

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
January 17, 2019

Co-Chair Rich Hoffer called the meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview Social Hall #2.

Present: Co-Chair Rich Hoffer; Committee Members Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Dennis Meeter (Quail Run); Loretta Kvarnberg (Lakes East); Dave Duffus (Willowcreek); Kathy Van Meveren (Lakes West); Carolyn Jennings (North); Alesia Brown (South); Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek); Johnny Pearson (Riverview); Rich Lybolt; Dennis Tietge (North); Nancy Gray (SCWGA President); Evelyn Bertson (Lakes West); Bob Shirck (Lakes West); Joe Burd (Quail Run); Bob Vickney (South); Mary Autio (Ladies 9 Hole Umbrella); Wayne Van Horn (SCMGA President); Tom Wills (South)

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

Guests: RCSC Board President Jerry DeLano; Cardholder Brenda Richardson

Absent: Chair Dan Schroeder

Election of Secretary: Co-Chair Hoffer asked for nominations for the 2019 Secretary. Rich Lybolt was nominated and there were no other nominations for Secretary. After the vote, Rich Lybolt was unanimously elected Secretary.

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for December 27, 2018 was approved with the following changes: A motion was made and passed to have security cameras installed at all golf courses. Co-Chair Hoffer stated that this request was given to the Board and they asked management to review and provide cost estimates.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

The year 2018 was a mixture of ups and downs, disrupted greatly by the closure of Willowcreek and Willowbrook. During the first quarter of 2018 golf rounds were 2,707 ahead of the first quarter of the previous year. The last three quarters combined produced 9,998 fewer rounds than the last three quarters of the 2017 year. For the year, 2018 produced 7,291 fewer rounds than the previous year, due in large part to the 32,969 fewer rounds played on Willowcreek/Willowbrook. The positive news was 2018 revenue was largely unaffected, due to the strength of the first quarter and finished within \$24,000 of the previous year and exceeded budget by \$86,345. The 2018 budget was conservative, due to the planned closure of Willowcreek/Willowbrook.

On February 14th, Lakes East/Lakes West will be hosting the 11th 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 9:30am 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.

Planning is underway for the rebuild of the South practice area, necessitated by the placement of the new clubhouse. The putting green will be roughly the same size of the previous green, however the pitching/chipping green will provide expanded options for bunker play and for more golfers to use the green simultaneously. The area will incorporate some aspects of turf reduction and the irrigation will be designed with possible future renovation in mind. This will ensure that this area will not need to be redone in the future. This work will be combined with the planned bunker work at South this summer and is expected to begin in May.

Despite missing revenue targets in December, Snack shops will exceed budget for the 2018 year. As with golf, snack shop revenue was disrupted greatly by the Willowcreek/Willowbrook closures and more recently by the South closure.

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule is now available. We are moving up the beginning of fairway verticutting to the last week of April, beginning at Quail Run and finishing at Willowcreek on May 24. Fairway aerification will begin May 30 at Quail Run and finish on June 25 at Willowbrook. The biggest change to this year's plans is to close the courses for one day more than previous years during greens aerification. The extra day will provide a buffer for equipment issues as well as more time for crews to provide the best possible surface following aerification. This process will begin June 27 at Quail Run and finish on August 7 at Willowbrook. Due to the renovation, the greens at Willowcreek will not be core aerified this summer. We do ask that committee members review this schedule with their respective course committees to identify any potential scheduling conflicts that may have been missed.

2019 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES
Golf Course will be closed

Fairway Verticutting

Mon	April 29	Quail Run
Thu-Fri	May 2, 3	Riverview
Mon-Tue	May 6, 7	South
Thu-Fri	May 9, 10	Lakes West
Mon-Tue	May 13, 14	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	May 16, 17	North
Mon-Tue	May 20, 21	Willowbrook
Thu-Fri	May 23, 24	Willowcreek

Fairways Aerification

Thu	May 30	Quail Run
Mon-Tue	June 3, 4	Riverview
Thu-Fri	June 6, 7	South
Mon-Tue	June 10, 11	Lakes West
Thu-Fri	June 13, 14	Lakes East
Mon-Tue	June 17, 18	North
Thu-Fri	June 20, 21	Willowcreek
Mon-Tue	June 24, 25	Willowbrook

Greens Aerification

Thu-Fri	June 27, 28	Quail Run
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 1 - 3	Riverview
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 8 - 10	South
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 15 - 17	Lakes West
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 22 - 24	Lakes East
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 29 - 31	North
Mon, Tue, Wed	Aug 5 -7	Willowbrook
Will Not Core Aerify		Willowcreek

2019 OVERSEED SCHEDULE **Golf Course will be closed**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Overseed</u>	<u>Opens</u>	<u>Cart Path Until</u>
North	Sept 30	Oct 19	Nov 8
Lakes West	Sept 30	Oct 19	Nov 8
Willowbrook	Sept 30	Oct 19	Nov 8
Riverview	Sept 30	Oct 19	Nov 8
South	Oct 21	Nov 9	Nov 22
Lakes East	Oct 21	Nov 9	Nov 22
Willowcreek	Oct 21	Nov 9	Nov 22
Quail Run	Oct 21	Nov 9	Nov 22

As of 1-15-19

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

Pro Shop Sales were down in December along with golf rounds.

Just a reminder for the 2019 Men's & Ladies Club Presidents, please be sure to bring in your pairings for the next week at least 6 days in advance so the starter can get them in 5 days before the draw.

We are in full swing with the Get Golf Ready classes and they will run through April, so if you or anyone you know would like to attend a class please contact Chris Linam at clinam@suncityaz.org or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best value for your dollar.

We have some exciting events coming in March with our yearly demo day at Riverview on March 4th and the free golf clinics at Lakes West the first 4 Saturday's in March. Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing from putting to driving long and straight.

If you have your 2020 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 or in person so we can get it on the calendar. Don't forget to go to the Clubs Office at the Lakeview Center to book your rooms for your awards banquets and lunches. 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. Each room can bring an additional income for Sun City of around \$375.00 not to mention the man power it takes to set up and tear down the room.

SCMGA Report: Nothing to report

SCWGA Report:

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** President Mary Autio reported that the Octogenarian Tournament is being cohosted by both the Ladies 9-Hole and 18-Hole groups. Team play has started and the Invitational Tournament is planned for April 2019.
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** President Nancy Gray stated everything is going well.

Old Business: Lakes West would still like to have additional tables and chairs for the area outside the snack bar.

A new payment structure for the Ranger Program was presented to the Committee. A motion was made and passed to forward the proposal to the RCSC Board of Directors for review and approval.

New Business: None

Questions/Comments: The Committee inquired about the change to the local rule at Lakes East allowing you to hit out of landscaped areas. Director of Golf Brian Duthu explained that the score cards will be changed to reflect this rule when the current stock is depleted.

Course Reports:

North	Great shape
South	Good shape, construction on the club house is on schedule. A divot party is planned for January 27, 2019 at 3:00pm with a chili dinner following.
Quail	Really good shape
Lakes East	Good shape
Lakes West	Looks Great
Riverview	Excellent shape
Willowbrook	No report

Willowcreek Good Shape

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:09am.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2019 at 8:30am – **Lakeview Center Social Hall #3**
(Note location change to SH#3 for this meeting only)

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary