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## Be the FIRST to Play Olmos!

Dear Alamo City Golf Trail Supporter,

We are happy to announce the re-opening of Olmos Basin Golf Course on Saturday, November 6, 2021. With the course closed since early January, we understand the toll this took on our other facilities, the challenge in booking tee times, and the general pace of play on our already busy courses. For this, we are exceptionally grateful for your patience and support.

For the first week starting Saturday, November 6, Olmos Basin will have a 'soft' opening, with limited tee times spaced out in intervals allowing for a comfortable pace of play. Golfers can book tee times for the first week starting seven days in advance beginning Saturday, October 30 at Midnight. The first Saturday we are open, the starting five tee times will be placed in a silent auction style format in which all money raised will be donated to local charities. Find information on the bidding process follow this link: [THE FIRST FIVE TEE TIMES.](#)

After the first week of a 'soft' opening, we will celebrate a Grand Re-Opening Saturday, November 13. More information on this event is coming soon. During November, we will continue to limit play to provide for the best possible playing conditions during the winter months. Group sizes will be limited to eight golfers.

I am proud of the enhanced Olmos Basin Golf Course; however, there will continue to be more construction, upgrades, and facility improvements over the ensuing weeks. As the course matures, especially in the spring, many of the bumpy or bare areas will soften and fill in. We are confident that next summer, Olmos Basin will challenge to be one of the finest golf courses in the city; public or private.

The newly upgraded golf course was lengthened from the back tee boxes and can now play more than 7000 yards. Conversely, the course is now shorter from the front tees, which should help maneuvering around the 52 new strategically placed bunkers. The bunkers have all been professionally lined with the Better Billy Bunker System, providing consistent conditions going forward. The greens, which are similar in size to the greens prior to the renovation, now have significantly more undulation and will offer more interesting putts. Expect green speeds to be more moderate during the first year, as we will ramp up the speed as they continue to mature.

While we added some significant upgrades to the drainage system, the course remains in a flood plain, and will continue to deal with what Mother Nature throws at us; however, after light rains, the course will be playable sooner. Asphalt cart paths were removed and replaced with new concrete paths. While much of the course will be open to golf carts, some holes will be restricted to the paths through the winter.

In addition to the course upgrades, we have added perimeter fencing around much of the course, widened the driveway, rebuilt the parking lot, enhanced the exterior of the clubhouse, built a new golf cart storage facility, and added an outdoor pavilion for pre and post golf festivities.

This major undertaking of the Olmos Basin Golf Course would not have been possible without the foresight and guidance from our Municipal Golf Association - San Antonio Board of Directors. This group plays a valuable role in helping ensure that we continue our mission of being stewards to municipal golf in the city.

My gratitude goes to Jeffrey Blume, LTD, the golf course architect; VM Golf Services, the golf course contractor; SBM General Contractor for the work on the parking lot, clubhouse, pavilion, and cart storage facility and our partners at the City of San Antonio, as well as so many others that played a role in the construction process.

Lastly, I applaud the efforts of our Olmos Basin Agronomy Team. Led by our Director of Agronomy, Jake Snyman, Olmos Basin Superintendent, Mick Garza, Special Projects Manager, Mike Valdez and Equipment Manager, Danny Diaz. This was a major process, and the team did it with grace and style even during repeated rain events causing significant delays. Additional kudos go to the many others in the Alamo City Golf Trail family for their assistance along the way. I am honored to work with such a great group of committed staff members.

We hope you will enjoy the updated Olmos Basin experience! As always, we welcome your feedback.

With kindest regards,



Andrew Peterson, PGA  
President & CEO  
Alamo City Golf Trail

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