

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

December 9, 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); Bob Vickney (South); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Cristi Dorsch (Willowcreek); Johnny Portillo (North); Jody Ault (North); Donna Laufer (Lakes West); Linda Sears (Riverview); Ruth Melena (SCWGA Umbrella President); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek)

RCSC Staff: General Manager Bill Cook; Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Golf Course Superintendent Chuck Hyppa; Assistant Superintendent Mike Wermers

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

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for November 11, 2021 was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Revenue continued the positive 2021 trend in November, exceeding budgeted revenue by 7% and prior year revenue by 6%. Total rounds for the month increased 3% over prior year. All major revenue categories exceeded budget, green fee/cart fee revenue by 5%, merchandise by 35% and driving range by 35%.

On December 6 the Beat the Pro Event, benefitting the Sun City Foundation, was held on the South Golf Course. The event was successful in matching our \$2,000 goal, with exactly \$2,000 raised for the Sun City Foundation. The pros continued their generous ways, allowing 83% of the field to "Beat the Pros". We would like to thank those that volunteered to make the event a success. Among the volunteers was Dave Fuchs who served as a witness for a hole-in-one on hole number 11. Thanks also to Carolyn Jennings for assisting Larry Belt with the registration table. A big thank you to Chris Linam for securing the many prizes for our post tournament raffle. Most of all thank you to all of those that chose to participate in the event.

We have had questions recently regarding the Tee Time Lottery and the selection process. The most common question we have is if golfers that put their request in 12 days in advance are given preference over those that put in a request less than 12 days in advance, the answer is no. All tee time request in the lottery as place into a "virtual hat" and the winners are drawn randomly.

Snack Shops

Snack Shop revenue exceeded budget by 16%, we thank you for your support. Snack Shops are scheduled to close at 5:00pm but are given the discretion to remain open longer for special events or exceptionally heavy play.

Golf Courses

Weather for the overseeding golf courses was as good as could be hoped for, leading to very few issues. The grow-in for the second wave of courses was slower than the first wave, the only real effect was a slower return to normal cutting heights. The above normal temperatures have kept the fairways on Lakes East and South from going completely dormant. As a continued reminder the fairways on Lakes East and South were not overseeded, placing added importance to the close following of the 90-degree rule when leaving the cart path.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

Pro Shops

We would just like to remind everyone with the courses being freshly overseeded the importance of filling your divots in the fairway, fixing ball marks on the greens, and avoiding soft/wet areas on the course, thanks for your help.

We also have been getting calls about golfers in resident's back yards to retrieve lost golf balls, and as a reminder unless you have permission to do so you are trespassing, even though they live on the golf course it is their private property so please help us spread the word to respect people's privacy and leave the golf ball instead of trespassing.

We had great merchandise/range sales in November and wanted to say thanks for always supporting RCSC.

We have been getting questions about the lottery and if you are the first to put in your lottery request 12 days in advance are you first in line over the people who put it in say 7 days in advance? The answer is no. All lottery requests go into a "Q" and when the computer starts assigning times 5 days in advance it is a random draw, not by date, time etc.

Get Golf Ready Classes are in full swing and will run through mid-April, so if you are needing some brushing up on your game or know someone looking to get into golf then Get Golf Ready classes are the best way to do it. To schedule classes please contact Chris Linam at clinam@suncityaz.org or call 623-876-8419.

Be Safe and Merry Christmas!

SCMGA Report: President Bob Shirck reported that membership is estimated to be around 1,200 members for 2022.

SCWGA Report:

- **Ladies 9-hole:** No Report

- **Ladies 18-hole:** Ruth Melena reported that the umbrella groups final meeting is scheduled for December 15. The 2022 Board will take over after the annual breakfast hosted by the 2021 Board. A lot of ideas were shared from the 5 Presidents who have voting privileges for the betterment of Women's golf in Sun City. My best to the 2022 golf Advisory Committee. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

General Discussion: None

Course Reports:

North Very good shape

South Great shape

Quail Great shape

Lakes East No report

Lakes West Good shape

Riverview Happy with course

Willowcreek Why so wet? Has been identified and dealt with.

Willowbrook Good condition, ruff has been mowed down.

The committee gave a special thanks to exiting Chair Rich Hoffer and Co-Chair Dan Schroeder for all they have done for Sun City and the Golf Advisory Committee.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:53am.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2022 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary