

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
May 17, 2018

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

PRESENT: Chair Jerry Walczak; Committee Members Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Joe Chaney (North); Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Johnny Pearson (Riverview); William Fitzpatrick (SCMGA President); Alesia Brown (South); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Vance Coleman (Lakes West); Loretta Kvarnberg (Lakes East); Char Vicars (SCWGA President); Rich Lybolt; Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek)

RCSC STAFF: Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Communication & Marketing Coordinator Joelyn Higgins, North Head Superintendent Neil Hladik

GUESTS: Ellen Pearson, Carlie Chubb

ABSENT: Co-Chair Dan Schroeder

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for April 19, 2018 was approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Golf Courses

Year to date, we have played 149,839 rounds throughout our eight courses, slightly ahead of last year's pace, due to a strong January. April played 1,941 fewer rounds than prior year as the other courses were unable to fully absorb the 6,726 rounds lost due to the closure of Willowcreek/Willowbrook. Among the regulation courses, Riverview has taken the overall lead in rounds played with 24,110, followed by Lakes West (23,342), South (22,412) and North (22,370). Lakes East has played the most rounds among the Executive Courses. For the month of April 56% of rounds player were by Annual pass holders and Annual Surcharge pass holders. Year to date the Golf Division has exceeded revenue goals.

Lately we have had increased complaints from neighbors, concerning golfers trespassing onto private property to retrieve golf balls. While there are some homeowners that are not bothered by golfers retrieving errant shots, there are many that feel violated when someone enters their property to retrieve a ball. Please remember that when retrieving an errant shot on a homeowner's property, you are trespassing, unless you have been given permission to do so. We ask for your cooperation in respecting the property of others.

As discussed during this month's Green Committee meetings, on May 1 we conducted the first of our annual visits with Brian Whitlark, who is with the USGA. We have now received his report and it will soon be available to be viewed online. Mr. Whitlark was impressed with the Willowcreek/Willowbrook renovation project and in particular the water saving aspects of the redesign, such as lake lining, tee top specific irrigation and overall turf reduction. We also discussed putting greens, green surrounds, fairway transition, roughs, practice tee conditions and bunker maintenance, while touring North and Riverview.

Mainline installation at Willowcreek has moved to the front side, with progress through the second hole. Lateral line installation is nearing completion on the back 9, with work wrapping up on the 10th hole. Green drainage is complete on the back nine and root zone material is in place on every green, the 17th and 18th hole have been shaped. Green coring will be complete on the front 9 the week of May 21st. The liner and shotcrete edge installation is finished on the back 9 and the lakes will begin filling today. The project remains on target, with grassing of the greens to be completed by mid-July.

The temporary clubhouse trailer has been delivered, prior to the South clubhouse demolition/construction. As a reminder food and beverage options during construction will be extremely limited during the period of construction. We ask for your patience during this period. Beginning June 1st the closing time for snack shops will be 1:00pm.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

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

With the warmer temps our Bermuda is growing which means we are going to be mowing the driving range decks. All courses will be shutting down early one day a week to clean pick the range so the Maintenance crew can mow the next morning. Below are the courses and corresponding clean pick days. Please help us on those days by NOT hitting balls on the range in the evenings so we do not damage the maintenance equipment as they mow the following morning.

The Last bucket of balls will be sold at 4:00 and the Range will close at 4:30 on the following clean pick days.

North GC – Mon – Close early for clean pick

South GC – Wed – Close early for clean pick

Riverview GC - Wed – Close early for clean pick

Lakes GC - Thurs – Close early for clean pick

We have some exciting things to look forward to in the Pro Shop world with the new counters at Lakes and Willow along with the new pro shop at South! The next year is going to be an exciting time for our RCSC residents.

Ranger Program

We are still holding steady with around 20 Rangers on staff as volunteers but some have left for the summer, out of that 20 we have only about 10 that ranger on a regular basis so we are still in need of some great residents to step up and join the ranger team. If you know any one that you think would make a great ranger please ask them if they would be interested and have them contact Chris Linam at 623-876-8419 or e-mail me at clinam@suncityaz.org.

SCMGA REPORT: SCMGA President Bill Fitzpatrick reported that the bids for the games Tee time software program are coming in at a much higher cost than anticipated. Still waiting for some additional bids from some local vendors.

SCWGA REPORT:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** No Report
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** No Report

OLD BUSINESS: The Committee voted to change the Charge breakdown for advanced tee times. The fee charge of \$5.00 will be split with \$2.00 for booking fee and \$3.00 returned in the form of certs and wanted to amend BP#17 under Golf Tournaments and events sub paragraph e to allow Team play to be scheduled at both North and South courses on the same day. Chair Walczak informed the Committee that the RCSC Board of Directors approved both of their requests.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

- A Committee Member asked Director of Golf Brian Duthu what “Root Zone” was and his response was that it is the base for the greens prior to seeding.
- A Committee Member asked what could be done to get more Rangers. After discussion the Committee decided to form a small Committee focused on research of better incentives used to attract more volunteers.
- North Superintendent Neil Hladik reported on how the transition is progressing at the North golf course.

COURSE REPORTS:

North	Looking good, transition is going well.
South	Course is in good shape.
Quail	Course in pretty good shape, still has wet spots on the 2 nd and 5 th holes.
Lakes East	Very good shape.
Lakes West	Much improved, course is in good shape.
Riverview	Excellent shape and greens are very good with bunkers improving.

WB / WC Willowbrook – Closed no report

Willowcreek – Closed no report

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:59am.

NEXT MEETING: September 20, 2018 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary