

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
May 16, 2019

Chair Dan Schroeder called the meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview Social Hall #2.

Present: Chair Dan Schroeder; Co-Chair Rich Hoffer; Committee Members Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Dennis Meeter (Quail Run); Johnny Pearson (Riverview); Bob Shirck (Lakes West); Wayne Van Horn (SCMGA President); Brenda Richardson (Quail); Bob Vickney (South); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Loretta Kvarnbert (Lakes East); Rich Lybolt

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

Guests: RCSC Board President Jerry DeLano; Cardholders Joe Burd, Tom Wills, Arnie Kvarnberg

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for April 18, 2019 was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Year to date, we have played 144,625 rounds throughout our eight courses, this represents our lowest total number of rounds since 2013, which was also a poor weather year. On a positive note April rounds increased 2,439 from prior year and posted the highest number of rounds played in April over the last four years. Among the regulation courses, Riverview has played the most rounds with 22,092, Lakes West has the second highest total (22,003), followed by North, South and Willowcreek. Lakes East has played the most rounds among the Executive Courses. Year-to-date 52% of rounds played were by Annual pass holders and Annual Surcharge pass holders.

As a reminder, we respectfully ask that golfers refrain from entering private property to retrieve errant 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.

On May 6th we conducted the first of our annual visits with Brian Whitlark representative for USGA. We have now received his report and it will soon be available to be viewed online. Topics covered during the visit included weed control, Bermuda grass transition, putting greens, bunkers and forward tees. Mr. Whitlark continues to be impressed with emphasis RCSC has placed on reducing irrigation, through increasing efficiency of the systems and the more recent turf reduction. Mr. Whitlark also included recommendations on products for weed control that are new to golf course use.

The bunker liner replacement and sand replacement at South is proceeding as expected, with the exception of a slight disturbance caused by rain. Currently the bunkers on the back 9 and holes 1 & 9 have had the sand removed and Better Billy Bunker liner installed. Sand replacement began May 15th on

hole number 10. Sand is expected to be replaced on all back 9 bunkers by May 17th and holes 1 & 9 on May 20th. Work will begin on the remaining front 9 bunkers where sand has been replaced on the first wave of bunkers. Players can expect extremely soft conditions in the bunkers as they open for play.

Snack shops are now consistently closing at 3pm and beginning June 1st the time will change to 1pm. After the shops are closed beverages and light snacks are available through the pro shops.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

Pro Shops Merchandise and Range Sales ended April behind budget. The newly renovated South Pro Shop is open. If you have not visited the new South Pro Shop then make your way down for a real treat.

The New TrackMan Simulator is amazing and with the heat of summer coming it will be the place for golfers to sharpen their game or play a round at the Old Course at St. Andrewes in the A/C with a cool beverage in hand.

There is a number of the things the TrackMan Simulator can do for you combining performance and entertainment. TrackMan is the established leader in the golf industry for accuracy, reliability, and ease of use. With over 800 of the top tour professionals around the world as customers, TrackMan leads the way in practice and training. Whether being used for measuring club delivery at impact or benchmarking skills through the TrackMan Combine or test center, TrackMan provides a suite of applications that can improve your golf game.

Play courses such as PGA National, St Andrews, Bethesda, Innisbrook Copperhead and more from the comfort of South Pro Shop. Other built-in features include closest to the pin and long drive competitions as well as 36 modes of play (stroke play, scramble, skins, etc.) and up to 8 players on one simulator, wind and weather options, and much more.

SCMGA Report: SCMGA President, Wayne Van Horn reported that the automated Tee sheets for Wednesday are working and the automated interface with accounting for the winners certs is going well. The automated posting of Wednesdays score to Handicap is scheduled for testing.

SCWGA Report:

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

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Course Reports:

North Great shape

South Course is in good shape

Quail Really good shape

Lakes East Excellent shape

Lakes West Looks great

Riverview Good shape

Willowbrook Good shape, sometimes workers get in the way of golfers or don't realize they are waiting to make a shot

Willowcreek Great

Comments: Cost for using the simulator at the South Golf Course club house will cost \$15.00 per ½ hour, \$25.00 per hour and \$40.00 for 2 hours. This cost can be shared by multiple players.

There is a large amount of room left over in the new cart barn at the South golf course. The plan is to purchase additional golf carts to fill the space.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:49am

Next Meeting: September 19, 2019 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary