

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

May 18, 2017

Chair Jerry Walczak called the meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview Center Board Room.

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Walczak; Co-Chair Rich Hoffer; Committee Members President SCMGA; Phyllis Neal, Lakes East; Mary Ann Rispoli, Willowbrook; Dale Mondloch, Riverview; Dave Duffus, Willowcreek; Mike Guzek, Lakes East; Marcia Grenier, Willowcreek; Joseph Swain, Quail Run; Dan Schroeder, North; Diana Graettinger, Quail Run and Bob Vickney, South

RCSC STAFF: Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam; Course Superintendent Dennis Delaney

GUESTS: RCSC Board Director Ida Eisert; Cardholders Larry Hamilton, Royal Halversen, Jim Fitzsimmons, Bill Fitzpatrick, Joe Chaney, Ellen Pearson, Johnny Pearson

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for April 20, 2017 was approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Golf

On Tuesday April 4th, we conducted our annual USGA visit, with Brian Whitlark. Mr. Whitlark is a professional soil scientist and holds a B.S. and M.S. degrees from the Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Science. This visit was the first of two half day visits, which was a new option offered by the USGA this year. Splitting the visit will allow Mr. Whitlark to view the courses pre and post transition and to offer an opinion on the effectiveness of our practices. The report is now available for viewing on the RCSC Golf Page, and can found under the Resources tab. During the meeting we covered overseeding, putting greens, green surrounds, fairways, tees, bunkers, roughs and upcoming capital improvement projects. We toured North, Willowcreek/Willowbrook and Riverview over a period of 4 hours, followed by a summary with the Board of Directors over lunch. The second visit has not yet been scheduled, but is expected to occur in August.

As previously discussed part of improving areas of play at Riverview, that have been slow to respond, is the installation of sod. We are currently planning the installation of sod for the week of June 12th following fairway aerification. By June 12th we expect temperatures to be stable and the majority of rye grass to have died. This will only be one step in improving play around the green complexes, we will still continue with aerovating, core aerifying of hard pan areas and heavy fertilization. In addition to Riverview, North will also be sodding areas that are still weak, primarily around tee boxes and heavy cart traffic areas.

As a member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf, Quail Run is required to undergo recertification every three years. Quail Run underwent the recertification visit on May 5th and was conducted by Kai Umeda who serves as an Area Extension Agent in Turfgrass Science for the University of Arizona. Though we have not received final recertification status from the Audubon Society, Mr. Umeda's report indicated that Quail Run is still fulfilling requirements to maintain membership.

Snack Shops

We are beginning to see an increase in the number of members bringing outside food and beverage onto the patio areas. We respectfully remind everyone that this practice is not allowed. We maintain and improve these areas for the benefit of golfers and others, with the goal of keeping our Snack Shops self-sufficient. Bringing outside alcohol onto licensed premises is against the law and outside food is not allowed, as it can prove a liability to RCSC. With that being said we are not above listening to requests for additional options to enjoy on the patios. Should you have any ideas you would like to submit please do so via comment cards, by phone 623-876-3053 or via email at bduthu@suncityaz.org. Above all we ask that employees that are required to enforce these policies are treated with same dignity and respect that cardholders deserve.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops had a good month in April so a big thanks for supporting RCSC. Here is a reminder of the upcoming summer maintenance course closures for Fairway verticutting, Fairway aerification and Greens aerification. The Courses will be closed but the Pro Shops will be open from 6:00am – 9:00am for tee times.

Fairway Verticutting

Thursday & Friday, May 18-19 • South
Monday & Tuesday, May 22-23 • Lakes West
Thursday & Friday, May 25-26 • Lakes East
Thursday & Friday, June 1-2 • Riverview
Monday & Tuesday, June 5-6 • Willowcreek
Thursday & Friday, June 8-9 • Willowbrook

Fairway Aerification

Monday & Tuesday, June 12-13 • Riverview
Thursday, June 15 • Quail Run
Monday & Tuesday, June 19-20 • South
Thursday & Friday, June 22-23 • Lakes West
Monday & Tuesday, June 26-27 • Lakes East
Thursday & Friday, June 29-30 • North
Thursday & Friday, July 6-7 • Willowcreek
Monday & Tuesday, July 10-11 • Willowbrook

Greens Aerification

Thursday & Friday, July 13-14 • Riverview

Monday, July 17 • Quail Run

Thursday & Friday, July 20-21 • South

Monday & Tuesday, July 24-25 • Lakes West

Thursday & Friday, July 27-28 • Lakes East

Monday & Tuesday, July 31-Aug 1 • North

Thursday & Friday, Aug 3-4 • Willowcreek

Monday & Tuesday, Aug 7-8 • Willowbrook

With the summer months here it is a great time to get the whole course to yourself in the afternoons. Starting June 1, 2017 we will be having our super twilight starting at 3:00pm which will run all summer along with the after 5 pass. The super twilight is only \$10.00 for residents and for your guests only \$12.00, the after 5 pass is \$44.00 for residents and \$12.00 for sur-charge pass holders. The After 5 card is good for 30 days from date of purchase.

SCMGA REPORT: SCMGA President, Danny Durbin reported that the software update is still in process.

SCWGA REPORT:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** Nothing to report
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A Committee Member asked if it would be a possibility to have a tunnel constructed under Union Hills between holes 1/9 & 2/8 at Willowcreek golf course. Very dangerous crossing for carts, feels something needs to be done.

GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Software issues with first person listed cancels out the entire group when making a tee time. The Committee was informed that we are aware of the problem and it is being addressed. Another inquired about getting 30 yard markers re-installed.

COURSE REPORTS:

North Great shape

South Poor shape, lots of bunker issues.

Quail New practice facility has been installed, Pine tree fell on #18 tee box.

Lakes East Good shape

Lakes West Great shape bunkers are improved.

Riverview Area around the greens is getting better.

WB / WC Willowbrook – New bulletin board, course in great shape.
Willowcreek – Great shape, irrigation problems on #9.

COMMENTS: Need to change tee box location on tees, should be changed daily. Can we roll the greens?

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:12am

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2017 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Hoffer, Acting Secretary