

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee
October 10, 2024

Chair Steve Collins called the October 10, 2024 meeting to order at 8:30am in the Grand Ave Sonoran Room.

Present: Chair Steve Collins; Co-Chair Preston Kise; Committee Members Johnny Pearson (SCMGA President); Mike Lust (South); Cal Frank (Riverview); Betty Lust (Lakes East); Bob Brandolini (Lakes West); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Barry Broomham (VP SCMGA); Diane Hull (Lakes West); Sue Madden (Quail); Rich Lybolt; Arlene Balazic (SCWGA); Christi Dorsch (Willowcreek); Harry Emerson (Willowbrook/Willowcreek); Linda Hardman (Willowbrook);

RCSC Staff: Golf Sr. Leader Brian Duthu

Guests: Board President Tom Foster and 10 Cardholders

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from September 12, 2024 & September 19, 2024 was amended to reflect the following:

Under RCSC Golf Fees 2024-2025 reads:

<i>SURCHARGE FEES</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>
Surcharge Fee - 18 Hole	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$7.00	\$9.50	\$7.50
Surcharge Fee - 9 Hole	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$5.50

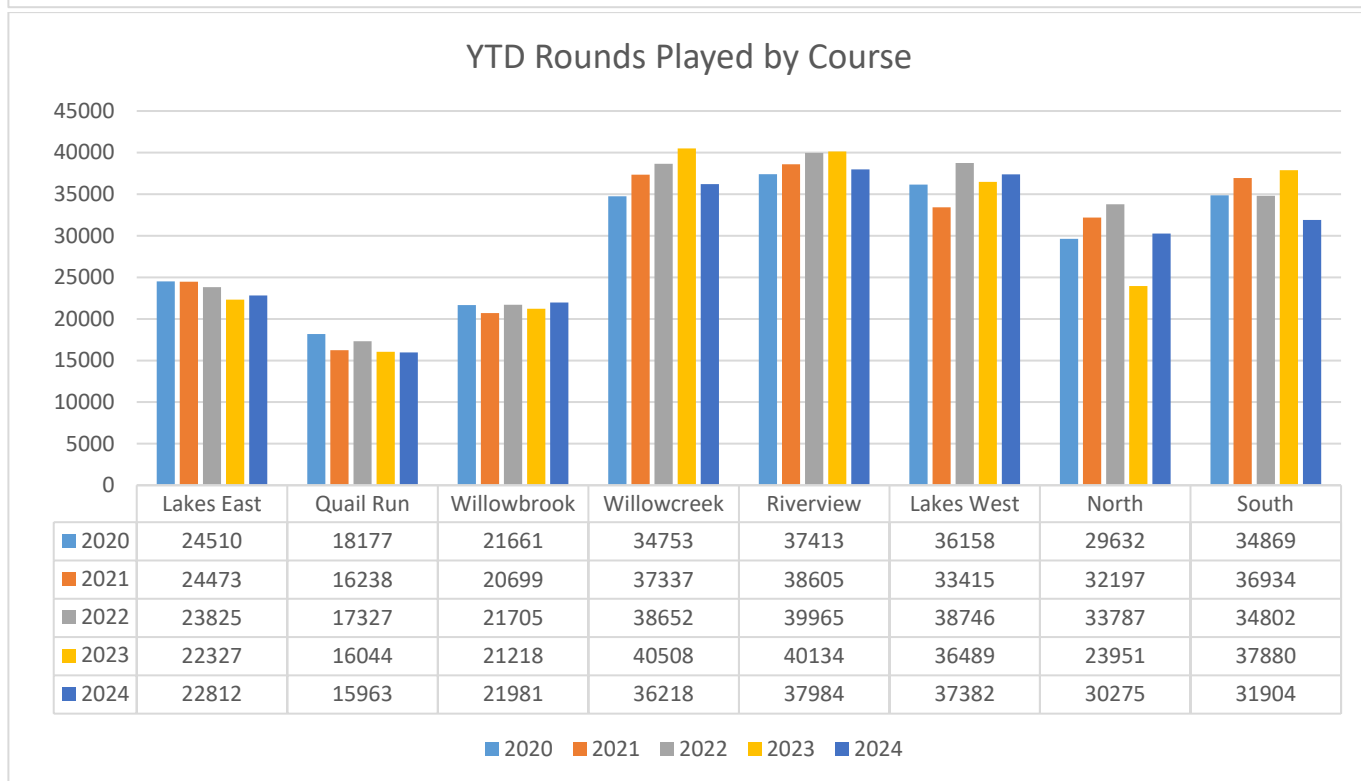
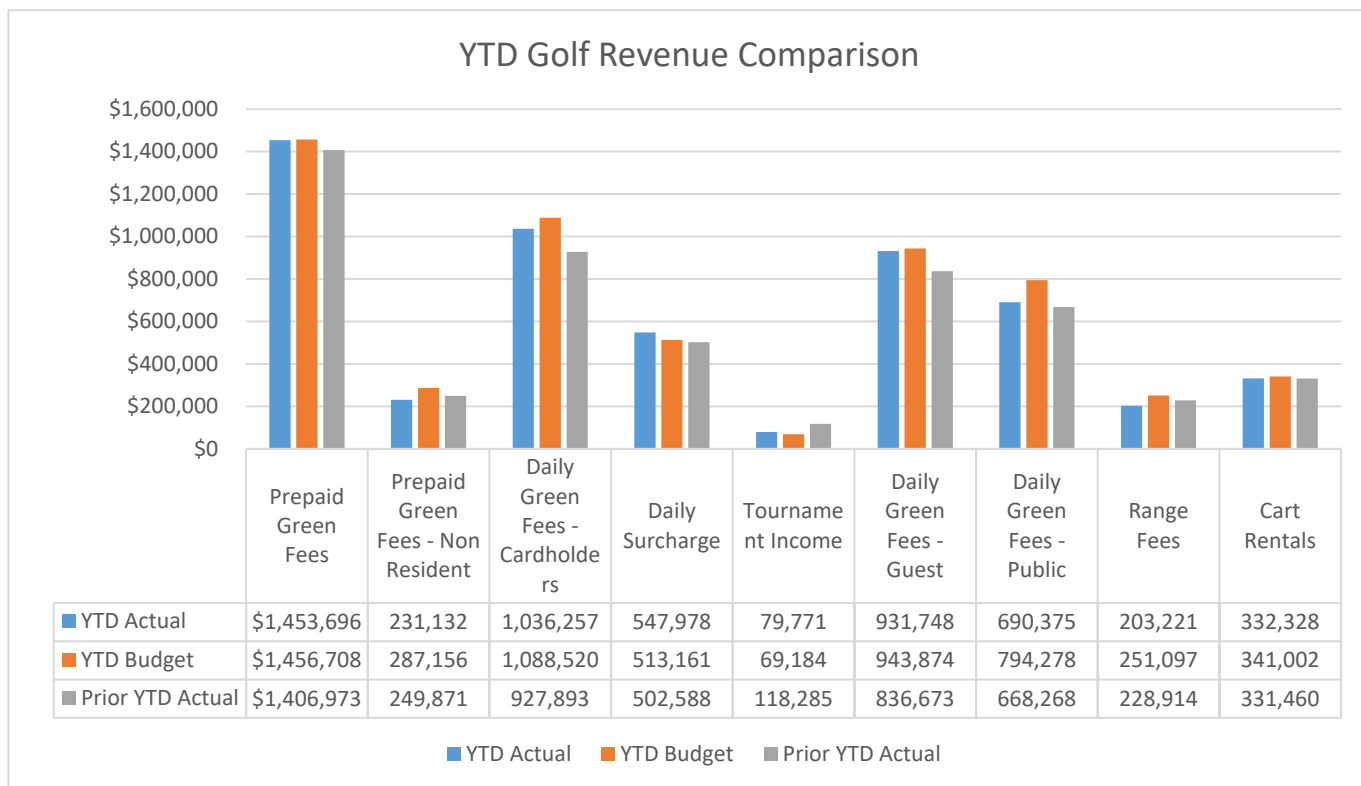
Should read:

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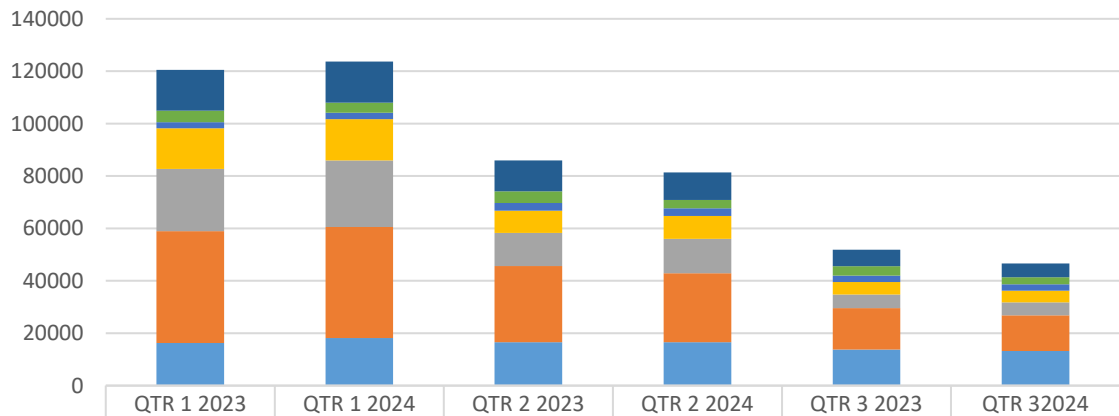
The Summary from September 12th and 19th was accepted as amended.

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf Report:

Pro Shops



YTD Rounds Comparisons

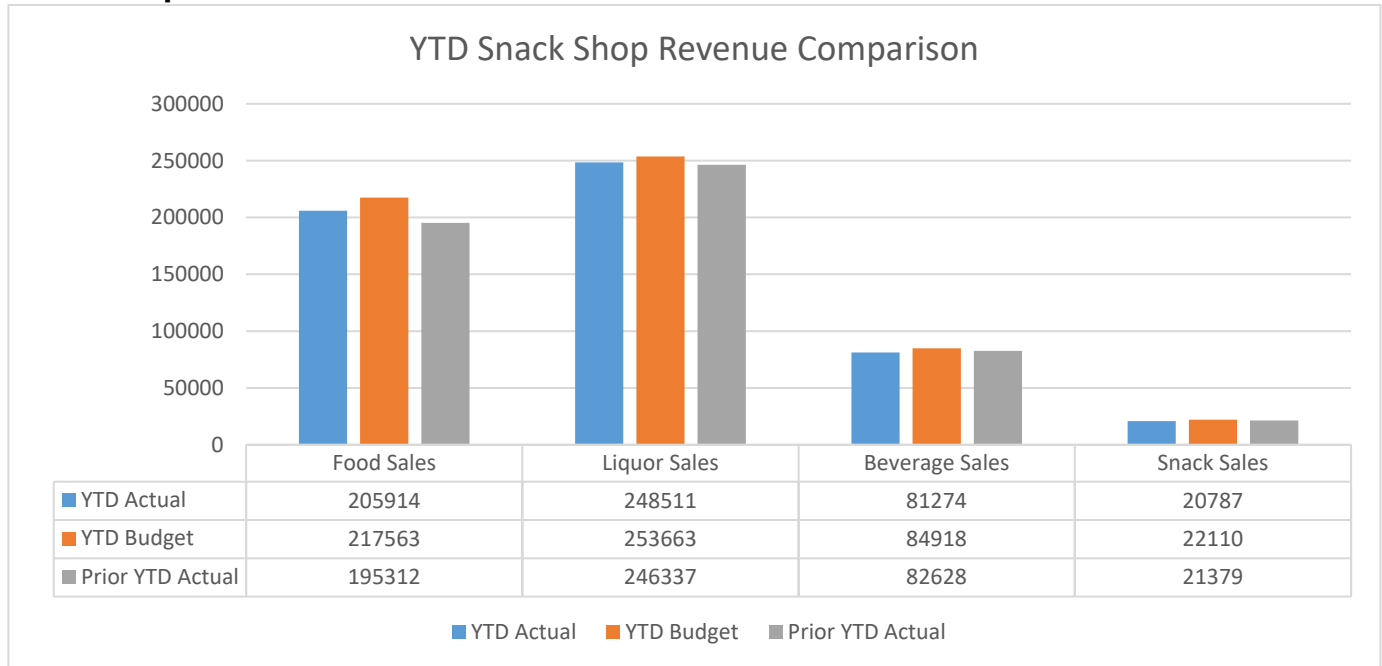


Public Daily	15625	15675	11790	10456	6295	5207
Non Resident Yearly Pass	4397	3824	4454	3199	3554	2678
Staff	2271	2485	2910	2935	2451	2455
Guest	15559	15746	8509	8745	4810	4445
Cardholder Daily	23728	25428	12642	13112	5141	4998
Resident Surcharge Pass	42666	42344	29078	26353	15865	13613
Resident Yearly Pass	16298	18175	16569	16548	13740	13199

■ Resident Yearly Pass
 ■ Resident Surcharge Pass
 ■ Cardholder Daily
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■ Staff
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 ■ Public Daily

- 19.05% of total rounds played by Resident Yearly passholders, up from 18.04% last year
- 32.71% of total rounds played by Resident Surcharge passholders, down from 33.91% last year
- 17.30% of total rounds played by Resident Cardholders, up from 16.07% last year
- 3.86% of total rounds played by Non-Resident Yearly passholders, down from 4.80% last year
- 12.45% of total rounds played by Public Golfers, down from 13.05% last year
- 11.50% of total rounds played by Guests, up from 11.18% last year
- 3.13% of total rounds played by Staff, up from 2.95% last year

Snack Shops



On December 13th 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 will soon be underway, the cost of the classes is \$150. The \$150 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. Class schedules will be posted on the RCSC website when they are finalized.

Golf Courses

All major summer agronomic procedures have been completed and overseeding began on September 23, for Lakes West, North, Willowbrook and Riverview. These courses will reopen on October 11 with cart path restrictions in place until November 1. The remaining courses will close October 14 and reopen November 1 with cart path restrictions in place until November 22.

As we did last year we are using perennial rye grass throughout our courses. Perennial rye grass provides optimal playing conditions tee-to-green, as it provides a denser playing surface than annual rye grass and provides a much higher aesthetic look. We are continuing with our expanded overseeding this year to provide better playing conditions for those golfers that find themselves wayward of the putting surface on their approach shots.

Golf Senior Leader Brian Duthu was asked several questions about rounds being down and missing budgeted revenue. Brian has, per our previous request, reduced the number of outside tournaments and with price increases already in effect there have been several non-resident rounds lost.

- Has the overseed proceeded as expected? The response was, there are some bare spots and players need to keep their carts off them.
- Will the front nine at North be regular play with 90-degree rule in effect? The response was , no, North will be cart path only during overseed. This will allow 5 carts to be used during overseed cart path only time.
- Get ready golf while the write up says etiquette and an introduction to golf rules, very little time is spent on etiquette and this needs to be upgraded.
- Is there a hiring freeze? The answer was yes, no duration has been given.
- Is there a safety officer on each course? The answer was no, however, emphasis is being placed on safety and a safety officer may visit each course periodically.

Pro Shop Managers report: None Given

Course Reports:

North: Closed for Overseed.

South: Course is improving will be closing October 14, 2024 for Overseed.

Quail Run: Great Shape Will be closing October 14, for Overseed.

Lakes East: Good Shape Will be closing for October 14, 2024 for Overseed.

Lakes West: Closed for Overseed.

Riverview: Closed for Overseed.

Willow Brook: Closed for Overseed.

Willow Creek: Greens improving some damage on course, lots of crab grass, some ruts from maintenance. Will be closing October 14, 2024 for overseed. Will the crab grass be gone by next spring? Yes, per Brian Duthu.

SCMGA Report: Johnny Pearson reported the SCMGA was taking over a tournament that the sun city men's club does not want. The Tournament is a 2-man match play scheduled for Lakes West on the 16,17,18 of November, there is a limit of 56 two-man teams. Sign-up sheets are available in each club house. He also requested the sand buckets on the driving range have larger scoops to cut down on the number of trips to fill divots.

SCWGA Report:

Ladies 18-Hole: President Arlene Balazic reported the first meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024. Team play is scheduled to start November 9, 2024, at Riverview and Lakes West.

Ladies 9 Hole: No Report.

Old Business:

The item of rate changes and questions was skipped as had already been discussed in detail at the front end of the meeting.

Trail fee for guests/public with their own carts. This item was discussed in detail regarding questions on logistics and implementation, longer term issues, and the low number of the public that bring their own carts. The consensus was to drop the item.

New Business:

Closing courses for walkers. Preston set this item up as an action area from the ASU survey last year. Survey participants identified the need for additional green space areas to walk. Based on potential liability and inability to control the access, time, and use, the consensus was to drop the idea from further action.

Process for notification and payment of renewal passes was brought up by Bob Brandolini and Diane Hull. The letter that used to be sent out as a reminder containing options, numbers of round by category to achieve breakeven has been replaced by an email reminder without that level of information. Bob asked that the email include all the information that the previous hard copy letter provided. Diane Hull added that passes had to be renewed in person to get the RCSC golf card to show that people could play after 5:00pm, so phone or online renewal still required an in person visit to the card services office.

Johnny Pearson asked if it would be possible to get a single card and a single log on in the future rather than piecemeal. Preston stated that was the plan.

Guests Comments:

Pam Nichols commented that she knew of an RCSC employee that only worked one day a week, not a Sun City resident, and played golf for \$2 a round. She asked that these items be looked into. Additionally, she had observed public play with singles in carts.

Chuck Skyles had four areas of comment:

1. For the board presentation we show why we need the increases we approved for everyone to see. Price escalation by category and product, how expenses have trended, etc.
2. He observed Rangers driving thru the desert and asked that it be curtailed.
3. Discussed a recommended solution to the crabgrass issue at Willowcreek involving removing weeds on the greens by hand as Riverview does.
4. Have we considered leasing equipment rather than buying. Brian stated, as he did last month, that leasing costs become O&M expenses and not capital, which would add to the issue we already have.

Chair Collins asked that during the budget presentation we include all the improvements and enhancements that we have accomplished in the past 2 years.

Barry reinforced that by recommending that examples be provided to the members of equipment costs and how much we are spending for golf specific equipment.

Johnny Pearson described the process and benefits of the annual membership meeting and encouraged people to participate.

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

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024, at 8:30am – Lakeview Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lybolt Secretary