good, my answer will always be "only when I lie on the scorecard." My current role at Cordova Bay has been incredibly diverse and I am thankful for all the learning and laughter I've been having throughout my last 3 months of employment.

But back to memberships. We will be sending quite a few emails to our members in mid-December. Things you can expect from us in the upcoming weeks:

- Membership brochure
- Renewal email for our Men's & Ladies' Club Members
- An email to our Player's Club members to gauge interest in upgrading, thus creating a waitlist

Winter Handicaps

from Golf British Columbia

The areas where golf can be played year-round and will have their active season extended are: The Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.



Procedure during the period November 15 to February 28

For the areas with an extended active season, as identified above, Golf British Columbia will adjust the Course and Slope ratings so that they reflect the winter play conditions. Throughout the winter months, Golf British Columbia will continue to monitor and adjust the Course Ratings as necessary.

What Golf Courses in the extended active areas need to do

Only scores made at a course with adjusted ratings are eligible to be posted during the period November 15 to February 28. The course rating will be adjusted by Golf British Columbia. If you are playing elsewhere, be advised that scores made at all other courses in British Columbia where ratings have not been adjusted are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be posted (check with the course prior to play).

When ratings will be restored

British Columbia Golf, in consultation with local courses, will determine when to restore the regular ratings for the golf courses in the areas with an extended active season.

Keep it simple, continue to post your scores every day of the year.

Club Fitting Centre Announcement

by Nate Ollis, PGA Teaching Professional

The Cordova Bay Fitting Centre is undergoing an exciting renovation! We are thrilled to announce some key upgrades to our teaching facility and technology for the start of 2021.



As golf continues to modernize, the use of state-of-the-art launch monitor technology becomes an absolute must for coaches and golfers of all skill levels. The cornerstone of this project at Cordova Bay will be the introduction of a new [Foresight GC Quad Launch Monitor](#). For those not well versed in the 'tech' language of golf instruction, a launch monitor is a device used to measure and analyze both a player's ball flight and club delivery. This allows your coach to streamline the lesson or club fitting process to help you optimize your golf swing. The GC Quad will help the coach accurately measure clubhead speed, distance, ball spin, swing direction, contact point, low point, and dozens of other advanced metrics.

In addition to some flashy new technology, we are excited to add some cosmetic touches to the space also. The most prevalent of these will be an artificial putting surface that will cover the entire floor of the Fitting Centre. This will provide an ideal space to conduct putter fittings and offer a much-needed break from the winter rains when a student needs to dial in their putting stroke.

We look forward to the official launch of this project in early 2021, and further helping our students achieve their goals in golf!



Online Pro Shop

by Oskars Pavasars, Assistant Professional

We are in the process of building a larger space for our proshop...in some form or another. Our online store launched earlier this fall to our members, the store was received with zero technical errors or complaints, thus making it an immediate overnight success.



As most know that one learns to walk with baby steps, we are still learning to walk with our online store presence. In the coming months and next year, the online store will grow with items and services and truly become something unique in its own right, just as we are unique here at Cordova Bay in our golf course, club culture, and staff.

At the moment the online store offerings are limited to see how the site functions and how our procedures work. Over the next few weeks and months, you will see a much larger rollout of items and information on the store. Our clothing collections are in the process of being photographed and prepped for online purchasing. Furthermore, you will see the addition of our Callaway golf club lineup find its way to the online store. You will be able to learn about different Callaway clubs that we have available for fitting and send us a fitting inquiry which will connect you with one of our PGA Professionals to arrange a fitting.

The online store is a privilege for members but can be seen or viewed by anybody who visits our website. Gift cards can purchased by anyone and can be found [HERE](#). Members are able to purchase anything on the online store and charge it to their Cordova Bay member account, in addition they can also use their credit book, simply specify it in the checkout by leaving a note.



To visit the online proshop, click [HERE](#) for the directly link or visit our website and locate the 'SHOP' button on the top of the page

Stay tuned to the store for more additions and new products into next year!

Fairway Mat Program

by Dean Piller, Superintendent

On November 1st, 2018 I was able to strike a big check mark on my bucket list. On that day, I played at the [Royal County Down Golf Club](#) in Ireland, which is the number 1 ranked golf course in the world. Jim Goddard, Lance McCullough, and several of our Members from Cordova Bay were with me that day and I will always remember so many specific things about my experience there, many of which have influenced our

management programs here at Cordova Bay.



I remember standing on the first tee in awe, (actually fear). I looked down the first hole at what appeared to be the smallest fairway I had ever come across and the longest and largest rough areas I had ever seen. My goal was to break 100, but more important was to just seize the day and absorb and take in as much as I possibly could on this special property. A note posted in the Proshop from the Honourary Club Secretary stated that as of October 27th the Winter Fairways Protection Program would be in place. What this essentially meant is that any time your ball found its way into fairway collection areas that were marked out in white paint, you were required to use one of the available fairway mats. This rule was put in place in order to save the turf from the wear and tear of winter golf, where repair from growth would not occur until spring. As it turned out, I don't think I had to use a mat that day as I the only fairways I was able to hit were on the par 3's just short of the green. However, it did plant a seed that this could be something we could implement at Cordova Bay to help our fairways come through the winter in much better condition than in the past.



Look at that view! And notice the same winter mat that we are implementing at Cordova Bay



They take their Winter Management Program very seriously

Apart from fairways, another area of significant wear and tear from winter play is on our tee boxes, specifically on the par 3 tees and shaded tees that are surrounded by trees on holes 4, 8, 9, 10 and 12. The wear that occurs during the winter months on these tee boxes is two-fold. On the par 3 tee boxes, it is mostly the number of divots that occur that will not be able to be filled in with seed germination or re-growth until April. On our shaded tees, where turf is thin due to colder temperatures and lack of sunlight in the winter months, the majority of the damage occurs through foot traffic on somewhat frozen ground. In this case, the thin turf lacks

the resilience and knit to withstand the traffic wear that occurs between the markers with the golf swing.

On the par 3 tee boxes, we try to limit the number of days that range mats are used to help reduce the damage caused by heavy winter play. On the extremely cold days, where the turf on the shady tees will unlikely thaw during the day, the use of range mats is essential for keeping the turf on these decks somewhat intact through the winter months. To help us with the condition of the turf on our par 3's as well as the shady tee boxes, the use of fairway mats will have a very positive impact on the condition of our course. In specific, they will help reduce the number of times we are required to use the driving range mats on the tee box during times where frost is not present.

Back on that day in Ireland at Royal County Down, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Superintendent Eamonn Crawford when we were standing on the 18th tee. I had so many questions for him in regards to his management programs on such an immaculately maintained property. The greens in particular had little to no disease and they were coloured quite dark, which I assumed was applications of iron sulphate to reduce the activity of fungus.



Please note: This is not Eamonn's current grounds team

Eamonn did confirm with me that they did in fact include fairly high rates of iron sulphate as well as applications of a liquid kelp product. While walking down the 18th fairway that day, and within minutes following my discussion on the tee box with him, I found myself wondering how I might incorporate some of his winter management programs into what we were doing at Cordova Bay.

Within a week of our return, we were trying this new concoction on our fairways to evaluate any change in overall health or disease reduction. The overall turf health response and disease reduction was immediate. I found it astonishing that we started to observe an immediate reduction in earthworm casts on the fairways that had been sprayed with the iron sulphate. That was my AHA moment. I never expected that a golf trip would knock a few ticks off my bucket list but would also have such a positive effect on our winter management programs here at home. I will never forget the memories and experience I had with my colleagues and friends from Cordova Bay on that golf trip to Ireland and will be forever grateful for learning from one of my peers abroad. Monthly kelp and iron sulphate applications that start in October and the adoption of a fairway mat program in November have both made a significant and positive impact to our winter tee and fairway conditions so far this winter.



The dreaded divots. At times inevitable, but with the use of winter mats, fairways will heal much faster come spring



What a pristine fairway!

At the end of November, I was performing course setup for the days play and I found myself taking so many photos of fairways that were looking so pristine for this time of year. I have so much gratitude to our Members and customers for their adoption of our winter fairway mat program. Thank you so much for your help in the care of Cordova Bay.

The Ridge Course

by Lexie Henry, Ridge Operations

Change is often quite daunting and rarely without a few challenges, even when it's for the better. I mean, think of the chaos that ensues when they rearrange your local Thrifty's! But after some time, you realize that it really is a better place for them to keep the eggs.



2020 has certainly not been without its fair share of changes and challenges; however, it has also been the perfect time to reflect upon and embrace all the positives we have in our lives. I know that golf (however frustrating at times) is one of those positive escapes for many of us. This has certainly been reflected in the number of people we've had out golfing at The Ridge Course this year!



The current circumstances, although negative, have allowed us to implement some exciting positive changes and bring a new life to The Ridge. The most noticeable of these changes being tee time bookings. Tee times have allowed us to ensure our golfers have a time on the course; gone are the days of "I'm sorry, but you might have to wait 30-40 minutes to get out there". They have also allowed us to better connect with our regular golfers and learn what brings them back to

our beautiful course week after week. Another change has been the revamping of our PARC Short Game facility. Although we unfortunately weren't able to launch the PARC program as intended this year, the modifications we were able to make have been a huge success! It has

been wonderful to see members who never used to venture up the hill regularly now. There is always a buzz of excitement and anticipation up there before tournament days as everyone comes up to sharpen up those pesky short game skills! Our grounds crew put so much work into making The Ridge what it is and it's definitely being appreciated these days!

Perhaps the most exciting change has been the addition of "Dorothy's Boutique"! Everyone is loving their personal shopping experience as Dorothy and Stephanie keep our golfers looking sharp out on the course. Although some are missing the café, our beautiful waterside patio is getting the love and attention it deserves rain or shine!



Overall, we have had a great year here at The Ridge and the happiness the course brings to golfers of all ages and abilities has been so uplifting during these strange times. At the end of the day Cordova Bay is a family (complete with a crazy uncle...I'll let you all decide who it is) and this family has shown just how resilient they are through all this. Here's to golf and exciting times ahead!

Bill Mattick's Restaurant

by Grant Soutar, Bill Mattick's Restaurant Manager

BC Provincial Health Order

A new [BC Provincial Health Order](#) will be in place from November 20, 2020 thru December 7, 2020. Although the manner in which restaurants may operate has not changed, Bill Mattick's Restaurant @ the Cordova Bay Golf Course asks that our patrons please follow the guidelines as listed in the order. The general guidelines are listed below or you may use the link provided to access the BC Provincial website to view the complete order.



Our restaurant will continue to follow protocols that match or exceed the guidelines from Dr. Bonnie Henry and WorksafeBC and we look forward to serving you safely in our restaurant. Hours of operation will be 11:30am to 7:30pm daily. Due to limited seating, and to ensure our ability to contact trace, all dine-in seating will be by reservation only.

Online Ordering *NEW*

During this difficult second wave, some of you may not be comfortable dining inside restaurants. Bill Mattick's Restaurant is happy to announce the launch of our new Online Ordering System and one-stop shopping menu. Click the buttons below to access the online takeout page or to view our current menus. Payment can be made online or in person at time of pick-up.

Online Takeout

Menus



To reduce public interactions, the Provincial Government has allowed for restaurants to sell alcoholic beverages to accompany take home food orders. We want to be your one-stop shopping alternative. Make sure to check out our Takeout Beverage Menu for individual wines, beer or ciders for your meal tonight or pick up dinner and a 6-pack for the weekend.

Bill Mattick's has partnered with wine suppliers to bring you Hand Curated Mixed Wine packs at liquor store pricing. Whether you are looking for BC rare gems, an old-world standard or a premium

mix from around the world, Bill Mattick's Restaurant manager & Sommelier, Grant Soutar, has designed a package to fit.

New Public Health Order Guidelines for Restaurant, Pubs, and Bars

- Restaurants, pubs and bars can continue to operate as long as they have a COVID-19 Safety Plan and employee protocols in place.
- A maximum of six people at a table and you cannot move between tables
- Masks are now mandatory for everyone in all public indoor settings and workplaces. People who cannot put on or remove a mask on their own are exempt. Masks for children under the age of 2 is not recommended.
- A customer can be refused entry or service if they do not wear a mask
- Employers are expected to enforce the mandatory mask policy with both employees and customers



It's beginning to look quite festive in Bill Mattick's Restaurant

Core bubble

Please be familiar with and follow BC Provincial Health guidelines on social interactions and your core group. It is important to follow the guidelines set by Dr. Henry and we ask you to abide by our policies around COVID-19. We also ask for your patience, kindness and understanding as we too learn how to move forward during this difficult time.

Picture This

These pictures were taken by staff throughout the year. Just in case your head was down and didn't notice...our course is absolutely beautiful.



Housekeeping

Health & Safety

- Players may arrive up to a maximum of 20 minutes prior to tee time. Driving range 'warm up' limited to four players, putting green limited to four players
- If you arrive earlier than 20 minutes prior to your tee time, you will be asked to wait in your vehicle
- We ask that you not proceed to the driving range or first tee until invited by the starter
- As per the new BC Public Health Order, masks are now required while indoors. This includes the Pro Shop and Bill Mattick's Restaurant.
- Only 3 players are allowed in the Pro Shop at any one time

Frost & Weather Policies

- Frost delays will result in straight time delay regardless of length. There will be no shotgun starts this season so that we are not bringing 100 players at any one time
- Check out our [website](#) for up-to-date course conditions

You've made it this far, now here's a quick reprieve: You should always try before you buy, especially when buying a putter. Never buy a putter until you've seen how well you can throw it.

CANADIAN ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION

As of July 1, 2014, new legislation was put in place to combat spam marketing an email. Cordova Bay fully supports this legislation and wants to make sure all of our emails are sent to those wishing to receive them. We hope you continue to read our newsletter, but if you wish to unsubscribe, we always provide this option in all of our communications. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at info@cordovabaygolf.com

