

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
October 20, 2022

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

Present: Co-Chair Kat Fimmel; Committee Members Rich Lybolt; Johnny Pearson (SCMGA President); Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Joe Burd (Quail); Debbi Stark (Quail); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek/brook); Christi Dorsch (Willowcreek); Johnny Portillo (North); Linda Sears (Riverview); Bob Vickney (South)

RCSC Staff: Director of Golf Brian Duthu; Pro shop Manager Chris Linam; Course Superintendent Dennis Dulaney

Guests: Board Treasurer Darla Akins and Board Candidate Jerry Walczak

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for September 15, 2022, was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Total rounds for September were 19,187, the total was 113 greater than prior year and the fourth highest recorded total for September since 2006. For the year we have played 267,996 rounds, which represents our highest 7-month total in 16 years. Among the regulation courses Riverview has played the most rounds (42,996), Lakes West has the second highest total (42,422), followed by Willowcreek, North and South. For the executive courses, Lakes East has played the most rounds (25,173), followed by Willowbrook and Quail Run.

Of the 267,996 rounds this year, 141,162 have been played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds have been played by Cardholder Daily (47,498), Cardholder Guest (27,996), RCSC Staff (7,366), Non-Resident passholder (10,675) and Public (33,299).

On December 2nd we will be hosting a fundraising tournament to raise money for the Sun City Foundation. The format will be Beat the Pro(s), which will be Brian Duthu (PGA) and Chris Linam (Pro Shop Manager) and will be made up of two person teams. Teams that beat the Scramble score of the Pros will equally share the prize pool. The entry fee will be \$40, and the event will be held at the South Golf Course. In addition to bragging rights for beating the pro, there will also be a chance at a Pebble Beach Vacation.

Snack Shops

Snack shops are now closing at 3:00 p.m. on a consistent basis, though will remain open longer, depending on demand.

Golf Courses

All major summer agronomic procedures have been completed and overseeding began on September 26th, for Lakes East, Riverview, Willowcreek and South. These courses will reopen on October 15th with cart path restrictions in place until November 4th. The remaining courses will close October 17th and reopen November 5th with cart path restrictions in place until November 25th. We will not be overseeding the fairways on Willowbrook or Lakes West, therefore these courses will reopen with limited cart path restrictions.

Managing to alleviate stress on golf course can be a constant issue for the golf course superintendents. Foot or vehicular can cause soil compaction, soil degradation which can result in thinning turf canopy. The area of turf impact carrying two golfers is at least 48 times greater than the area affected by foot traffic. Studies conducted by USGA agronomists had very surprising results. The average area of impact on a 6,200-yard golf course was staggering, one riding golfer with a motorized cart on 18 holes covered 4,761,600 sq ft.

At RCSC we allow 5 golfers per tee time which results in the total number of square feet impacted being 23,808,000 sq ft. Peak golf season at RCSC golf courses we can see upwards of 250 golfers a day at an 18-hole golf course. The number of square feet impacted is tremendous.

RCSC golf course superintendents encourage golfers who play at RCSC courses to use the 90-degree rule. Though we still allow one rider per golf cart, any time golfers are able to pair up golf carts cuts the impacted area in half. Please pair up whenever possible.

The 90-degree rule is in place to minimize the impact on the turf. When the 90-degree rule is in effect at a golf course, it means.

- Riding in golf carts is allowed
- Those carts can be driven onto the fairway.
- They must remain on the cart path as much as possible, turning off the path only at right angles (90 degrees) to reach the player's ball.

Questions for Director of Golf and Grounds:

- Are the courses showing compaction from 5 carts being used? Brian Responded, yes, especially around tee boxes and greens where some carts are parked with 2 wheels off the cart paths. Mr. Duthu recommends players double up when possible. 5 Carts due help increase pace of play. It was suggested by a member that gravel be placed in these areas, please discuss with members of the Greens Committee for possible solutions.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:

We would like to welcome Bill Mallamo as the new Head Starter at North GC, George Quagliano at South GC and Vince Hedrick at Quail Run GC. The next time you stop into one of these courses please give them a warm RCSC welcome.

With Overseeding almost mid-way through we will be opening Willowcreek, Riverview, South and Lakes East this Saturday and just a reminder we will be cart path only until Nov. 4th. Reminder for those of you with executive passes you can play the regulation courses at no additional fee during overseeding, also executive courses open during overseeding are allowing 5 players and 5 carts.

Get Golf Ready classes are right around the corner in November. We will have the schedule out next week and our first class starts November 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.

RCSC will be conducting our **FREE** Golf Clinics in November.

No registration required!

If you're looking to improve your game or are just beginning to play.
If you want to lower your score, fix your slice or just hit the ball square.
Come out and join us – We can help!

All clinics will be at Lakes West Driving Range:

Saturday, November 5th @ 9:30am – Golf swing fundamentals (Bring 7 iron)

Saturday, November 12th @ 9:30am – Ball Flight Demo (Bring driver or 3 wood)

Saturday, November 19th @ 9:30am – Chipping, approach shots (Bring pitching or sand wedge)

Saturday, November 26th @ 9:30am – Putting (Bring putter & a ball – 50% of your score)

Questions for Pro Shop Manager: None

SCMGA Report: Johnny Pearson, President reported that the Sundial Men's group has scheduled a tournament for November 18th – 20th with a 56 2-man team limit.

SCWGA Report:

- **Ladies 9-hole:** Things are progressing well. Heard that prices were increasing. That's true but only non-resident golf charges are increasing. Resident golf cost will not change.
- **Ladies 18-hole:** No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: Director of Golf Brian Duthu asked that the following be discussed at their respective greens committee meetings and bring thoughts to our next meeting:

- Put small groups with preferred tee times back into lottery during over seed.

- Move back to 4 some's as a rule and eliminate 5 some's or make 5 some's available at selected courses.

Quail Run asked to have the scheduled irrigation replacement moved up in the schedule. To be discussed with the General Manager.

Guest Comments: Darla Akins introduced herself and stated she was running for re-election to the RCSC Board and Jerry Walczak introduced himself and stated he was running for the RCSC Board. He also stated he was running the Octogenarian tournament and needed help.

Course Reports:

North	Bunker sand needs replacing, course in good shape
South	Great shape
Quail	Great shape, a divot party is scheduled for December 2nd
Lakes West	No Report
Lakes East	No Report
Riverview	Rough is deep and lots of divots otherwise course in good shape
Willowcreek	Good shape, like the way the balls lie in the fairways. Still would like to have the safety on the sides of driving range addresses. Sandbox on the first hole does not contain seed
Willowbrook	What are the yellow lines around tees and greens, response was where overseed of tees and greens starts. Course in good shape

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2022, at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2
(Note earlier meeting date due to holiday)

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary