

West LRT & Shaganappi Point Golf Course Reconfiguration Project Overview and Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

In order to accommodate the construction of the West LRT line and the widening of Bow Trail, Shaganappi Point Golf Course will be partially reconfigured over the spring and summer of 2009. The facility will remain open and will operate as two separate 9-hole golf courses (Back 9 and Valley 9). The driving range will be unaffected and will also be open for business as usual. Construction work is scheduled to begin in April 2009 and be completed by early July 2009 followed by a minimum two month maturation period.

The West LRT Office and The City of Calgary Recreation are managing the project with the support of a golf course architect who has been engaged to reconfigure the impacted golf holes to maintain playability and the overall character of the course. The West LRT Office and The City of Calgary Recreation have been working together to ensure that the widening of Bow Trail and the construction of the West LRT will have as little impact as possible on Shaganappi Point Golf Course, its customers and the adjacent residents. Reconfiguration and construction costs are covered under the West LRT budget.

Scope of Work and Major Changes to the Golf Course

Construction on the Shaganappi Point Golf Course will affect a total of six golf holes. The bulk of work will be on the Front 9 of the 18-hole golf course in addition to one hole on the Valley 9 Golf Course.

Construction work will involve:

Front 9:

- Hole # 1 - Enhancements to the pond
- Hole # 2 - Lengthening of the hole
- Hole #3 - Reconfigured to a challenging Par 3
- Hole # 4 - Tee box adjustments
- Hole # 7 – Pathway routing and tee box adjustments
- More than 300 trees will be relocated throughout the golf course from along the West LRT alignment corridor

Valley 9:

- Hole # 6 - New green to be built

Frequently Asked Questions for Golfers:

Will Shaganappi Point be open this season?

- Yes. Shaganappi Point is scheduled to open in April 2009 as usual pending weather and course conditions.
- To facilitate the reconfiguration, the Front 9 holes of the 18-hole course will be closed during the 2009 season.
- Shaganappi Point will operate as two separate 9-hole golf courses: the Back 9 and the Valley 9.
- The driving range will remain open for business as usual.
- You will be able to book tee times in advance for either of Shaganappi Point's golf courses by phone 403-221-3510 or online www.calgary.ca/golf
- The reconfiguration will not impact access to the parking lot, driving range, or club house.
- The reconfiguration at Shaganappi should only impact the 2009 golf season. The Front 9 holes will be closed for most, if not all of 2009 and will be re-open in 2010.

Will I be able to play 18-holes at Shaganappi during the reconfiguration?

- During construction, individual players may golf 18-holes at Shaganappi by playing two consecutive 9-hole rounds. Both rounds must be on the same golf course. Cross course play between the Back 9 and Valley 9 can not be accommodated.
- Golfers have two options to book a second 9-hole round.
 - Book two separate tee times by phone or on-line. Be sure to allow sufficient time to play the first 9-holes before booking the second game.
 - Upon arriving at the golf course ask the clubhouse staff about tee time availability for playing a second nine. If space is available they can book it for you.
- Upon completion of the first 9-hole round, golfers must check in and pay the differential fee (the difference between 9-hole and 18-hole rates) before proceeding with a second 9-hole round.
- Shaganappi 18-hole rate during reconfiguration (two consecutive rounds on Valley 9 or Back 9):
 - Weekdays \$31
 - Weekends \$33
 - Seniors (65+ years) \$23 before 3pm Monday to Thursday
 - Juniors (6 – 17 years) \$23 anytime Monday to Thursday

How will the reconfiguration impact the Valley 9 Golf Course?

- A new green will be built on the 6th hole of the Valley 9 Golf Course.
- A modified 9-hole routing will temporarily be in effect. The revised routing will provide for enhanced golfer safety by minimizing exposure to construction areas and avoid the need to play a temporary green.
- Revised routing of the Valley 9 will be available for viewing on-line at www.calgary.ca/golf.

Why don't you combine the Valley 9 and Back 9 to allow for 18-hole play?

- The 18-hole golf course and the Valley 9 accommodate approximately 100,000 golf rounds each year.
- Operating as two separate 9-hole golf courses allows for the number of golf opportunities to remain consistent and meet the high demand for tee times.
- Combining the two courses to accommodate 18-hole play would result in 50,000 fewer golf opportunities being available to Calgarians.

Will the Front 9 re-open for 18-hole play in 2009?

- The Front 9 will be closed for most, if not all, of the season and will reopen in 2010.
- Weather and course conditions during and after the maturation period will impact whether or not the Front 9 will re-open this season.

How will the closure impact tee time bookings?

- Both the Back 9 and the Valley 9 will accept advance tee time reservations. Once the courses open for the season, golfers can book tee times by phone (403-221-3510) or online (www.calgary.ca/golf).
- Shaganappi golfers may play 18-holes by playing two consecutive 9-hole rounds. Both rounds must be on the same golf course as cross course play cannot be accommodated.
- Some golfers may prefer to play 18-holes at other municipal courses, like McCall Lake and Maple Ridge in 2009. This may mean it will become more challenging to get tee times at those facilities.
- The reconfiguration of Shaganappi Point should only impact 2009 golf season.

What are the 2009 Green Fee rates at Shaganappi?

- The 9-hole green fee rates for both the Shaganappi Valley 9 and the Back 9 will be as follows:
Weekday: \$21.50 Weekend: \$24.50
Seniors 65+ years: \$18.50 (before 3pm Monday to Thursday)
Juniors 6 – 17 Years: \$18.50 (anytime Monday to Thursday)
- For full details on all 2009 golf rates and fees, please visit www.calgary.ca/golf.

Will the reconfiguration result in lost yardage?

- The Front 9 will lose a shot to par and end up as a Par 35. 18-holes will be reduced from Par 69 to Par 68.
- Although the reconfiguration will slightly decrease Shaganappi Point from approximately 5,400 yards in length to 5,200 yards, great effort has been made to retain the overall character and playability of the course.

If you're going to do more work on Shaganappi Point, will you also put in a new clubhouse?

- No additional golf course reconfiguration or construction is anticipated at this time.
- The development of a new clubhouse facility was not factored into this project and will not be reviewed until after the current reconfiguration of the golf course has been completed.

I am part of a block booking group that plays at Shaganappi Point regularly. What impact will the reconfiguration have on our regular tee times?

- Block booking club Presidents were informed about the 2009 reconfiguration of Shaganappi Point in early January.
- For the 2009 season, the 18-hole block booking clubs at Shaganappi Point will transition to 9-hole play only on the Back 9.
- Due to high demand for tee times at McCall Lake and Maple Ridge, block booking clubs from Shaganappi cannot be accommodated at these courses.
- Block booking clubs also have the option of suspending their play at Shaganappi Point for one season and are welcome to return in 2010 when the 18-hole golf course is open again.