

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.
Golf Advisory Committee Meeting
April 19, 2012

Chair Cord Angier called the meeting to order at 8:31am in the Lakeview Board Room.

PRESENT: Chair Cord Angier, Chair; Co-Chair Dan Hill; Jose Cordero-Torres, Head Ranger; Maxine Brandolini, North; Bob Vickney, South (substitute for Danny Durbin) and Jan Vickney, South; Jackie Wolff, President SCWGA-18 Hole; Don Rogers, President SCMGA; Mary Autio, President SCWGA 9-Hole; Jim Fitzsimmons, Lakes West; Debbie Williams and Mike Matusz, Willowcreek; Steve Honsberger and Linda Wilson, Riverview; and Brian Duthu, RCSC Director of Golf.

PRIOR MEETING SUMMARY: The Meeting Summary for March 15, 2012 was approved with corrections to the SCWGA 18-hole report as follows: The Team Play tournament winner was Riverview with Lakes West taking 2nd place. The Champion of Champion's Tournament will take place on April 2nd at Riverview, April 5th at Lakes West and April 7th at South.

BRIAN DUTHU'S REPORT:

Pro Shops

Total revenue for March missed budget by \$20,643 or by 3%. Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue alone missed budget by \$27,421 or by 4%. Merchandise and Driving Range revenue both exceeded budget by \$2306 and \$1935 respectfully. "Get Golf Ready" revenue for the month was \$2562. We are looking at changing the start time to 7:00am beginning in March to open up more prime time green fees.

Despite the poor performance in March, golf finished the quarter on a positive note. Total revenue for the quarter was \$70,484 ahead of budget (3%) and \$95,129 ahead of prior year (5%). Up to \$48,475 of this increase can be attributed to activity generated by Short Term Privilege Cardholders. Public play declined \$9400 from previous year; increased play from within Sun City was a contributing factor to this decline. Driving Range and Merchandise revenue were also up considerably over prior year. It is also important to note that without the lack of rainfall, these revenue gains would be lower.

Snack Shops

Snack shop performance has been strong as well, exceeding budgeted goals for March by \$966. For the quarter revenue was \$17,047 ahead of budget and \$17,339 ahead of last year.

Golf Courses

Lakes West irrigation project is still on schedule for a May 1st start; permitting process with Maricopa County is nearly complete.

Green Aerification also begins May 3rd at Willowbrook. Please remember to check the aerification schedule on our website, www.sunaz.com, a complete listing of dates. Aerification is necessary to remove organic matter buildup in the soil profile and to relieve compaction. It is our goal throughout the summer to impact 20% - 30% of the putting green surface. The first aerification is performed with a 1/2" tine and impacts approximately 10% of the surface. The second aerification used a larger 5/8"

tine and impacts approximately 15% of the surface area. The larger tine is used for the second aerification as it occurs during the peak growing season for our Bermuda greens.

JOHN SNYDER, NATIONAL GOLF MAINTENANCE, REPORT:

1. Aerification of greens begins May 3 and May 4 with the Willowbrook and Willowcreek. Please check the aerification schedule posted on the RCSC web site for exact days that golf course will be closed for aerification. RCSC greens accumulate a significant amount of organic matter during the 12 month growing season. As a result, aeration must be conducted to keep organic matter at maintainable levels. Organic matter causes issues with water infiltration and increased disease and insect damage. Golfers are reminded that recovery from aeration in the spring can take up to 14 days.
2. During the month of May the golf courses will receive and application of a slow-release fertilizer to all golf course turfgrass. This fertilizer is designed for gradual long lasting release of nutrients. The polymer coating provides up to 10 weeks of feeding to the turf. The May application will help get the roughs growing and turning green for summer.
3. May brings on the dreaded time of transition. Transition is the time that the winter overseeding begins to die and the summer bermudagrass begins to grow. As part of the RCSC plan to improve transition four golf courses will chemically remove the overseeding during the end of May depending on temperatures. The four courses are Lakes East, Willowbrook, Riverview and South. The immediate removal of the overseeding is done to give the bermudagrass close to the 100 days of growth needed before overseeding for proper health. This is a 5 year program that is combined with hollow-tine aerification in June and vertical mowing in July. This will be the second year of the 5 year program for these four courses. RCSC only sprays out four courses per year.
4. The lack of rain for 2012 continues to affect the golf courses. The rain that was received in March allowed the golf courses to save 49 acre feet of water compared to budget for March 2012. However, this still puts the golf courses over the water budget for 2012 by 54 acre feet or 17.5 million gallons of water. This is compared to the 577 acre feet that was used in 2011 for the same time period.

RANGER REPORT: Additional rangers are needed. Riverview reported that they need rangers on their course; slow play is an issue. There was discussion regarding how to encourage more volunteers. An article will be placed in the SunViews. Chair Cord Angier asked the Committee to think about the program and to have some ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

LOCAL RULES: Mike Matusz reported that all Greens Committees approved the final draft of the Local Rules. Golf Advisory approved the rules (copy attached) unanimously. Mr. Matusz was thanked for his excellent work on this project.

SCWGA-9 Hole: President Mary Autio reported that thirty-nine (39) attended the Rules Seminar. One hundred eighteen (118) players were involved in the 2012 Quail Run Invitational. It was a great success!

SCWGA 18-Hole: President Jackie Wolff reported that the Champion of Champions Tournament was held with Jan Reiss, South, being the champion. Next year's Champion of Champions Tournament

may hold its last day of play at Lakes West. This may prevent a possibility of the slow play that was experienced this year. The last SCWGA meeting before the summer break is April 20, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Cord Angier challenged the Committee to explore different ideas for increasing golf revenue. Even though 2012 numbers were larger than 2011, golf revenue was \$120,000 short.

COURSE REPORTS:

North: They continue to have water pipe breaks, otherwise course is good.

South: In good shape; busy, considering the great migration north has started.

Quail Run: In great shape; really like Derrick Wilkerson's hard work.

Lakes East: Fairways and greens are beautiful.

Lakes West: All Good. Jim Fitzsimmons asked about the test patches of rye grass that are on

Lakes West. John Snyder and Brian Duthu reported that they are looking at the possibility of using a less costly ryegrass seed that will still perform up to current standards.

Riverview: Overall in very good shape. Steve Honsberger requested that hole #15 be reviewed and possibly re-rated. The distance needs to be re-measured with the correct distance reflected on the tee marker. This would result in the need to have the hole handicap reviewed.

Linda Wilson asked if there was a policy regarding no shows and no call to cancel tee times. Brian Duthu reported no evidence of that being a problem.

Willowcreek: Pretty good shape. The new computer for the ladies has arrived.

Willowbrook: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:4am.

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2012 at 8:30am - Lakeview Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Vickney, Acting Secretary