

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
December 14, 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 Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Dan Schroeder (North); Dave Duffus (Willowcreek); Bob Vickney (South); Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Ruby Bradshaw (Ladies 9-Hole); Dale Mondloch (Riverview); Danny Durbin (SCMGA President); Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek); Terrie DeLorm (Lakes West); Marge Wunderlich (Riverview); Lynn Lybolt (South); Rich Lybolt; Christy Stafford (SCWGA President)

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

GUESTS: RCSC Board Vice President Jerry DeLano; Cardholders Kathy Van Meveren and Johnny Pearson

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for November 9, 2017 was approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Golf

The Beat the Pro event held on December 4th matched last year's donation total with \$2,230.88 raised for Sun City Museum. The pro's battled harder than most year's, allowing 50% of the field to "Beat the Pro's". We give thanks to the volunteers that assisted with the event, John Dockham, Rich Lybolt and Lynn Lybolt. Thank you also to Chris Linam and Larry Belt for helping to secure prizes for the event. The biggest thank you goes to all those that participated in making the event fun and successful.

The Willowcreek/Willowbrook project continues to move forward, the bidding process is complete and the winning bidder was Wadsworth Golf Construction. We will begin formal construction meetings with the Wadsworth team beginning in February. Installation of the main line will begin March 5th on the Back 9 of Willowcreek, during which time the course will remain open. On March 5th the back 9 of Willowcreek will close and work will begin on the irrigation lake, the greens renovation and the remainder of the irrigation system. April 9th is the scheduled date for the front 9 of Willowcreek to close as well as Willowbrook. Plans for the Willowcreek/Willowbrook project are on display in the Willowcreek/Willowbrook pro shop.

Seasonal temperatures are still higher than average, but have dropped enough to push the summer Bermuda into dormancy. As temperatures drop, the chance for morning frost increases, we ask for your patience during times of delays and your cooperation during periods of cart path only restrictions. Courses have begun spraying herbicides in rough areas to control weeds. Mowing heights have been lowered and near normal on all courses.

One of the most common course conditions remarks we receive, regard ball marks and the fact that they are often not repaired. Unrepaired ball marks are frustrating to those of us that play through them, however not all scars on the putting green are a result of an unrepaired ball mark, they are often a result of ball mark repaired incorrectly. Studies have shown an improperly repaired ball mark can take up to twice as long to heal as a properly repaired ball mark and can cause more damage than not repairing at all. There are new versions of the traditional two pronged ball repair tool, however there is little scientific evidence that they do a better job, any tool can perform the task. The first step in repairing a ball mark is to insert the tool on the turf edge of the depression, **do not** try to push up the bottom of the depression, this tears the root structure, killing the grass. You want to continue inserting the tool around the turf edge of the crater and pushing into the middle. After you have completely worked the tool around the crater, the final step is to gently tap the turf down with your putter.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

Pro Shop sales have been good thanks to our residents supporting RCSC, so a big thanks to you all.

With Christmas being less than 2 weeks away we have all of your Christmas gift needs at our pro shops. We have golf bags, GPS units, clothing, shoes, balls, hats and don't forget the Ping driver or irons you were wanting. We can custom fit you and give you a great price on all of your club needs. If you are unsure then we have Ping G400 drivers, 3 woods, Hybrids and putters for our residents to demo on the course.

Our Golf Buddy "Voice 2" GPS units are now \$99.99 through Christmas! That is a \$30.00 savings.

Our Ping, Titleist and Taylor Made hats are from \$14.95-\$15.95 every day, that's a 50% saving's over what the big box stores will charge. Ladies we did not forget about you as we have a very nice hat and visor selection and have just received a new clothing line from Sport Haley so be sure to come to Riverview and take a look.

We would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rangers

With everyone spreading the word we have had 3 new Rangers sign up over the last month.

The Rangers have been doing a great job since we re-opened from overseeding and I would like to thank them for what they do.

SCMGA REPORT: SCMGA President Danny Durbin updated the Committee on the progress of the new computer system for games and tournament play. USGA and AGA will have an interface with other agencies that compute handicaps where they will forward raw scores for handicap index computation thus ensuring a standard method is used.

SCWGA REPORT:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** President Ruby Bradshaw reported that they had Rangers there last Tuesday and they really don't want them on Ladies day. She also informed the Committee that the pavilion at Quail had a ceiling installed to prevent pigeon roosting. They are still waiting for action on a retractable enclosure for the pavilion. The Teal Ribbon Tournament is fast approaching and the Pink Ribbon Tournament was a huge success.
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** President Christy Stafford stated that her time spent has been a learning experience. During team play the ladies will be self-monitoring for pace of play and someone asked why not use Rangers to do this since this is what they are trained to do.

OLD BUSINESS: A question was raised as to if anything has been done to put a tunnel in on Union Hills to provide a safer way for carts to cross while playing Willow Creek, the response was not at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was had on following the 90-degree rule whether in the ruff or on the fairway and how to get that information out to the public.

Golf Genius was also discussed and it was suggested that it be used more often when doing tournaments.

GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: RCSC Board Director Ida Eisert informed the Committee of the upcoming RCSC Board Candidate Forum scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Marinette Auditorium.

COURSE REPORTS:

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| North | Looks good but has a lot of ball marks on greens. |
| South | Looks good, greens are fast. The Kiosk over water fountain needs to be fixed and put back in place. |
| Quail | Looking good, still has some wet spots. |
| Lakes East | Super shape. |
| Lakes West | Good shape. |

Riverview Refreshing bunkers and sand added. Returning to Red, White and Blue flags on the greens. Divot party went very well and a special thanks to Daren, the Linam family and Rick for all your help. Pump repairs on the back nine are under way and should be resolved next week.

WB / WC Willowbrook – Had some tee time scheduling problems on ladies day.

Willowcreek – Good shape, still some wet spots and working on bunkers.

COMMENTS: Co-Chair Hoffer thanked the Committee for all their help and support and wished them a great 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.

NEXT MEETING: January 18, 2018 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary