

**RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.**  
**Golf Advisory Committee**  
**October 19, 2023**

Chair Steve Collins called the meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview SH#2

**Present:** Chair Steve Collins and Committee Members Rich Lybolt; Johnny Pearson (SCMGA President); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek); Mike Lust (South); Rosie Oblinger (SCWGA); Debbie Stark (Quail); Karen Scheurman (South); Ann Mansfield (North); Loretta Kvarnberg (East); Karen Matusz (Lakes East); Ken Hagan (North); Sue Madden (Quail); John Bressett (Willowbrook); Thomas Foster (Willowbrook); Christi Dorsch (Willowcreek); Sue Brooks (Willowcreek);

**RCSC Staff:** Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam; Course Superintendent Chuck Hyppa

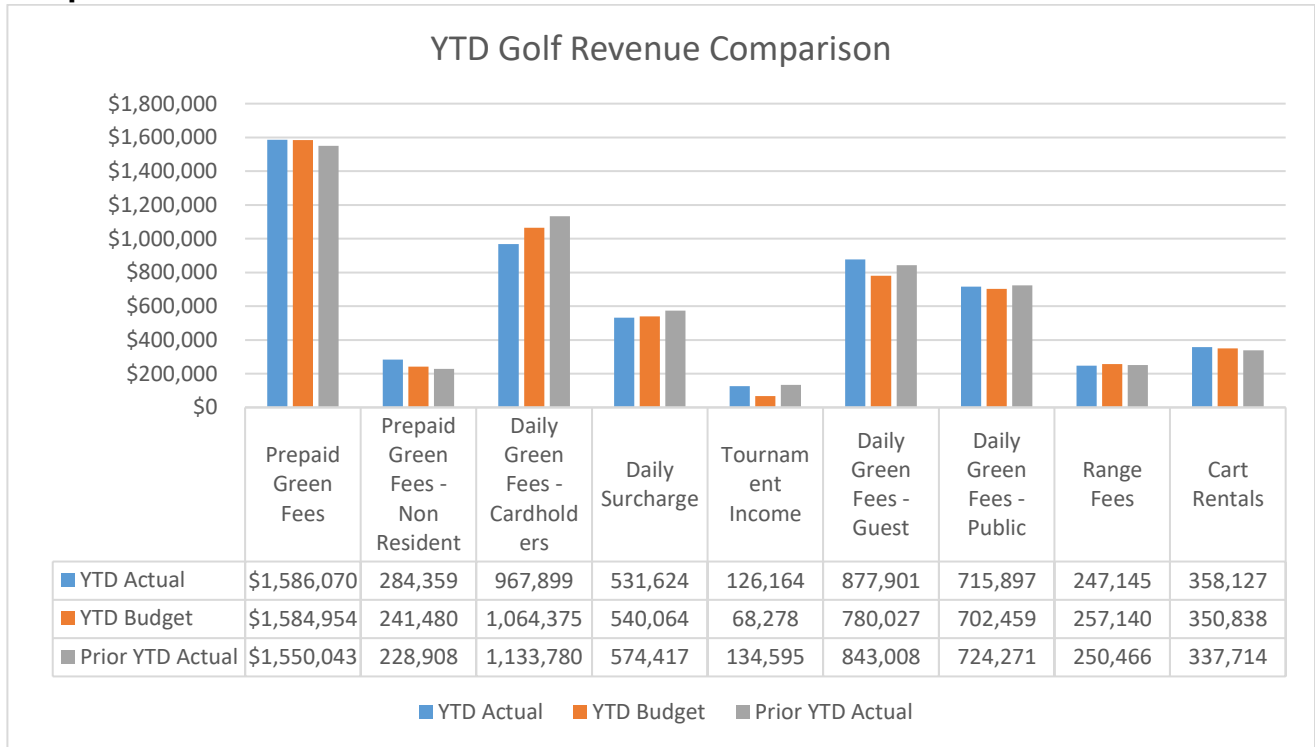
**Guests:** RCSC Board Candidate Ron Kupinski and Cardholder Lynn Lybolt

**Prior Meeting Summary:** The Meeting Summary for September 21, 2023 was approved as presented.

**Brian Duthu, Director of Golf & Grounds Report & Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report:**

Combined Report was distributed to the Committee: In Director of Golf Brian Duthu’s absence a combined report was given by Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam.

**Pro Shops**



- 18.0% of total rounds played by Annual (Resident) No Fee Passholders YTD
- 33.9% of total rounds played by Annual Surcharge Passholders YTD
- 16.0% of total rounds played by Resident Cardholders YTD
- 4.8% of total rounds played by Annual (Non-Resident) Passholders YTD

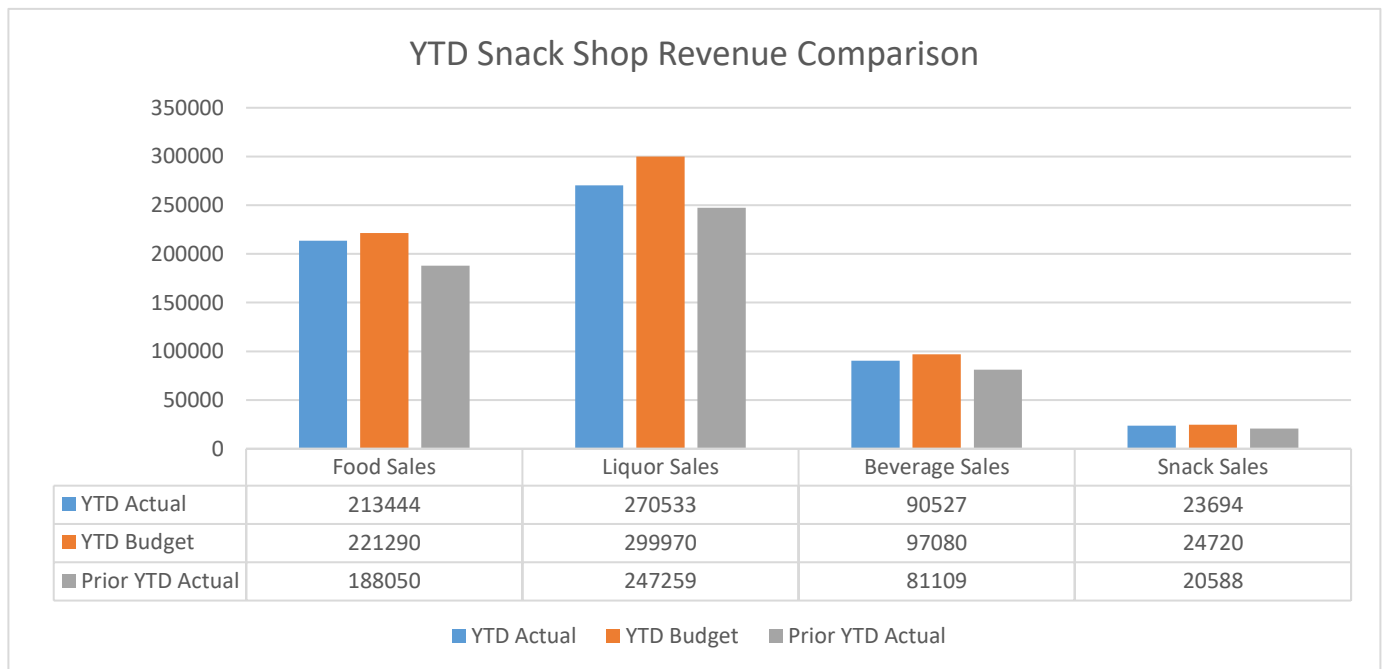
- 13.0% of total rounds played by Public Golfers YTD
- 11.2% of total rounds played by Guests

On December 1<sup>st</sup> (Date Change) 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 \$45, 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.

Registration for Get Golf Ready classes is underway, the cost of the classes is \$130. The \$130 fee includes four days of instruction as part of a group of 8 students or less, as well as a 5th day of on course instruction. The program covers swing fundamentals as well as golf etiquette and an introduction to golf rules. The program is part of a national initiative of the PGA of America to grow the game of golf.

### Snack Shops

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



### Golf Courses

After an extremely dry and hot month in July and battling weed pressure throughout our courses this summer we head into fall optimistic that RCSC’s eight golf courses will be nothing short of an enjoyable experience. Our teams have put forth extraordinary effort to regain control and we move forward with great momentum. The expanded overseeded green banks and the move to seed with a straight Perennial Ryegrass as opposed to a blend of seed varieties should provide the golfers with optimal conditions tee to green.

We were really excited to open Willowcreek, North, Lakes East and Quail on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The weather has been great during the grow in with minimal wind and our courses are in great shape. With a gentle reminder for you and your playing partners to abide by the cart restrictions and fix all ball marks on the greens.

South, Lakes West, Riverview and Willowbrook began overseeding on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The weather was favorable; however, the afternoon winds certainly kept us on our toes during grow in. We are excited to have you all back playing this Fall.

### **Discussion Items:**

Chris Linam representing the Director of Golf Brian Duthu, was asked how they were going to control filling divots with sand from different courses at North Golf Course. Course Superintendent Chuck Hyppa answered the question stating it would be handled by the maintenance group at North. If the filled divot needed to be fixed because of different grass seed, it would. Tif Tuf turf is very thick and a denser type of grass than our regular Bermuda seed and requires less water to maintain.

Chris Linam highlighted the effort to improve the green surrounds this year in addition to overseed with straight perennial ryegrass which is a higher quality and more expensive seed. This should hold up better under the stress of changing weather conditions and the high level of play on these courses. All courses are in some stage of recent reopening or going into the overseed cycle. So far, an excellent overseed year. We are very pleased with the opening conditions of the courses.

Harry Emerson asked Chris Linam to clarify the recent changes to the 5 some's on the short courses and the elimination of the requirement for the small groups to include a short course every 4 uses. Chris introduced and fully explained both topics and asked for discussion and approval by the committee to proceed. After lively discussion by a number of members, the policy for the short courses is as follows: Booking for short courses MAY include five some's but are not mandatory; and the policy that small groups rotate every fourth outing thru a short course is rescinded. The committee gave a unanimous voice approval of both proposals.

### **SCMGA Report:**

Johnny Pearson Vice President of SCMGA stated that new computers had been installed and were easier to use with a single point for all SCMGA data and input. If you need your password, please see your monitor. The Sun City Men's Club tournament is coming up and entry forms are available.

### **SCWGA Report:**

- **Ladies 9-hole:** November 6, 2023, is our first meeting so nothing at this time.
- **Ladies 18-hole:** Better Ball tournament is scheduled for December 2, 2023, and is limited to 78 teams and will be held at Willow Creek Golf Course. The Champion of Champion's Tournament will be discussed at each club to determine the number of players. If more tee times are needed, they will be accommodated.

### **General Discussion Continued:**

Harry Emerson asked the committee for approval to maintain the existing 'front end fringe' for small groups Monday, Thursday, Friday of 8:30am and to collapse the 'back-end fringe' time from 11:00am to 10:30am. Small groups must book outside those fringes Monday, Thursday, and Friday. That gives a

consistent block of times reserved for the lottery draw for RCSC members not playing in small groups and ensures the completion of the rounds played in the hours of daylight. A consistent time also facilitates planning by management and golfers. The guidance was further clarified by committee members requesting that Chris Linam be prepared to extend the back-end fringe after April as the days get longer. The committee gave unanimous approval for the suggestion as modified.

**New Business:** None

**Comments:**

The following six RCSC Board Candidates introduced themselves:

Anita Borski

Preston Kise

Ron Kupinski

James McCarty

Connie Jo Richtmyre

James Rough

**Other guest Comments:**

Where do capital funds come from? The response was that they come out of home assessments and the Preservation and Improvement Fund (PIF) comes from home sales.

Why is the employee golf fee not being changed? It is a perk for employment and is a small percentage of rounds played.

Is Golf now profitable? Golf now provides approximately 1/4 million dollars.

How many residents are annual golf card holders? Information was not available currently.

How Many Small groups do we have? Seven now. Small groups may not have more than 10% non-resident members.

What impact does 5 carts have on the courses? There is compaction occurring especially around entry and exit points to the fairways and around the tee box banks.

Will Tif Tuf help resolve some of this problem? Yes, however versus zoysia grass it is an unknown. Zoysia is a grass being tried at other courses.

**Course Reports:**

North: No Report

South: Very Good Shape

Quail: Best in area, excellent shape. Cart path only resulting in divots not being filled.

Lakes East: No Report

Lakes West: No Report

Riverview: Closed overseed. Paint hazard line on concrete.

Willowcreek: Good shape. Cart path only resulting in divots not being filled.

Willowbrook: Overseed

At next month's meeting one of the topics to be discussed will be whether we want to change the membership structure of the Golf Advisory Committee.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am.

**Next Meeting:** November 9, 2023 at 8:30am – at Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary