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Renovated Greens at Sharpstown Park Golf Course Improve the Game at West Houston Facility *Modern Sod Technology Means Faster, Smoother Putting Surfaces*

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the re-opening of Sharpstown Park Golf Course's renovated greens with a grand re-opening event to be held on Saturday, October 5. Sharpstown Park Golf Course, 6600 Harbor Town, 77036, tee time reservations can be made at www.sharpstowngc.com beginning October 2 at 6:05 a.m.

"Houston golfers have long loved the course at Sharpstown," said Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "The improvements we've made to the course will bring a new level of enjoyment to the game, and we hope everyone will come out to see the new greens for themselves."

During the renovation, the Tif-Green 328 Bermuda grass was removed, and the sand and organic material below it was replaced with fresh sand and soil amendments to aid water retention during droughts. The greens were shaped, contoured, and replanted with Mini-Verde Ultra-Dwarf Bermuda, and were rolled for putting surface smoothness. These improvements mean a smoother, faster, and more consistent putting surface. The use of Mini-Verde eliminates the need for winter reseeding, reducing grounds expenditure.

"We are always adding value to our customers' experience at Sharpstown," course manager Doug Randall stated. "We believe the new Mini-Verde greens will certainly do so and expect the renovated greens to improve the game for our Sharpstown players."

Golfers can enjoy food and beverage specials from new concessionaire Luchi and Joey's, a special "Mini-Verde Putting Contest" sponsored by Bridgestone Golf, and all players are entered into a drawing for free rounds of golf.

Tee times start as early as 7:00 a.m. Reservations can be made at www.sharpstowngc.com beginning October 2 at 6:05 a.m. Rates are as follows:

7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. \$26 walking or \$38.50 w/shared cart

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$20 walking or \$30 w/shared cart

4:00 p.m. – dusk (approx. 7:00 p.m.) \$16 walking or \$24 w/shared cart

The greens on the course were closed for renovation in July while the course remained in play. The renovation cost \$115,370, which the department expects to recoup over twelve to eighteen months through an increase in the rounds of golf played and reduced maintenance costs. The Sharpstown Golf Course was founded as a private country club which was acquired by the City of Houston in 1978. The course and the swimming facility were opened to the public in 1982. A park and community center make up the remainder of the facility.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,832 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.