



To Whom It May Concern,

We just completed a 1.35 million-dollar greens renovation at The Views Golf Club at Oro Valley. The goal of the project was to convert 35-year-old Tifdwarf push up greens irrigated with reclaimed water to TifEagle California style greens. The old greens were very small with severe slopes and would wear out quickly with 60,000 rounds/year with limited pin locations.

During the process of interviewing 4 designers for our project, Mike Gogel of Mike Gogel Golf Design, stood out immediately in his creativity and how prepared he was for our specific location. One of the most important qualities leading to his selection was his willingness to listen to everyone from a committee of residents to the General Manager, and most of all his relationship with me, the Golf Course Superintendent. Other designers had lots of ideas, but none seemed to really listen to our needs while coming up with their designs.

Mike was challenged with creating less severe greens while still retaining greens that would challenge all skill levels. He had to design areas within existing irrigation in an existing footprint and come up with creative ways to keep costs down while bringing the entire golf course up to date. He listened to my suggestions about maintaining slopes, and areas required for maintenance equipment to operate.

Mike was on site for most of the project and worked directly with the contractor, me, and the project committee. As with most projects, there were many obstacles, but with Mike on site there were solutions developed quickly. Mike even helped with golf course maintenance from adjusting sprinkler heads to hand watering sod as it was being installed.

Now at the conclusion of the project his ideas and designs have worked out beautifully. The project came in on time, under budget, and the golfers are very excited to play the new greens when we open. I do not think anybody else would have been able to handle all the challenges we faced, and still accomplish all our goals.

Moving forward, Mike is going to design a master plan for the rest of the golf course. He is already planning ideas for tees, bunkers and fairways and I cannot wait to start the next project with him. He is our Architect moving forward.

Sincerely,
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