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## Bob Komarinetz To Retire In May

Director of Golf and PGA Professional Bob Komarinetz has announced his retirement from Sandridge Golf Club. Bob was hired by former County Commissioner Dick Bird while the original golf course, The Dunes, was being built in 1986. The golf course opened in April 1987 and the Lakes Course opened in December 1992 along with the current clubhouse and facility. Throughout the years Bob has been instrumental in promoting the game of golf to thousands of people in Indian River County, and has made Sandridge Golf Club one of the best public golf facilities in the state of Florida.

When Bob first started at Sandridge Golf Club, there was no junior golf program in the area. Through his expertise and hard work, he has built up one of the finest junior programs in the state. He started the Treasure Coast Junior Golf Tour which allowed local youth golfers the opportunity to learn how to play and compete at local golf courses in the community. *Continued on page 2...*

## Upcoming Events

### Callaway Demo Day

Saturday, February 11  
By Appointment Only  
11:30 to 3:00

### Bridgestone Ball Fitting

Sunday, February 19  
By Appointment Only  
10:00 to 3:00

## 25th Anniversary Pro-Am Set For April 27th

A special Pro-Am has been set for Friday, April 27th to celebrate both the 25th Anniversary of Sandridge Golf Club and the retirement of Director of Golf, Bob Komarinetz. The golf tournament will begin with a 1:00 PM Shotgun Start with four-person teams consisting of one golf professional and three amateur players. The format will be 2 net best balls of the four players with prizes awarded for the low teams and special contest prizes for closest-to-the-hole as well.

The cost to play is \$60.00 per person which includes a special commemorative tee gift, golf, range balls before the round, and an awards dinner. Entry forms are available online at [www.sandridgegc.com](http://www.sandridgegc.com). For more information, please call Bela Nagy at 772-770-5003 ext 3. Golf Pros will be assigned to each group of three amateurs unless other arrangements are made.

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## *Men's and Ladies' League Information*

### **Tuesday's**

#### Sandridge Men's League

18 hole league played every week year round with different formats each week. All members of the league play White tees on both courses. Prizes are awarded each week in different flights.

**Cost:** \$50.00 for the year which includes a handicap number, season ending awards banquet, prizes throughout the season.

**Contact:** Frank Soraci at 563-0654 for more information.

### **Wednesday's**

#### Sandridge Ladies League

18 hole league played every week with a number of Championship events. Prizes are awarded each week in flights playing different formats each week.

**Cost:** \$63.00 for New Members which includes a Hole In One Fee.

**Contact:** Sandra DeMello at 772-569-9650 for more information.

## *Rules Corner... New Changes in 2012* *by Bela Nagy*

Every four years, the United States Golf Association and R & A of St. Andrew's in Scotland make minor changes and revisions to the Rules of Golf. In 2012, there are a few changes that should be looked at because they will affect a number of other rules situations on the golf course.

First, the definition of Addressing the Ball now says that "A player has 'addressed the ball' when he has grounded his club immediately in front of or immediately behind the ball, whether or not he has taken his stance." What this means is that in a hazard, you will technically not address the ball anymore because you cannot ground your club, so if your ball moves you may not be liable for its movement.

Second, if you have addressed the ball on the putting green and the ball moves because of wind, you will not be penalized if the movement was directly attributable to the wind. If you remember Pdraig Harrington in last year's Masters Tournament, he was penalized because the ball moved on the 15th green after he had addressed the ball and a gust of wind moved it to another position on the green.

Third, there is a new Decision 1-2/0.7 that defines the "Sole Purpose of Caring for the Course". It refers to the performance of acts that are encouraged in the "Etiquette Section" of the Rules of Golf provided they are taken at the appropriate time and in a manner permitted by the Rules. For instance, you may rake footprints in the bunker before you play out of the bunker as long as you have not improved your stance, area of intended swing or line of play and you have done so for the sole purpose of caring for the golf course. This rule came about from a situation with Steve Stricker in New Orleans when his caddie raked footprints in the same bunker that his ball lay in before he played his shot even though the footprints he raked were over a hundred yards away from his ball!

## *Saturday Blitz* *Information*

Local players wanting to play competitively are playing every week at the Sandridge Golf Club Thursday and Saturday Blitz. The Blitz begins at 8:00 A.M. every Saturday (18 holes) and alternates courses every week.

All players play an individual Stableford format, point quota system. A bogey is worth one point, par – two points, birdie – four points, eagle – eight points, and a double eagle or hole in one is worth sixteen points.

Players must sign up by Thursday at 6:00 P.M. in order to play in the Saturday blitz. The cost per player is \$60.00 for the 18 hole Saturday Blitz through through April 11th which includes greens fee, cart, prize money and skins.

If you are interested in playing in the Blitz or want more information, you may call the Pro Shop at 770-5000.

## *Bob Komarinetz* *(cont'd from page 1)*

His legacy will include the many annual golf tournaments including the Treasure Coast Amateur Championship, Dick Bird Team Championship, Indian River County Senior Championship and the Father/Son Championship as well as the patrons of the golf course he has built wonderful relationships with and a loyal following.

Bob is a former "Golf Professional of the Year" for the South Florida PGA Section. In addition, Bob was named Junior Golf Leader by both the South Florida PGA Section and the Southeast Chapter of the PGA of South Florida. Bob has been a member of the PGA of America for 46 years.

In retirement, Bob plans on continuing teaching and promoting golf on all levels especially with junior golfers. Bob also plans on helping develop the Florida Municipal Golf Association for the purpose of strengthening public golf in Florida.

Let's all wish Bob well in his retirement.

## *Fall Instructional Programs*

### *Beginner Ladies Program*

This program is geared for all women interested in taking up the game or who have just started playing. Every Tuesday beginning at 3:00 P.M., instructors will conduct a half-hour clinic. The topics each week will include short game fundamentals such as putting, chipping and pitching; rules and etiquette; and full swing fundamentals.

Ladies will then pair into groups and play golf using a scramble format. The cost will be \$15.00 per student each week for the clinic and an additional \$15.00 if they want to play golf.

To sign up beginning in October, please call 770-5003 or email [bnagy@ircgov.com](mailto:bnagy@ircgov.com).

### *Mixed Beginner Program*

This program is geared for anyone, man or woman, interested in taking up the game or who have just started playing. Every Saturday beginning in January, PGA Professionals will conduct a one hour clinic at 1:00 PM. The topics each week will include short game fundamentals such as putting, chipping and pitching and full swing.

The cost will be \$15.00 per student each week for the instructional session and an additional \$15.00 if they want to play golf.

To sign, please call 770-5003 or email [bnagy@ircgov.com](mailto:bnagy@ircgov.com).

### *Private Instruction*

Private instruction is available seven days a week by appointment with Bob Komarinetz or Bela Nagy by calling 772-770-5003.

#### **Bob Komarinetz- Director of Golf**

\$80.00 per hour - 1 person

\$90.00 per hour - 2 people

\$50.00 per 1/2 hour

\$40.00 per 1/2 hour – Junior Golfer

Four (4) half-hour lessons for \$190.00

#### **Bela Nagy- Head Golf Professional**

\$70.00 per hour - 1 person

\$80.00 per hour - 2 people

\$40.00 per 1/2 hour

\$35.00 per 1/2 hour – Junior Golfer

Four (4) half-hour lessons for \$140.00

## **Ladies' Instructional Program**

Fridays from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

From January 20th to March 30, 2012

Each week instructors will conduct a one-and-a-half hour clinic. The topics each week will focus on 30 minutes short game, 30 minutes rules and 30 minutes full swing.

**Fees:** \$20.00 per student each week for the clinic \$15.00 for 9 holes (optional).

**Sign-ups:** You must sign up each week for any of the above classes by calling 772-770-5003 or by emailing [bnagy@ircgov.com](mailto:bnagy@ircgov.com).

To sign up for an instructional program or private lesson, please contact either Bob or Bela at 770-5003. If you would like to arrange your own four-some for any of our programs, we can schedule a time to suit your group.

\*Credit cards are not accepted. Payment must be made by cash or check payable to either Bob Komarinetz or Bela Nagy.

### *Short Game School*

Instruction covers all approach shots from approximately 30 yards and includes: Putting, chipping, pitching using various clubs for different type shots, bunker play and the proper use of practice aids.

**Instructors:** Bob Komarinetz and Bela Nagy

**Maximum 6 Students**

**Fee: \$60.00 per student**

**Schedule:** All Short Game Schools will run from 2:00 - 4:00 on the following dates:

February 2, 16

March 1, 15, 22

### *One Day School*

Three hours of in-depth instruction covering the following: Putting, chipping & Pitching, Full swing fundamentals, Full swing video analysis and Full swing & practice drills.

**Instructors:** Bob Komarinetz and Bela Nagy.

**Fee: \$100.00 per student**

**Maximum Student:Teacher Ratio of 3:1**

**Schedule:** All One Day Golf Schools will run from 2:00 - 5:00 on the following dates:

February 9, 23

March 9, 23

## County Card /Handicap Renewals

It's that time of year again! The 2011-2012 Sandridge Cards will be sold starting Saturday, October 1st. Sandridge Card Holders receive a reduced rate for greens fees (as much as \$10.00 in the winter), eight day advance tee times, and a reduced rate for the Handicap System.

This year in order to be eligible to purchase a Sandridge County Card, you must have one of the following proofs of residency: (1) Valid Florida driver's license with an Indian River County address; (2) Indian River County Registration Card ; or (3) Property Tax Bill/Receipt. The cost to renew or purchase a Sandridge Card will be \$40.00 plus tax for Indian River County Residents. **Utility bills are not accepted.**

We also offer a Florida Card for \$60.00 plus tax or Florida residents. Florida Card holders will receive the same rate and six day advance reservations. To be eligible to purchase a Florida Card, you must meet one of the three criteria mentioned above with a Florida address.

Also, the USGA Ghin System Handicap Fees will be due. This year again, the fee will be \$20.00 + tax for Sandridge I.D. Cardholders and \$25.00 + tax for Non-Cardholders.

## Sandridge Golf Club Winter 2012 Rates and Fees

DECEMBER 26, 2011 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2012

<b>GREENS FEE &amp; 1/2 GOLF CAR</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>
NON I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$50.00
RESIDENT I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$40.00

**DAILY AFTER 1:00 P.M.**

NON I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$42.00
RESIDENT I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$37.00

<b>GREENS FEES ONLY</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>	<b>9 HOLES</b>
NON I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$30.00	\$16.50
RESIDENT I.D. CARD HOLDERS	\$20.00	\$13.50
1/2 GOLF CAR FEE ONLY	\$20.00	\$11.50

**WALKING & 9 HOLE RESTRICTIONS:** WALKING AND/OR 9 HOLE RATES ARE ALLOWED ONLY BEFORE 8:20 A.M. ON THE BACK 9'S AND AFTER 1:48 P.M. OFF THE #1 TEES

## Pace of Play Policy

Be aware of the pace of play: Know where you are in relation to the group ahead and the group behind. Use the clocks on the course to gauge your pace.

Establish a routine: Take practice swings while waiting out of the way of the others in your group; a pre-swing routine should take no longer than 20 seconds.

When conditions call for using cart paths only, take three clubs with you to your ball: Take one you think you'll need, plus the clubs immediately more and less. (Example: If you think you need a 7-iron, also take your 6-iron and 8-iron.)

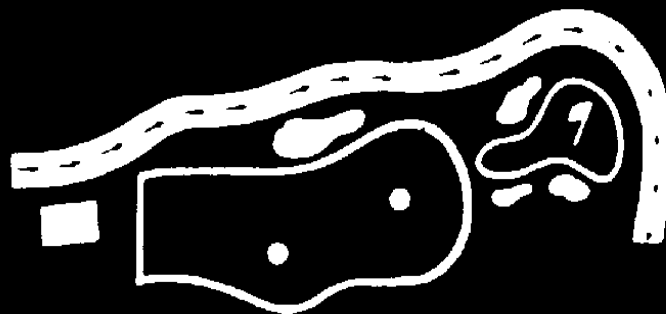
**Thank you for your cooperation!**

### PACE OF PLAY POLICY

- 1 Your group will be warned by a ranger if you have an open hole in front of you and you are behind the established time par**
- 2 If after two holes, you have not improved your position on the golf course, the ranger will ask you to pick up and move forward to fill the gap**
- 3 If you continue to fall behind, the ranger may ask you to leave the golf course.**

## HELP PROTECT OUR FAIRWAYS

**90° RULE:** When carts are permitted on fairways, stay on cart path or, when no path available, in deep rough. When opposite your ball, drive straight to it. After hitting ball, return to path or deep rough.



**Please... KEEP CARTS ON PATH  
WHERE AVAILABLE, OTHERWISE KEEP IN  
DEEP ROUGH AT ALL TIMES**

To make a tee time reservation, you may call (772)770-5000 24 hours a day with our automated tee time system.