

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

February 15, 2024

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

Present: Chair Steve Collins; Co-Chair Preston Kise; Committee Members Rich Lybolt; Johnny Pearson (SCMGA President); Cristi Dorsch (Willowcreek); +Johnny Portillo (North); Jody Ault (North); Linda Sears (Riverview); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek); Sue Madden (SCWGA 9-hole); Diane Hull (Lakes West); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Mike Lust (South); Michael Wermers (North); Cal Frank (Riverview); Karen Larson (SCWGA 9); Betty Lust (Lakes East); Linda Hardman (Willowbrook);

RCSC Staff: Golf Sr. Leader Brian Duthu; Course Superintendent Chuck Hyppa

Guests: RCSC Board President Kat Fimmel and 26 Cardholders

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from the January 18, 2024 was amended to reverse the statements made under Ladies 9 and Ladies 18. The Summary was accepted as amended.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops

We played 36,483 rounds in January, an increase of 588 over prior year, of those 19,315 were played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds were played by Cardholder Daily (7,198), Cardholder Guest (3,855), RCSC Staff (785), Non-Resident passholder (1,301) and Public (4,014). Total rounds were 588 greater than the previous year. Despite the rounds increase preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue missing budget by \$51,199 and exceeding prior year by \$16,964. Merchandise missed budget by \$9,959. Driving Range revenue also missed budget by \$8,315. Revenue was impacted by a decrease of 623 Public Rounds and 213 Guest Rounds, the biggest gain in rounds were No Fee (708) and Cardholder Daily (592).

The bump rate (those golfers requesting a tee time through the lottery that were unsuccessful), for January had similar results to December. Overall, we had an increase in the number of requests of 9.36% (17,282 in 2023 versus 18,899 in 2024), however the number of golfers bumped dropped by 3.45% (1,837 in 2023 versus 1,357 in 2024). Overall, our bump rate was 7.18% for the month.

Free golf clinics will be offered March 9, 16, 23 & 30, at Lakes East/Lakes West, classes begin at 9:30 am. Topics covered are ball flight, golf swing fundamentals, chipping and putting. There is no need to pre-register, and the clinics are open to golfers of all skill levels. The clinics are a great introduction to the game of golf or a great way to brush up on your game. Clinics are conducted by PGA and LPGA professionals.

Snack Shops

Snack shops' closing time is 5:00 pm. and will remain so until rounds begin decreasing in April. Snack Shops have the discretion to remain open longer on particularly busy days.

Golf Courses

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule presented to Golf Advisory in January, was also presented to each course's Green Committee. We did receive minor requests for adjustments, the adjustments are reflected in the schedule that is attached. The schedule can also be found on the RCSC website.

As we move into spring we can expect an increase in golf rounds, with increased rounds come increased wear and tear. As temperatures warm throughout the spring, these wear and tear areas will heal faster, however we still need golfer support. We ask everyone to please fill your divots and fix your ball marks. With increased play slow play instances become more likely. We ask everyone to please practice ready golf by; playing your shot as soon as possible and when it doesn't interfere with your playing partners or the group ahead, move to your ball whenever it is safe to do so, avoid excessive practice swings, read your putt ahead of your turn and record scores on the following tee box.

2024 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES

Golf Course will be Closed

Fairway Verticutting

Thu-Fri	April 18, 19	Willowbrook
Mon-Tue	April 22, 23	Willowcreek
Thu-Fri	April 25, 26	Riverview
Mon-Tue	April 29, 30	Lakes West
Thu	May 2	Quail Run
Mon-Tue	May 6, 7	South

Fairway/Green Aerification

<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	
May 20	May 31	Willowbrook
June 3	June 14	Willowcreek
June 17	June 28	Riverview
July 1	July 12	North
July 15	July 26	Lakes West
July 29	Aug 9	Lakes East
Aug 12	Aug 23	South
Aug 26	Sept 6	Quail Run

2024 OVERSEED SCHEDULE
Golf Course will be Closed

<u>Course</u>	<u>Overseed</u>	<u>Opens</u>	<u>Off Cart Path</u>
North	Sept 23	Oct 11	Nov 1
Lakes West	Sept 23	Oct 11	Nov 1
Riverview	Sept 23	Oct 11	Nov 1
Willowbrook	Sept 23	Oct 11	Nov 1
South	Oct 14	Nov 1	Nov 22
Lakes East	Oct 14	Nov 1	Nov 22
Quail Run *	Oct 14	Nov 1	Nov 22
Willowcreek	Oct 14	Nov 1	Nov 22

As of 2-09-2024

- * If temperatures are too high for Sept 23rd start first wave will be pushed back one week, resulting in one week overlap of course closures
- * Quail Run overseed dependent irrigation project, if slated to begin late 2024 or early 2025 overseeding may be skipped

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Manager Report: No Report

SCMGA Report:

SCMGA President, Johnny Pearson discussed the upcoming tournaments (see the SCMGA golf Calendar via “scmgaz.org”). Pay particular attention to the Club Championship and the Champion of Champion’s schedule. He further requested that 4 carts be allowed for the upcoming hot. Authorization was approved. The SCMGA currently has 1,123 members.

SCWGA Report:

Ladies 18-Hole: They just completed a successful Sun City open tournament. Many thanks to the courses that have stepped up to help with future tournaments.

Ladies 9-Hole: Currently working on upcoming tournaments.

Old Business:

A handout of Golf Input to RCSC 5-Year Strategic Plan was presented and discussed. Direction was given to review again with applicable Greens Committee’s and provide input and/or comments to the Golf Sr. Leader Brian Duthu for further discussion at our next meeting. The intent is to have all input consolidated and prepared for the next budget cycle.

Co-Chair Kise made a motion “**I move to amend Board Policy 17 titled Golf, Section titled General Golf Rules & Regulations by striking paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9. These Items will be under the authority of the Director of Golf.** Motion seconded after much discussion the question was called and the motion approved by a vote of 18 for and 1 against. Motion passed and will be referred to the RCSC Board of Directors for approval.

New Business:

A change to the meeting day was suggested and agreed upon starting in April 2024. The meetings will be held on the Second Thursday of each month rather than the third and will be held at the same place and time.

Comments: Several guests in attendance made comments listed below.

- There needs to be better communication with the general golfing members.
- The general golfing members need to have representation on the Golf Advisory Committee.
- The Lottery does not handle multiple group requests well. i.e. more than 3 tee times requested.
- Need to return to split sheets to make more time available in the early slots.
- No shows, and requests for more slots than needed i.e. request 5 and use less, need to be controlled and or eliminated.
- No singles or twosomes allowed during heavy schedules.
- Pace of play needs better control.
- How do I find out about available playing groups?
- Courses are inconsistent in playability.
- Do away with 5-some's.
- To help speed up play when riding with another person while that person is hitting walk to your golf ball and get ready to hit.
- Play ready golf.
- Players need to follow the general rules of golf and golf etiquette.

Course Reports:

North Course is coming along. Back 9 is dormant and dry. Next year will be better.

South Very good shape. Greens are still a little slow 8.8 on the stimpmeter.

Quail Run No Report

Lakes West Great shape greens are speedy.

Lakes East No complaints good shape.

Riverview Happy with the course condition. Tournaments went well.

Willowcreek/Willowbrook: Both courses are reaping the benefits of coming out of a good overseed and the courses are in great shape.

Willow Brook: See above.

Other Comments:

Diane Hull representative of Lakes West presented a handout on proper raking of bunkers and placement of the rake after raking. These will be displayed at the courses.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024 at 8:30am – Lakeview Center Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Lybolt, Secretary