

**Golf Committee
Cottonwood Palo Verde
Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2012**

Members present: Gwen Curtis, Nancy Howell, Lee Brechtel, Joseph Ficek, Richard Hair, Hal Davis, and Judy Onken.

Members absent: Dick Johnson, Jim Gillespie, and Pat Anderson

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin

Chairman Richard Hair called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Bill Todd--Director, Golf Course Management

Courses are in good condition and anecdotal feedback from players indicate approximately 98% are happy with them. Report from the CW Men's President's Cup played Nov 24 expressed extreme satisfaction with the greens for that event. Bill reported that Brian Whitlack believes in rolling the greens but at present we have only one machine in working order. Capital improvement funding will be required to rectify this.

The unusual-looking geese on #5 CW are Egyptian geese also found in the Aleutians. He suspects someone got them from a pet store and turned them loose. No action to remove or relocate these birds was suggested.

Desmond Dakin--Head Pro at Cottonwood

Club events are in full swing, with good attendance at the first Sunday Couples event.

Most recent Demo Day was well attended. Clinics offered by the Head of Instruction are ongoing. Eleven were in attendance today and extra beginner's clinics will be offered on 2nd Saturdays.

Desmond provided a summary of recent and near-future events for Palo Verde in Greg's absence. This week's U of A Cancer Foundation Fundraiser had 144 players and raised more than \$5,000.

The monthly report of golf rounds played shows an increase of rounds played at both courses. The sale of golf annuals would appear to be steady year over year. Sale of 10-play cards are up for this time of year. Nine gender-only cards have been sold.

Unfinished Business

The project to level the driving range is estimated to cost \$23K, will require six to eight weeks and will be rolled over to the coming year.

New Business

Discussion was wide-ranging about committee goals and objectives for 2013.

1. The need to spruce up the outside of the shop was suggested and Desmond reported that it is on the schedule to be painted. TV's on the patio will also be replaced.

2. Increase accessibility to Golf Pro's and Maintenance Management by having them play a round of golf with members on a weekly basis.

3. Increase understanding of membership of course management challenges by having Bill Todd invited to club meetings to explain same. (His recent visit with CW Men's Club was well received)

4. Adopt a Hole probably not a feasible program due to serious liability issues.

5. Current chipping area at CW limited to one person at a time and needs to be corrected.

6. Enlarge over seeding areas adjacent and approaching greens to accommodate the average player who misses short right or left.

7. Enforce "no-cart traffic" adjacent to greens.

8. Add to CW/PV "Home Page" under Recreation - golf related

A. Golf Committee Charter

B. Golf Committee Membership

C. A form for feedback, requests, surveys, etc. to include an Internet address to forward to golf committee.

9. Many tee boxes need leveling, particularly # 9, at PV.

10. The use of "ground under repair" paint--Bill Todd is reluctant to start this as it can require so much paint and cause issues of why one area is marked and not another.

11. The idea of starting on #10 CW on tee-time days during the time holes 14, 16, 17 and 18 are cart path only was rejected by Bill Todd as the high maintenance back-nine areas are shaded all morning. He also indicated that #16 will soon allow carts in the left rough and #17 will soon allow carts off the path with a roped-off approach area.

12. Insure availability of golf cart parking in spaces marked for such on Thursdays.

Chairman, Richard Hair, closed the meeting with the admonition to review the suggestions made today, add goals and objectives if members have them, and be prepared to submit items for the five-year plan due March 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Onken
Secretary