

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Wood and Council Members  
CC/: City Administrator Drew Nelson

FROM: GSRC Board President Russell Johnson  
DATE: February 11, 2021  
SUBJECT: Golf Course Update

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The Salida Golf Course and Greater Salida Recreation Corporation (GSRC) had a great 2020 Season, despite dealing with COVID restrictions. We experienced increased daily play and full tournaments, without having a single outbreak of COVID tied back to the course. Golf was a perfect game to play because it was outside and social distancing could be done with ease.

During the 2020 season, we saw an increase in revenue. This was encouraging since we were in the middle of COVID times. However, like most places a majority of that was offset by increased costs. We were able to add a new storage facility that allows us to secure some of the newly purchased operational equipment. You will notice that next to the older building along hole two.

We have been getting a lot of good feedback about our wonder course conditions. Our Superintendent, Mike Springs and his crew have been doing a great job. Salida is getting a reputation for having some of the best greens in the State. Due to the word spreading, we are seeing a lot of people travel to play here.

In the 2020 calendar year, the Salida Golf Club hosted our traditional women, men, and couple league nights. We also hosted several tournaments that are a long-standing tradition of the course. Several of these tournaments brought people in from various parts of the region. Most of these tournaments have 120 golfers and are 2-4 days long. I am proud to say that we were able to hold nearly every one of our regular tournaments. We also did this without having a COVID outbreak that was linked to the course.

Below is a list of tournaments we held in 2020:

- Early Birdie
  - Ladies Memorial Day
  - Spring Two Person Scramble
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Two Person Scramble
  - Shavano Showdown
  - SWGA Ladies Invitational
  - Ladies Club Championship
  - Senior Two Person- Canceled
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- Chaffee County Open
- Aspen Leaf Two Person Fall Classic
- Butch Braswell Boys High School – Snowed out
- Chamber Day -Canceled
- Salida High School Girls – Canceled

During the 2020 season, we had a record number of 15,300 rounds of golf played at the course. Out of the rounds played, 10,251 were played by members of the Salida Golf Club and 5,049 rounds were played by nonmembers.

As you can see, the golf course is a vital part of outdoor recreation here in Salida. Many people take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy our great weather and wonderful course conditions. We welcome each of you to come out and see us while enjoying a game of golf.

Thanks,  
Russell Johnson  
GSRC Board President

