

## Updates as of August 21, 2009

Construction has begun on the 5th and 11th greens. The 5th green has been approved by the Golf Course Architect and the irrigation system has been staked out. The 5th green and surround are scheduled to be seeded on September 3rd. After approval from the Golf Course Architect, the 11th green is scheduled to be seeded on September 11th. As stated earlier, the greens are tentatively scheduled to open the first of the new year. While the greens are under construction, golfers will play to temporary greens located in the fairways. Thank you for your patience and understanding during construction.

### Golf Course Construction Update

Major construction projects are underway at the course this summer, but rest assured that 18 holes will be open throughout construction. The overall goals of the projects are to increase golfer safety and to improve water quality in the Arroyo Burro watershed.

New greens on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes will be placed slightly to the right to keep errant balls away from other fairways, tees, and McCaw Avenue. These greens will also be built to U.S.G.A. specifications for better drainage, uniformity, and playing conditions. The greens construction won't begin until mid-August, so the existing greens will be open for major tournament play. Later this summer a new cart path system will be completed to create a continuous route that will aid in course access during our rainy season.

The majority of work this summer is for a new creek restoration and storm water management project. This is an innovative water treatment project that will transform portions of the course that lie in the historic Upper Las Positas Creek. The project will treat polluted urban storm water that comes from parking lots, roads, and adjacent neighborhoods. Currently all the bacteria, oil, metals, and trash in this urban runoff water flows untreated into Las Positas Creek and the Pacific Ocean. The new project will treat this water through natural vegetated swales and basins that are also designed to enhance aesthetics and wildlife habitat. The architects and engineers developed the project to be compatible with the current course layout.

During the month of July please expect grading to occur in the valley between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes, and in the area just down slope and north of the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. Areas will also be prepared for work along the 16<sup>th</sup> fairway (next to the elementary school). Green construction fences will be installed to delineate work areas and construction flag men will coordinate traffic. The pro shop and golf staff will let you know if there are any temporary tees in use for the day you play. These will be necessary as construction conditions dictate in order to keep players and construction staff safe.

There are several ways to stay informed about the project as construction proceeds. Updates will continue to be sent via the monthly newsletter. In addition, a "Frequently Asked Questions" summary for both projects is available at the Pro Shop. This is also posted in the glass case as you enter the course. A site map with descriptions of the

individual project components and updates is set-up at the entrance to the course. The construction project management team will hold meetings every other Thursday at 11 a.m. in the outdoor area at Mulligan's, just west of the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. The first meeting is on July 9 and you are invited to attend. You can also contact city staff directly at any time: Mark Reed, Golf Course Manager, at [mreed@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:mreed@santabarbaraca.gov) or (805) 564-5547 George Thomson, Creeks Planner, at [gthomson@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:gthomson@santabarbaraca.gov) or (805) 560-7576