

Golf Shop News by Mark Heptig

It was a busy January with good weather and many things going on. Rounds were way up compared to last January. We also had a very successful Mexico trip that took place from the 11th-18th to Nuevo Vallarta. For those of you unable to make it this year we hope you will make it to a future trip! Director of Golf, Mark Heptig, just returned from the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida. There were over 40,000 attendees from all over the world with 1,200 different brands on display. The show covers thousands and thousands of square feet at the Orange County Convention Center. Any item or device having to do with golf is there....clothing, range equipment, indoor golf simulators, teaching equipment, video, golf clubs and display items are just some of the products. It took about three days to see the floor. The PGA Show also has the largest outdoor demo day, educational programs, seminars, special informative programs and the Global Youth and Family Summit. It was a very important week for golf! Mark spent most of his time in meetings and placing orders for merchandise.

The golf course staff has been very busy in January.

- * 19 trees (including redwoods and Chinese pistachio) have been planted left of #2 on the Dollar Ranch course and two oak trees have been planted to replace the lost oak on the #15 Dollar Ranch.
- * River cobbles have been placed in a couple of areas, like the right rough on #11.
- * The right front bunker on #2 Dollar Ranch has been completely rebuilt which includes lowering the elevation between the green and bunker and raising the level of the base of the bunker.
- * An open rock drain has been installed along the cart path on #16 Dollar Ranch.
- * A rock border has been added along with improved mulch to the area around the trees on #2 Dollar Ranch.
- * The other bunkers on #2 and #17 Dollar Ranch are being renovated.
- * Additional sand is being placed on the driving range to help with drainage.
- * We have begun spring aeration early by aerating the tees on Creekside and continuing with the fairways and roughs on the Creekside Course.