

# Walking on the Torres Blancas Golf Course Memos

## From the Torres Blancas Golf Course Owner:

Metro Restaurants Corporation Memo

Date: Summer 2005

To: Neighbors of the Santa Rita Springs Homeowners Association

From: Bob McMahon, CEO, Metro Restaurants and Owner, Torres Blancas Golf Club

Re: Walking on Torres Blancas golf course

Last March, as we took over management of Torres Blancas Golf Club, our staff was surprised by the number of people walking on the golf course during periods of play. As managers, we saw this behavior as extremely hazardous to the walkers and a distraction to the golfers. As owners, we felt that posting signs was the quickest way to let walkers know they were endangering their own safety. While this was a necessary decision, it was misunderstood. Homeowners adjacent to the golf course had a "golf course walking agreement" with the previous Torres Blancas Golf Club owners that created a good neighbor policy which we want to continue.

1. Walking is permitted only during non-golfing times of day. Should you be walking and find golfers approaching, we ask that you immediately leave the golf property in a direction away from the golfers. In the summer, play often starts as early as 6:30 a.m. and can continue to 5 p.m.
2. When walking, stay on the cart path. No walking is permitted on greens and tees, or through sand traps.
3. No fishing in the lake; nor "fishing" for golf balls.
4. Dogs are not permitted on the golf course. However, if your dog is properly leashed, you carry appropriate clean-up tools, and you stay on the cart path, we will allow it.
5. Bicycle riding, skating, or skate boarding is not permitted.
6. Practicing on the golf course or playing without paying greens fees is never permitted.
7. Those walking the golf course do so at their own risk; and we must reserve the right to modify or deny permission at any time.

Thank you and I hope to see you on the golf course or in our dining room soon.

## From the Torres Blancas Golf Course Superintendent:

Date: August 1, 2005

To: Santa Rita Springs Homeowners with property abutting the golf course

From: Dave Russell, Golf Course Superintendent

Re: Grounds maintenance in the rough areas near homes

Throughout the year, but especially during the monsoon, the golf course rough near homeowners' properties needs attention. Weeds need to be removed and trees and bushes require frequent trimming and pruning.

There are two ways of addressing these issues:

1. For urgent matters, such as broken tree limbs, storm erosion, or water system leaks that need immediate attention, contact the Golf Course Superintendent Dave Russell by cell phone, 245-5292.
2. For less urgent concerns, contact your HOA president via email or phone and provide a clear statement of what you propose the golf course crews do. Your HOA president will contact me with your request. We will schedule your request in a reasonable work sequence.

Please don't tackle a cleanup task on your own. Some homeowners have been anxious to have these areas cleared immediately and have gone ahead with work without checking with me. They have cleaned areas behind their home of seedpods and have even reshaped tall bushes or pruned low tree branches. Trees and bushes in the rough are the property of the golf club.

If you have any questions or comments concerning course maintenance near homes along the course, please contact me at 245-5292.