

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
September 20, 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), Mike Guzek (Lakes East), William Fitzpatrick (SCMGA President), Dennis Meeter (Quail Run), Loretta Kvarnberg (Lakes East), Char Vicars (SCWGA President), Rich Lybolt, Dale Mondloch (Riverview), Dave Duffus (Willowcreek), Ruth Melena (North), Kathy Van Meveren (Lakes West), Phyllis Neal (Lakes East), Joe Swain (Quail Run)

RCSC Staff: Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam; Course Superintendent Mark Skeen

Guests: RCSC Board President Jerry DeLano, Wayne VanHorn, Mike Kennedy, Bob Partridge

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for May 17, 2018 was approved as presented.

Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Despite having two golf courses closed, summer revenue has exceeded prior year and budgeted goals. Through July golf revenue exceeded budget by 2.6% and is slightly ahead of prior year.

We had 102 participants in our Patriot Day golf event at Lakes West on August 31st. Patriot Golf Day was organized with the help of PGA of America to raise funds for the Folds of Honor Foundation. Rich Lybolt was the big winner on the men's side scoring the only gross skin on hole #1 worth \$385. There were four men's net skin winners worth \$96.25 and they were Guy Shaw, Mike Bratton, Tom Adams and Merv Hying. There were many skins out on the ladies side. Terry Klatt won a total of four followed by Kim Oh with a total of three. Through entry fees, the 50/50 raffle and pro shop collections, we raised a total of \$1,300.00. The money raised is used to fund scholarships for spouses and children of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our country.

On December 13 we will be hosting a fundraising tournament to raise money for our chosen Winter Celebration Charity, the Sun City Foundation. The format will be Beat the Pro(s), which will be Brian Duthu (PGA) and Chris Linam (Pro Shop Manager) and will be made up of two person teams. Teams that beat the best ball score of the pros will equally share the prize pool. The entry fee will be \$40.00 and the event will be held at Willowcreek Golf Course. In addition to bragging rights for beating the pro, there will also be a chance at a Pebble Beach Vacation.

We received our final building permit for the South Pro Shop as well as the occupancy permit for the temporary trailer. Pro shop operations were moved to the temporary trailer the evening of September 12 and began full operation September 13. During construction beverage options will be limited, ice will not be available and food options consist of snacks.

Courses

Overseeding will begin October 1 on North, Lakes West and Quail Run with a reopen date of October 20. Riverview, South and Lakes East will close on October 22 and reopen November 10. Willowcreek and Willowbrook will be overseeded as part of the closure and both will open for play November 10.

The Willowcreek/Willowbrook project is in the final stages, with all irrigation pieces installed. Work continues in the perimeter areas of Willowbrook and along hole #9 on Willowcreek, with the installation of plant material and decomposed granite. Willowcreek will be overseeded with the early wave of courses, but will remain closed until the scheduled opening of November 10. We expect some level of construction activity to remain well into October and remaining closed will allow this activity to continue unhindered.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

Pro Shops Merchandise Sales ended August short of budget mostly due to the closure of Willow and minimizing merchandise from South Pro Shop.

We are excited about the new South Pro Shop that is under way, but please remember we will have minimal merchandise at the temporary building. Golf balls, tees, hot hands and sun glasses will be available. Also please remember to bring your ice and water with you to South Golf Course as there will not be any available in the temporary building. Vending machines with snacks, Gatorade, soda and water will be available. Beer will be stocked to purchase in the temporary building.

In November we will have our free Saturday Golf Clinics at Lakes West - November 10, November 17, November 24 and December 1, all clinics will start at 9:30am. The clinics will be taught by our local PGA and LPGA Professionals. Each Saturday the instructors will be going over different parts of the game including chipping, putting, irons and woods. No sign up necessary just show up and have fun.

Also we will be starting our Get Golf Ready classes in November and these will run through April. Get Golf Ready is designed to teach everything you need to play golf in just a few lessons. PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness. Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual friendly setting. For more information and sign up please contact Chris Linam at 623-876-8419 or e-mail clinam@suncityaz.org.

Ranger Program

We are still holding steady with 12 Rangers on staff for summer but more will return for the winter. We still have 20 Rangers on the books but only about 12-15 on a regular basis over the winter. 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 have them contact Chris Linam at 623-876-8419 or e-mail clinam@suncityaz.org.

SCMGA Report: SCMGA President Bill Fitzpatrick reported that training Monitors will be implemented as courses open after overseeding. The SCMGA Tournament schedule for 2019 has been approved and published. The annual meeting is scheduled for December 4 at Sundial with doors opening at 6:30am and the meeting starting at 7:00am. Missy Jones will make a presentation on the 2019 new golf rules.

SCWGA Report:

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Guest Questions/Comments: None

Course Reports:

North Looking good

South Course improving (relation to last year)
Greens in good shape
Fairways filling in post transition
Trailer, lacking in size, ants in seating area (*ants were addressed in house and by exterminator*), door handle (*going to place pool noodle similar to accounting over door handle*), concern with golfers driving down 103rd avenue to cross from front to back and back to front (*explained that a temporary path will be put in along 103rd once demolition has reached certain point*)
Narrow path to first tee (*concrete barriers will be removed around palm tree, checking to see if fence can be pushed in to help as well*)
Concern with cart parking near bunker on hole #9

Quail Run Course in pretty good shape, still has wet spots on the 2nd and 5th holes.

Lakes East Very good shape

Lakes West Ladies like course but need more garbage cans

Riverview Great condition

Dale Mondloch spoke to some outside play, who stated Riverview is best value in the valley

Drainage issues in some rough areas, mowers creating damage

Pointed out some dead or dying trees that need to be replaced

Passed along comments regarding bunkers are often inconsistent (some stating too much sand, others not enough), informed committee this was discussed at greens committee meeting and sand was being added as necessary

Impressed with the lack of ball marks on greens, #12 cited as example

Willowbrook Ladies happy with summer schedule that kept them playing during closure
Appreciative of recent tour of construction progress

Willowcreek Happy with progress on renovation and additional sodding around greens
Convinced everyone will be happy with the renovation

Comments: Committee Member and Ranger Captain Mike Guzek distributed a document listing his suggestions on how to change the Ranger Compensation program.

Chair Jerry Walczak asked if anything could be done to the bunker rakes to make them easier to handle during the summer months. Chair Walczak also asked Brian Duthu how often the courses are visited and his response was once a month formally with the Superintendent and several informal visits throughout the month.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:07am.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2018 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary