

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

May 20, 2021

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 Rich Lybolt; Bob Shirck (SCMGA President); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Lynn Lybolt (South); Jan Pogachar (SCWGA President); Marcia Grenier (Willowcreek); Karen Scheurman (South); Jim Fitzsimmons (Willowbrook); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Raymond Long (Lakes West)

RCSC Staff: Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam; Superintendent Dennis Dulaney, Director of Finance Bill Cook

Guests: RCSC Board President Sue Wilson; RCSC Board Director Darla Akins

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for April 15, 2021 was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Total rounds for April were 38,104, the total was 2,510 higher than prior year and the highest recorded total for April in the last 15 years. For the year we have played 162,174 rounds, which represents our highest 4-month total in 14 years. Among the regulation courses Riverview has played the most rounds (24,855), Willowcreek has the second highest total (24,223), followed by Lakes West, South and North. For the executive courses, Lakes East has played the most rounds (16,862), followed by Willowbrook and Quail Run.

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.

Snack Shops

Snack shops are now consistently closing at 3:00pm and will shift to 1:00pm beginning June 1.

Golf Courses

Fairway aerification begins May 27 on South and continues through June 22 on Willowbrook. During this period of course maintenance the courses will be closed in two-day blocks. Aerification of fairways serves to reduce compaction and remove some buildup of thatch. Soil compaction hinders the movement of water and oxygen to the root zone. The full aerification schedule can be found on the RCSC website, www.suncityaz.org, under the golf tab.

On Friday, April 30, we conducted our annual USGA visit with Brian Whitlark, who serves as an agronomist for the USGA's Southwest Section. Green condition is always a focus for these visits and this year was no different. All of the greens visited showed a healthy rootzone structure, while the

greens at Willowcreek showed some surface algae and some buildup of organic matter near the surface. Both of these conditions are similar to our experience at North and Riverview following renovation.

Upcoming changes to ADWR water use allocations were also a major focus of the visit. In summary beginning in 2023 our allocation for our courses will reduce by 6.67% from our current plan, followed by a further planned reduction in 2025 of 15.38% from our current plan. As part of an overall water conservation effort the USGA has implemented an In-Ground Moisture study to evaluate the impact of using in-ground soil measuring to determine daily irrigation needs versus the current method of measuring evapotranspiration. Currently there are 20 courses participating in the study, two of which are North and Lakes West. Currently courses are in the process of mapping a hole on the course with moisture meters to determine low, moderate, and high moisture areas. Once these areas are determined moisture meters will be installed in the ground and will communicate to the irrigation computer. The irrigation computer will use this data to determine overall course irrigation needs. Mr. Whitlark was happy with the enthusiasm shown by Mike Murphy and Chuck Hyppa in assisting with this study. The study is expected to last two years. Mr. Whitlark's full report will be available on the RCSC website in the very near future.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report: Question was raised for Chris as to the problem with the machine down time and if it was resolved. Chris answered not entirely but it is much improved and is being worked on.

Pro Shops

Pro Shops Merchandise sales in April were good, but we just missed budget by \$41 dollars. The driving range sales beat budget so a big thanks for supporting RCSC.

“Getting Back to Normal” - As of May 17, 2021: All RCSC facilities are open and available to RCSC cardholders for their use and enjoyment without any use/capacity limits. All Chartered Clubs are approved to re-open and conduct their normal activities. All RCSC facilities are open to guests and visitors as provided for in RCSC policies, including age limitations as outlined in Board Policy No. 10. Children's hours will resume at pools. Sun City Visitor's Center will re-open, entertainment and events will resume, rental of RCSC facilities will resume. RCSC encourages all users to follow CDC and ADHS guidelines to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as use of face coverings and maintaining physical distancing. RCSC further encourages use of hand sanitizer upon entry to RCSC facilities and for users to sanitize each piece of RCSC equipment before and after use utilizing the sanitation method provided by RCSC.

Just as a reminder our Single courses (South, North, Riverview & Quail Run) pro shops/snack shops will be closing on the following days so be sure to plan your tee times & breakfast accordingly.

Fairway Verticutting

Thursday & Friday, May 20-21 • Willowbrook

Fairway Aerification

Thursday & Friday, May 27-28 • South

Monday, May 31 • Quail Run

Thursday & Friday, June 3-4 • North

Monday & Tuesday, June 7-8 • Riverview

Thursday & Friday, June 10-11 • Lakes West
Monday & Tuesday, June 14-15 • Lakes East
Thursday & Friday, June 17-18 • Willowcreek
Monday & Tuesday, June 21-22 • Willowbrook

The Pro Shops will be open on these days from 6:00am-9:00am if you need to call in for tee times or make changes to existing times.

SCMGA Report: President Bob Shirck stated that things are going well.

SCWGA Report:

- **Ladies 9-hole:** No report
- **Ladies 18-hole:** No report

Old Business: A recommendation to have more than one straight sheet per course was discussed. It was suggested that we have only straight sheets. The committee voted and the vote was 4 to 4 so no action will be taken. The motion to have at least 2 straight sheets passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

New Business: Director of Golf Brian Duthu discussed the need to make changes to the overseed methods. South Golf courses fairways will not be overseeded this year, only tees and greens will be overseeded. This method will reduce water needs for south and save approximately 90-acre feet of water.

South representatives asked for the following consideration:

- Some form of family pass to be created to allow a reduced rate for use at the golf courses.
- Bulk ice cream be made available at the snack shops.

Guest Comments/Questions: RCSC Board President Sue Wilson made a request that members consider running for the RCSC Board of Directors. There are 3 openings this year with no one to represent golf.

Course Reports:

North	Good shape
South	Great shape
Quail	Great shape
Lakes East	No Report
Lakes West	Excellent shape
Riverview	No Report

Willowcreek Playing nicely

Willowbrook Very good shape

Comments: Someone inquired if the problem with the card readers had been resolved and the response was that it has improved but not totally resolved.

It was mentioned that the cardstock used for the score cards is not a good quality why the change? Due to increased shipping costs from our east coast distributor, the vendor has been changed and is more economical.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:39am.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary