

**RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.**  
**Golf Advisory Committee**  
**January 18, 2018**

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Jerry Walczak; Co-Chair Dan Schroeder; Committee Members Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Joe Chaney (North); Dave Duffus (Willowcreek); Bob Vickney (South); Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Dale Mondloch (Riverview); William Fitzpatrick (SCMGA President); Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek); Kathy Van Meveren (Lakes West); Rich Lybolt; Char Vicars (SCWGA President); Ruth Melena (North); Phyllis Neal (Lakes East); Francine Enright (Quail Run);

**RCSC STAFF:** Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam; RCSC Course Superintendent Rick Stoffel

**GUESTS:** Cardholders Lynn Lybolt, Marilyn Cute, Dennis Meeter, Brenda Richardson, Roger Beebe

**Prior Meeting Summary:** The Meeting Summary for December 14, 2017 was approved as presented.

**REPORTS:**

**Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:**

**Golf**

For the year the Golf Division slightly exceeded budgeted revenue goals, despite a slow start to the year due to weather. After February the Golf Division was behind prior year rounds by 5,059 rounds and 2,252 rounds behind prior year through June. By the end of the year the Golf Division exceeded prior year by 504 rounds, exceeding prior year from the period of March through December by 5,563 rounds. On February 15th, Lakes East/Lakes West will be hosting the 10th Annual Teal Ribbon Tournament. The event is open to ladies and men and no handicap is required. It is a 9 hole event with a 9:30 shotgun start and lunch follows play at Sundial. Proceeds benefit the University of Arizona Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer research. The entry fee is \$30.00 per person, entry forms may be picked up and turned in to any pro shop.

The replacement for the South Clubhouse remains on track for this year. A firm date for construction is not yet available, however we are planning for construction to begin in May. The decision has been made to demolish the current building and build the new building over the footprint of the existing building. During construction pro shop operations will be staged out of a trailer. Food and Beverage options will be limited to prepackaged snacks and canned beverages. We thank everyone in advance for their understanding and patience.

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule is now available (see reverse). Fairway verticutting continues to be in May. This process thins out the remaining rye grass, opening the grass canopy for

more sunlight. The additional sunlight allows the Bermuda grass to emerge from dormancy with more vigor. The end result is a smoother transition from rye to Bermuda, though it does not completely eliminate transition. Fairway aerification helps to relieve compaction in the fairways and allows for more oxygen to reach the roots. Greens aerification removes organic matter and provides more oxygen to the roots. We have not scheduled an overlap period of complete course closures this year for overseeding. However, should it be apparent that temperatures will not be optimal for an October 1st start, the first set of courses will have their start date moved to October 8th and their reopen date pushed to October 27th. Should this change be necessary an overlap of complete course closures will be the result.

We respectfully remind all golfers to please practice only in designated areas. We have begun to see an increase of hitting outside these areas. We rotate areas on a regular basis to allow the driving range to recover. We understand that often golfers are looking for a pristine spot to practice from, however this can impact the experience of other golfers. To that end we also ask that everyone becomes mindful of their divots. To that end we ask that everyone begin the practices of keeping your divots in a line, meaning that where ever you start, you place your ball directly behind the divot of your previous shot. This practice uses much less area and is easier to maintain.

## **2018 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES**

### **Golf Course will be closed**

#### **Fairway Verticutting**

Thu-Fri	May 10-11	North
Mon	May 14	Quail Run
Thu-Fri	May 17-18	South
Mon-Tue	May 21-22	Lakes West
Thu-Fri	May 24-25	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	May 31 – June 1	Riverview

#### **Fairways Aerification**

Mon-Tue	June 11-12	Riverview
Thu	June 14	Quail Run
Mon-Tue	June 18-19	South
Thu-Fri	June 21-22	Lakes West
Mon-Tue	June 25-26	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	June 28-29	North

#### **Greens Aerification**

Thu-Fri	July 12-13	Riverview
Mon	July 16	Quail Run
Thu-Fri	July 19-20	South
Mon-Tue	July 23-24	Lakes West
Thu-Fri	July 26-27	Lakes East
Mon-Tue	July 30-31	North

## 2018 OVERSEED SCHEDULE

### Golf Course will be closed

<u>Course</u>	<u>Overseed</u>	<u>Opens</u>	<u>Cart Path Until</u>
Riverview	Oct 1	Oct 20	Nov 9
Lakes West	Oct 1	Oct 20	Nov 9
Quail Run	Oct 1	Oct 20	Nov 9
South	Oct 1	Oct 20	Nov 9
North	Oct 22	Nov 10	Nov 23
Lakes East	Oct 22	Nov 10	Nov 23
Willowcreek	Oct 22	Nov 10	Nov 23
Willowbrook	Oct 22	Nov 10	Nov 23

### Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

#### Pro Shops

Pro Shops Merchandise and Range Sales ended December ahead of budget so a big thanks to all of you for supporting RCSC.

If you have your 2019 league schedule set and have not got them to us yet please be sure to send it to me via email at [clinam@suncityaz.org](mailto:clinam@suncityaz.org) or in person so I can get it on the calendar. Don't forget to go to the Clubs Office to book your rooms for your awards banquets and lunches and if you book a room at any of the centers and you are not going to use the room please be sure to cancel it with the Clubs Office.

We just received the new Ping G400 Irons in our fitting cart so we now have all Ping Models (G400, G, G Max, I200, I Blades and Ladies GLe). If you are interested in trying the latest and greatest from PING or getting fit give us a call and schedule a fitting. Don't forget we also have Ping G400 Drivers, Fairway Woods and Hybrids for our residents to demo on the course at Riverview. We match prices with any of the big box stores on current year models so don't just grab a set off of the wall, come down and get custom fit for your next set.

For those of us that have trouble seeing the ball after we hit it we have you covered with two new golf ball choices, Volvic Vivid and Wilson Duo Optic. Both have the Matte finish and come in numerous color choices, so be sure to give them a try and see how long you hit it.

#### Rangers

Rangers have had their hands full with the courses being busy and not having as many available as we need to work all shifts. We ask for you to please keep in mind while you're playing, to play ready golf and fill out your score cards on the next tee box, also please help out our Superintendents by filling divots and fixing ball marks on the greens. If you decide to vacation in one of our many sandy beaches please remember to rake the beach when you're done. One of the biggest issues for golfers on the course besides the ball marks on the greens is players not raking the bunkers properly and when they exit not replacing the rakes properly in the bunkers. We still only have between 15-20 Rangers, as always we ask for your help to spread the word about joining the team.

**SCMGA REPORT:** SCMGA President Bill Fitzpatrick reported Software specifications for our games and scheduling programs is near completion and will be sent out for bid. New Computers are needed and will be purchased when system needs has been defined. The Extravaganza Tournament has been scheduled and signs are being posted.

**SCWGA REPORT:**

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** Nothing to Report
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** President Char Vicars reported that the Sun City Women's Open is scheduled for October 10, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A question was raised whether anything has been done to put a tunnel in on Union Hills to provide a safer way for carts to cross while playing Willowcreek; the response was not at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Guest Roger Beebe asked if payments for golf fees could be added to the web portal and Chair Walczak said he would take this to the RCSC Board of Directors.

Lynn Lybolt announced that the Can/Am Tournament is scheduled for March 3, 2018 at the North Golf Course with a 12:30 shotgun start.

Marilyn Cute asked for approval to install nest boxes for the American Kestrel Falcon on some of the golf courses and Chair Walczak said he would take this to the RCSC Board of Directors.

**COURSE REPORTS:**

North Course is looking good.

South Course is looking good, playing well and the greens are still fast.

Quail Looking good, planning divot repair party, Tee Boxes are in need of work.

Lakes East Great Shape although the 90 degree rule is not being followed and being addressed with the Rangers.

Lakes West No Report

Riverview Very good shape, had an appreciation luncheon for the Maintenance Staff which was much deserved and appreciated.

WB / WC Willowbrook – Great shape thanks to staff.

Willowcreek – Great Shape

**COMMENTS:** Question was raised as to why there is weak grass areas around the bunkers at Riverview and the response was that these areas are being worked on and require more attention due to grass type, soil condition, weather and fertilizer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58am.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 15, 2018 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary