

**RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.**  
**Golf Advisory Committee**  
**February 20, 2020**

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

**Present:** Chair Rich Hoffer; Co-Chair Dan Schroeder; Committee Members Mike Guzek (Lakes East); Dennis Meeter (Quail Run); Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek); Rich Lybolt; Dennis Tietge (North); Bob Shirck (Lakes West); Bob Vickney (South); Lynn Lybolt (South); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Judy Appel (SCWGA President); Karen Smolinski (Lakes West); Bill Fitzpatrick (SCMGA President); Linda Hudgins (Lakes 9 hole); Johnny Pearson (Riverview)

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

**Guests:** Former RCSC Board President Jerry DeLano

**Prior Meeting Summary:** The Meeting Summary for January 16, 2020 was approved as presented.

**Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:**

**Pro Shops**

Beginning in April, RCSC will begin field testing our automated draw system. This system will eventually replace the in person draw system at all the RCSC golf courses. For the initial trial, we have selected Riverview as the test site. The automated system is designed to handle player counts of 1 to 50 players and designed to keep players together in adjacent tee times. Players wishing to be included for the draw will be able to register through the web portal or through the pro shops via a paper slip placed into a secure box. Registration for the draw will begin 7 days ahead of the draw date, which would be 12 days ahead of the requested play date. As an example; a group wishing to play on the 29th, would be drawn on the 24th, this group would be able to sign up for the draw between the 17th and 23rd. Groups will have the option of selecting the course or courses they wish to play as well as a range of times that are desired. The actual draw will occur prior to 6:00am and players will be notified via email of the time assigned. It will be important to cancel lottery requests if a player(s) knows they will not be available on the day of play, as the system will track player history and assign lower priority to players with frequent no shows or cancellations. For this reason, it will also be important to enter only players that will be playing on the day of play.

Groups larger than 30 players may place tee time bookings on the tee sheet ahead of the automated draw process by paying a \$2.00 per player booking fee per tee time. This booking fee is prepaid with the tee time booked up to 2 months in advance. Schedule and course preference must be submitted at time of payment, previously booked tournaments supersede small group booking requests. No sweeps will be collected for small group bookings and the fee is non-refundable. Bookings will be made through the Golf Administrative Offices at Riverview.

Free golf clinics will be offered on Saturdays in March (7, 14, 21 & 28) at Lakes East/Lakes West with classes begin at 9:30am. Topics covered are ball flight, golf swing fundamentals, chipping and putting. There is no need to preregister and the clinics are open to golfers of all skill levels. The clinics are conducted by PGA Professionals and are a great introduction to the game of golf or a great way to brush up on your game.

Snack Shops are scheduled to close at 5:00pm, however as we move into longer daylight hours, closing times may be extended based on demand. Hours may be adjusted during periods of inclement weather.

We have not received any requests to alter the overseed/aerification schedule as presented in January. As such we will be moving forward with the schedule as it was presented. The schedule will be posted to the RCSC website soon.

As we move into spring, we can expect an increase in golf rounds, with increased rounds come increased wear and tear. As temperatures warm throughout the spring these wear and tear areas will heal faster however we still need golfer support. We ask everyone to please fill your divots and fix your ball marks. With increased play slow play instances become more likely so we ask everyone to please practice ready golf by playing your shot as soon as possible and when it doesn't interfere with your playing partners or the group ahead, move to your ball whenever it is safe to do so. Avoid excessive practice swings, read your putt ahead of your turn and record scores on the following tee box.

Brian responded to questions asked by the committee on the new automated draw system. Yes, fivesomes will still be considered, paying the booking fee using certs is still being considered and will be finalized after implementation of the new system and tee times will be assigned using an algorithm.

### **Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:**

#### **Pro Shops**

Pro Shop merchandise and range sales ended January slightly behind budget.

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](mailto:clinam@suncityaz.org) or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best value for your dollar.

Free Golf Clinics are back at Lakes West. The Dates are March 7, 14, 21 & 28. All clinics start at 9:30am and are conducted by our local PGA & LPGA Professionals. No sign up necessary just show up and have fun.

We have our yearly Demo Day at Riverview on March 2 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We will have PING, TaylorMade, Callaway, Wilson, Cobra, and Cleveland showing off the latest and greatest 2020 has to offer.

Titleist Loyalty Reward Program is back. Golfers who purchase three dozen Titleist Pro V1®, Pro V1x® or AVX™ golf balls will receive one dozen of the same ball type at no charge.

### **OPTION #1**

Pro V1 or Pro V1x with free personalization and Standard Play Numbers (1-4 or 5-8). Also available Pro V1 or Pro V1x Yellow, or AVX white or yellow with all the same play number (1-4).

### **OPTION #2**

Pro V1 or Pro V1x white with free personalization and all the same Play Number (00, 1-99) or Pro V1, Pro V1x Yellow, or AVX white or yellow with all the same play number (1-4).

### **Ranger Program**

We currently have 22 active Rangers at our Sun City courses, please be sure to give them a big thanks for all they do. We currently have 2 Rangers utilizing the Certificate Program that was implemented this year and we are looking for more winter residents to take advantage of this great new program.

**SCMGA Report:** SCMGA President, Bill Fitzpatrick stated that the posting of certs was lagging by 3 to 4 weeks. Director of Golf Brian Duthu responded that they should be current now and that the delay was due to a personnel shortage in our accounting department and discussion is continuing the automated interface for certs with the department.

### **SCWGA Report:**

- **Ladies 9-Hole:** The Open Tournaments is almost full and going well.
- **Ladies 18-Hole:** Team play schedule for the 20-21 season is almost set. The Open Tournament was very successful, play if forward is still under discussion and the women's octogenarian tournament is over half full.

**Old Business:** The request to have the handicap card and parking placard always displayed on the golf cart was denied unanimously by the RCSC Board of Directors stating that the current procedure in place works well and should be continued to be followed.

**New Business:** None

**Guests Introductions - Questions/Comments:** None

### **Course Reports:**

North            Excellent shape

South            Really good shape. 80 plus participants helped with the divot party and did a great job.

Quail            Great shape

Lakes East Beautiful, in good shape. Players are repairing ball marks and filling divots and the maintenance staff responds quickly to requests.

Lakes West Great shape, feel same about staff

Riverview Good shape, some bunkers are down to liners and need work

Willowbrook Good shape need men for the Greens Committee.

Willowcreek Greens are being worked on.

**Comments:** Is the Beautification Committee only run by the women because the men's group does not have a Beautification Committee. At some of the courses, the men support the women on the committee and a good example would be South where the men and women work together to get things accomplished.

**Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:01am.

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2020 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary