

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
March 15, 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); Ruth Melena (North); Alesia Brown (South); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Vance Coleman (Lakes West); Phyllis Neal (Lakes East); Lael Summer (Ladies 9 hole)

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

GUESTS: RCSC Board President Jerry DeLano, Jon Braemer, Bob Schirck

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for February 15, 2018 was approved as presented.

REPORTS:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Golf Courses

Despite a slightly sluggish February, total rounds have outpaced prior year by 4,163 rounds. Through February 75,312 rounds have been played on our courses, which is ahead of the prior 5 year average of 74,329 rounds. Lakes West has played 11,230 rounds, followed closely by Riverview, which has played 11,206 rounds. Lakes East has posted 7,969 rounds, followed by Willowbrook, which has posted 7,033 rounds. For the year 91% of our rounds have been played by residents and their guests. Surcharge play represents 50% of total rounds played.

Participation in the 2018 Can/Am event was down this year with 74 participants. Golfers from both countries proudly displayed their countries colors. The American team won back the cup this year, winning 11 matches to the Canadian teams 7 matches. The men's and ladies divisions were broken down into four flights. We thank everyone that participated and look forward to 2019 and a full field. We have scheduled our first night golf event of the season for April 21, at Lakes East Golf Course. Check-in will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and play will begin at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the event is \$30.00 (includes dinner, first night golf ball, night golf accessories, prizes and more). Applicable green fees will be paid on the day of play. The event is currently full, however a standby list is available.

Demolition of the South maintenance building will commence in early May. During this construction period pro shop operations will be staged from a mobile unit. Canned soda, canned beer and prepackaged snacks will be available, prepared food will not be available during construction. Updated plans are now

posted in the snack shop at South and reflect comments made during our town hall meetings that took place in 2017.

Beginning April 9 spring fertilizer applications will begin at Willow. We utilize an outside contractor for this application, which utilizes large tender trucks. The vendor is familiar with the golf courses and works with the golf superintendents to avoid damaging irrigation. This process is the most efficient way for this application. The process will be completed April 18 at Quail. The applications begin early enough in the morning to avoid disrupting play.

The warmer than usual winter has begun to awaken our Bermuda grass. Watering of the roughs has increased. Though the rough is not growing at a substantial rate, we have begun to mow these areas to keep them clean. There are some unwanted grasses in the rough areas that grow at a faster rate, mowing helps to keep the rough height even.

Mainline installation for the Willowcreek/Willowbrook project continues, through March 15 four holes have been completed (holes 15-18). March 19 Pacific Aquascapes will begin work on the irrigation lake on holes 14, 15, 16. Once completed the lake storage will be increased, by making the lake deeper. The lakes will also be lined to prevent seepage. During the entire process a total of 57 miles of new irrigation pipe will be installed over the two courses.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

Pro Shops merchandise sales ended February ahead of budget so a big thanks to all of you for supporting RCSC.

Darrin Lewis our Riverview Head Starter is no longer with us and will be missed but we are excited that Keith Smith will be taking over the Head Starter position at Riverview while the Willow Project is under way.

We had a Great Demo Day at Riverview on March 5 and would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting RCSC. For those of you who missed it we are still able to get you fit in to woods and irons. We have Ping demo woods, fairway woods, hybrids and putters for you to demo out on the course. Please feel free to contact us and let us know how we can take care of you.

We have marked our clothing at Willow Pro Shop to 50% off while supplies last so get up there and do some shopping for great deals (excluding hats, gloves and shoes).

Titleist Loyalty Rewarded Program is back from March 22 to April 22.

Buy 3 dozen & receive the 4th dozen FREE!

OPTION #1 – Free Personalization with Standard Play Numbers (1-4 or 5-8)

- Standard play # golf balls personalized at no charge
- Pro V1 or Pro V1x

OR

OPTION #2 – Free Personalization with all the same Play Number

- Special play # golf balls personalized at no charge
- \$1 per dozen special play # fee applies
- Pro V1 or Pro V1X

We also have a great selection of the newest golf balls from Titleist, Callaway, TaylorMade, Wilson and Srixon in all of our shops so be sure to come and see what's new.

SCMGA REPORT: SCMGA President Bill Fitzpatrick reported the new software programs have been submitted, and when finalized will be installed this summer. The Committee was also informed that the Sun City Men's Championship will be held April 6 and 7.

SCWGA REPORT:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** Lael Summer informed the Committee that the Ladies Octogenarian Tournament will be held in April.
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** Nothing to Report

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. Chair Walczak responded that he was waiting for an answer from Maricopa County but did not anticipate that the tunnel would happen.

NEW BUSINESS: Committee Member Alesia Brown questioned Brian Duthu on Golf Now and the fees that they pay. She stated that she thought we were giving away too much golf for an inexpensive price. Discussion ensued concerning how many outside groups request tee times and how does this affect Sun City's golf cart shortage. Brian explained the procedure and surcharge and Chris Linam noted that Sun City residents book 5 days in advance and Golf Now is only given 3 day advance booking and we do not hold carts for non-residents. Question was asked about booking up to a year in advance for a \$5.00 surcharge, Brian again explained procedure and Member Dennis Meeter requested that the discussion be tabled until we had more Committee Members present to discuss.

Another question was asked of Brian regarding team play which he explained the procedure and again this subject was tabled until more Committee Members were present.

There was an inquiry about having another night golf tournament and Chris stated that the timeframe is an issue because it continues late into the night.

Dale Mondloch mentioned the update on the “Rules of Golf” done January 1, 2018 which were done to speed up play and help eliminate higher scores. Brian responded that when the present supply of scorecards run out the replacements will include these rules.

Dave Duffus noted that the driving ranges are in sad shape and asked why they do not have mats to hit off instead of tearing up the grass. Brian answered that the issue is currently being addressed with Willowcreek having concrete installed currently and the others are being researched.

GUEST QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: None

COURSE REPORTS:

North Pretty good condition, bunkers are better.

South Good shape.

Quail Good shape.

Lakes East Good, courses do not have consistent information.

Lakes West Pretty good shape, golfers are not raking the sand traps.

Riverview Bunkers are good and ruff is very short and thin again.

WB / WC Willowbrook – Good shape but too much standing water.

Willowcreek – Good shape.

COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

NEXT MEETING: April 19, 2018 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Jerry Walczak, Acting Secretary