

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

December 8, 2022

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

Present: Chair Kat Fimmel; Committee Members Rich Lybolt; Mary Ann Rispoli (Willowbrook); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek/brook); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Bev Piette (Lakes West); Bob Vickney (South); Linda Sears (Riverview); Johnny Portillo (North); Cristi Dorsch (Willowcreek); Jody Ault (North); Karen Smolinski (SCWGA)

RCSC Staff: Director of Golf Brian Duthu

Guests: General Manager Bill Cook, Board Director Sue Wilson, Board Treasurer and Candidate Darla Akins and Board Candidate Jerry Walczak

Prior Meeting Summary: The Meeting Summary for November 10, 2022, was approved as presented.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

Total rounds for November were 31,138 the total was 1,517 fewer than prior year but still represents the sixth highest recorded total for November since 2006 and was impacted with the extended closure of Lakes West. For the year we have played 322,605 rounds, which represents our highest 11-month total in 16 years. Among the regulation courses Riverview has played the most rounds (52,174), Willowcreek has the second highest total (50,727), followed by Lakes West, South and North. For the executive courses, Lakes East has played the most rounds (33,068), followed by Willowbrook and Quail Run.

Of the 322,605 rounds played this year, 171,870 have been played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds have been played by Cardholder Daily (55,670), Cardholder Guest (33,157), RCSC Staff (8,697), Non-Resident passholder (13,241) and Public (39,970).

On December 2 the Beat the Pro Event, benefiting the Sun City Foundation, was held on the South Golf Course. The event was not as well attended as in previous years, however the 36 players in attendance still managed to raise \$910 for the Sun City Foundation. The pros put forth a better effort than previous years, only allowing 29% 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 John Dockham who served as a witness for a hole-in-one on hole number 11. Thanks also to Larry Belt for working 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.

Snack Shops

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

Lakes West will reopen on December 2, one day earlier than the last announced reopening date. We understand the frustration this extended closure has caused and we appreciate the patience and understanding we have received, especially those that had normal Tuesday and Wednesday play interrupted. The good news is we are able to remove the planned amount of water from Viewpoint lake. The contractor has created channels within the lakebed to move additional water to the Lakes West intake, however any additional water needing to be removed will be accomplished through normal nightly watering. During the extended closure we removed over 33,000,000 gallons of water.

Overall, we had our second straight year of good overseeding weather, leading to a successful overseeding. The grow-in for the second wave of courses was slightly slower than the first wave, due to a drop in temperatures. However, the slower grow-in only resulted in a slower return to normal cutting heights. As a continued reminder the fairways on Lakes West and Willowbrook were not overseeded, placing added importance to the close following of the 90-degree rule when leaving the cart path.

Questions for Director of Golf and Grounds: Why are there sticks in the divot sand at the South golf course? Response was that its mulch to aide in the grass growing for the divot fill.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report: Report was given by Director of Golf and Grounds Brian Duthu.

Pro Shops

Pro shop & range sales beat budget in November and thank you all for supporting RCSC.

For those who love to play & practice we have great Christmas gifts at our shops, from the latest clothing from Nancy Lopez to Antigua, Cleveland wedges, shag tubes, mesh range bags etc. and we can order any of the latest and greatest clubs from all manufacturers, so look local for your Christmas gift needs.

We are still losing our plastic baskets at all golf courses so please help by letting anyone you know who might have one to please get them back to the golf courses. We understand you might not hit all the practice balls you purchase in one visit but please feel free to take the balls with you to practice with at another time, but the plastic baskets are not to leave the golf courses. That's where the mesh bags come in handy for you.

Just a reminder for the New Club Presidents in charge for 2023, please be sure to bring in your pairings for the next week at least 6 days in advance to the starter so we get them in before the lottery draw 5 days in advance.

We are in full swing with the Get Golf Ready classes, and they will run through April. Class is \$130.00 so if you or anyone you know would like to attend a class please contact Chris Linam at clinam@suncityaz.org or call 623-876-8419. The Get Golf Ready class is without a doubt the best value for your dollar.

If any group has their 2024 league schedule set you are welcome to send them to us and please be sure to send it to us Via Email at clinam@suncityaz.org so we can get it on the calendar, and don't forget to go to the Clubs Office January 2, 2023 to book your rooms for your awards banquets and lunches.

Questions for Pro Shop Manager: None

SCMGA Report: None

SCWGA Report:

- **Ladies 9-hole:** None
- **Ladies 18-hole:** Things are going well, and the new Board is slated to take over in January.

Old Business: After discussion on the motion to implement a mandatory golf sand trap 7 – 10-year renovation which is recommended by the USGA be added to the budget, Harry Emerson made a motion to rescind this motion. Seconded by Cristy Dorsch the motion to rescind passes unanimously. The following was then recommended:

In place of the previously mandated motion, the following process would be adopted by the RCSC management.

1. Provide the Golf Advisory Council the short- and long-term capital golf course improvement spread sheet/information citing specific project and timeliness for all projects currently in the planning document, particularly sand trap renovation, with the first provided prior to the January Golf Advisory Committee Meeting then annually in the following years.
2. Solicit and include the Golf Advisory Committee input for priorities and specific areas for the USGA to evaluate during their annual visit in the May/June time frame.
3. The Golf Advisory Committee would recommend priorities and adjustments to the annual capital budget based on this report and annual committee input.

RSCS General Manager Bill Cook, and Director of Golf Brian Duthu agreed to these recommendations.

New Business: A temporary solution was made to make available more patio space for socializing. After discussion it was recommended that the temporary solution be submitted using the golf budget request form.

Yellow tees are needed at Willowbrook, and lighting is needed in the parking lot at Willowcreek/brook. These are both budget items and should be submitted using the golf budget request form.

Course Reports:

North Great shape, traps need renovation and lips on them are too high.

South Great shape, very wet in process of drying out.

Quail No report

Lakes West Just opened playing ok.

Lakes East No report

Riverview Playing ok, there are ruts and divots, and golfers need to use the cart path more. A divot party is planned for December 18th.

Willowcreek Good shape, play it forward is now working and adopt a hole is going well.

Willowbrook Course in good shape, yellow tees needed.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2023, at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary