# RCSC GOLF ADVISORY MTG 

## 2024 GOLF BUDGET PRESENTATION

## AGENDA:

- How many Golfers are there at RCSC?
- Does Golf at RCSC make money?
- Why is Management proposing fee increases?
- Review 2024 Golf Budget


## HOW MANY GOLFERS ARE THERE AT RCSC?

\# of Members, Privilege Cardholders, Non-Member Passholders - 2022 (excludes Guest, Public)

There were 6,997 Members, Cardholders, Staff, and Passholders who played 1 or more rounds of golf at RCSC in 2022.


Members $\quad$ Privilege Cardholders $\quad$ Staff $\square$ Non-Member Passholders

## How often do they play?

70\% play less than once per week.

88\% play less than twice per week.
$12 \%$ play more than twice per week.

Roughly 350k rounds were played in 2022.

71\% were played by Members and Privilege Cardholders.

4\% were played by NonMember Passholders.

12\% were played by Public.
$10 \%$ were played by Guests.

Rounds by Player Type - 2022


## So - How many golfers are there at RCSC?

- There are 6,593 or $17 \%$ of all Cardholders who play at least one round of golf per year.
- $70 \%$ of all golfers play less than once per week on average.
$-2,174$ or $5 \%$ of all Cardholders are annual passholders.

DOES GOLF AT RCSC MAKE MONEY?

RCSC Total Annual Golf Rounds

Before Covid, Golf Rounds at RCSC were in a steady decline.
Alternative sources of revenue were actively being implemented, including sale of Non-Member passes, aggressive pursuit of Public players, and additional revenue from tournaments and small group bookings.

400,000
380,000
360,000
340,000
320,000
300,000
280,000
260,000
240,000
220,000
200,000

Golf Net Excess, Capital Spending 2010-2019
The cumulative Operating Deficit between 2010 and 2019 totaled \$2 million. Golf generated Net Excesses in 2014 and 2015 due to golf courses being closed those years for major renovations.

From 2010 to 2019, Operating Deficits plus Capital Spending on Golf totaled $\$ 9.5$ million.


Increased golf rounds due to Covid turned this trend around - Operating Excess between 2020 and 2022 totaled $\$ 2$ million.

In 2022, Operating Excess was sufficiently large to more than cover Golf Capital Spending, and Golf generated $\$ 570$ in positive cash flow.

1,500,000


## So - Does Golf make money?

- Between 2010 and 2019, the answer is no. The total Net Deficit was just under $\$ 2$ million, and if Capital Spending is included, the total cash outflow was $\$ 9.5$ million.
- Covid has changed the dynamic.
- From 2020 to 2022, Golf generated Net Excess of $\$ 2$ million. In 2022, Golf generated sufficient Net Excess to cover Capital Spending on Golf equipment.

Why is Management proposing Fee increases?

Fee Increases - 2009 to 2023
70\%

Over the last 15 years, overall US inflation has totaled $43 \%$. During this period our Annual Assessment went up 25\%. Daily Fees have been raised 26\% for Guest Fees, 35\% for Cardholder Daily fees, and 43\% for Public play.


Fee Increases - 2009 to 2023

Over this same 15 year period, Member Pass fees have been raised at a significantly lower rate. The Member No Fee Pass price increased 9\%. The All Course Surcharge Pass went up $12 \%$. The Executive Surcharge Pass went up 13\%.


Average Fee per Round 2020-2024

On average, the revenue per round from Member pass play does not cover our average Operating Expense per round.

Non-Member Pass revenue per round just covers Operating Expense per round.

Daily Fees from Cardholders, Guest, and Public more than cover the expense per round to maintain our golf courses.



## EXPENSE INFLATION

Overall inflation between 2017 and 2023 was $23 \%$.

During this period, our
Assessment went up 6\%.
Our Member Golf Pass fees did not go up at all.

While overall inflation was 23\%, prices for golf-specific items increased by as much as $120 \%$.

|  |  |  | Feb-17 | Aug-23 | \% Incr |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RCSC Asses |  |  | \$496 | \$525 | 5.8\% |
| Member No | olf Pass |  | \$1,550 | \$1,550 | 0.0\% |
| Item | Vendor | Unit of <br> Measure |  |  |  |
| Diesel Fuel | Senergy | gallon | \$2.14 | \$4.69 | 119.2\% |
| Grass Seed | Nutrien | pound | \$1.38 | \$2.56 | 85.5\% |
| Fertilizer | Fertizona | gallon | \$3.25 | \$6.00 | 84.6\% |
| AZ Minimum Wage |  | hour | \$8.05 | \$13.85 | 72.0\% |
| Electricity | APS | KW Hour | \$0.12 | \$0.20 | 66.7\% |
| Weed killer | Simplot | 87 oz Bottle | \$571 | \$803 | 40.6\% |

RCSC average Golf Wages (green diamond) per position, compared to the wage rates in effect in the Phoenix region ( $10^{\text {th }}$ to $90^{\text {th }}$ percentile), and also compared to the minimum and midpoint wage rates posted on Sun City West's website.


RCSC vs SC West - 2022


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## PROPOSED FEES FOR 2024

|  | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 2 3}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 2 4}}$ |  | $\underline{\text { \% incr }}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No Fee Pass - All Courses | $\$ 1,550$ | $\$ 1,800$ |  | $16 \%$ |
| Surcharge Pass - All Courses | $\$ 800$ | $\$ 925$ |  | $16 \%$ |
| No Fee Pass - Executive | $\$ 1,375$ | $\$ 1,600$ | $16 \%$ |  |
| Surcharge Pass - Executive | $\$ 625$ | $\$ 725$ | $16 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cardholder Daily (winter) | $\$ 35$ | $\$ 39$ | $11 \%$ |  |
| Guest Daily (winter) | $\$ 44$ | $\$ 50$ | $14 \%$ |  |
| Public Daily (winter) | $\$ 50$ | $\$ 59$ | $18 \%$ |  |

Fee Increases - 2009 to 2023


Fee Increases - 2009 to Proposed 2024 Fees


## So, why is Management proposing Fee increases?

- Our Pass fees have increased at less than a quarter of the overall inflation rate since 2009.
- Average revenue per round from pass play does not cover the average operating expense for those rounds.
- Golf expenses have been increasing at a rate that is significantly higher than the overall US inflation rate.
- Wages for RCSC Golf staff are below the low range for the Phoenix region, and lag our closest competition for labor, especially for specialist positions such as Irrigation Techs and Mechanics.


## Proposed 2024 Golf Budget

## 2024 RCSC GOLF BUDGET

| (\$000's ) | VARIANCE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2023 (bud) | 2024 (bud) | \$\$ | \% | NOTES |
| Operating Income | 7,582 | 8,132 | 550 | 7.3\% | Non-resident play is discontinued; increases in fees to offset reduction in revenue |
| Cost of Sales | (222) | (248) | (26) | 11.7\% | 2024 price increases for golf balls, sundries |
| Gross Profit | 7,360 | 7,883 | 523 | 7.1\% |  |
| Wages \& Benefits | 4,290 | 4,684 | 394 | 9.2\% | Wage increases |
| Repairs \& Maintenance | 594 | 703 | 109 | 18.4\% | Golf course lake repairs, pump / well maintenance |
| Projects | 18 | 40 | (22) | 122.2\% |  |
| Utilities | 887 | 897 | (10) | 1.1\% |  |
| General Operating Expenses | 1,227 | 1,329 | 101 | 8.2\% | Sand, Seed, Fertilizer, and Pesticide price increases |
|  | 7,016 | 7,653 | 636 | 9.1\% |  |
| Net Operating Excess | 344 | 231 | (112) | -32.7\% |  |

