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NORA Now Accepting Applications for Golf Tournament



On Saturday August 20, 2022, NORA Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 22nd Annual Chama Valley Open Golf Tournament. Invitations will be mailed out at the beginning of this month; however, it is not necessary to receive an invitation to compete.

For \$90.00, each golfer will enjoy a full eighteen holes of golf, use of a golf cart, player goodie bag, door prizes, and lunch. Individuals without a team will be assigned to one, and of course, preselected teams are always welcome. Although helpful, no experience is necessary to compete.

Tournament day registration for participants begins at 7:45am and tee time is scheduled for 9:00am. The beautiful Cattails Golf Club is located a short 75 mile scenic drive north of Chama on the north side of Alamosa at 6615 North River Road. It is a unique 18 hole 71 par course that is well known for its unique geographic features including tall cottonwood trees and their signature cattail wetlands.

The tournament will be played in a scramble four format. Each member of the team will tee off, and the best shot will be selected. The next shot is taken from that spot continuing on until a ball is sunk in the hole for all eighteen holes. This scramble format helps speed up the pace of the game while allowing players of different abilities to stay competitive with each other.

In the past, golfers have also had the opportunity to compete for prizes in several individual side contests during the tournament including: Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, and Best Dressed.

Registration forms may be picked up at the NORA office. Availability to participate is on a limited first come, first served basis so get your entries in early. Deadline for registration is Monday August 8, 2022, by the end of the business day. Please make checks payable to "NORA Electric Cooperative *Golf."



Become a Golf Tournament Sponsor

NORA is looking for official sponsors for the 2022 Chama Valley Open Annual Golf Tournament to help bear the cost of operational and promotional expenses. For a \$150.00, an individual poster will be created for your business which will be placed on display at the tee box to be viewed by all players, coordinators, and those attending the event.

All tournament proceeds from NORA's Chama Valley Open Annual Golf Tournament are used to fund the yearly golf scholarship offered to local service area high school seniors as well as an annual golf camp offered to middle and high school students.

For complete details on how you can support this momentous event, please contact the Chama office at 575-756-2181, email Victoria Gonzales at vgonzales@noraelectric.org or Anthony Mercure at amercure@noraelectric.org.

If you are currently experiencing financial difficulty, or if you are in a low income status and are continuing to have difficulty paying your utility bills, please contact the NORA office for options on setting up payment arrangements. You can also request financial assistance through LiHEAP by calling 800-283-4465.



Prepare Your Home & Property from the Perils of Wildfire



Tragically, thousands of acres of land hundreds of structures have been devoured by wildfires in New Mexico this spring due in part to the ongoing severe drought. If your home is one of the many surrounded by thick forested vegetation in our service area, proactively planning ahead could mean the difference of saving or losing your home in the event that a wildfire occurs in your area.

According to studies conducted by the Colorado Forest Service, there are two principal factors that deserve attention in protecting your property from a wildfire. The first is the home's "structural ignitability," and the second is the area surrounding the structure known as the "defensible space."

Structural Ignitability: During the construction/design phase is the best time to consider the materials needed to shield the home from ignition risk, but existing homes can benefit from the following suggestions:

- Make sure your roof is rated Class A for fires
- Use 1/8 inch metal mesh to screen any attic, eaves, or foundation vents
- Keep your roof, deck, and gutters free of leaves, needles, and other flammable debris
- Install tempered glass, two paned windows
- Make sure any fences or gates within five feet of your home are made of non-combustible materials.



The NORA office will be closed Monday June 20, 2022, in observance of Juneteenth.



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Defensible space: It is imperative to create a defensible space zone surrounding your home by reducing any flammable vegetation, material possessions, and even firewood that could serve as a fire hazard. Clearing away such items will help prevent or slow the spread of a wildfire from igniting the structure. This also limits the production of meandering embers and reduces the opportunity for a structure fire to spread to neighboring homes or surrounding vegetation.



Depending on the size and area of your property, you can begin preparing defensible space zones. Zone 1 would be the area closest to the actual structure extending out roughly five feet. This zone requires the most diligent attention in removing flammable sources. Remove any trees or shrubs from this space.

Zone 2 would extend from 5 feet out to 25-30 feet away from the structure. This is a transition area that can provide a buffer from any possible threat of wildfire with thoughtful landscaping. Keep lawns trimmed to no higher than four inches. Remove dead vegetation under trees. Plan the placement of any trees so that the mature canopy is not closer than ten feet to the edge of the structure.



Billing Schedule June 2022

Bill Due Date	22-Jun
Usage From	30-Apr
Usage To	31-May
SEDC Pickup @11:59pm	1-Jun
Bill Sent	1-Jun
Late Notice Sent	23-Jun
Disconnects/Cut Off	11-Jul
Contact/Follow Up	5-Jul

