

**Golf Committee
Cottonwood Palo Verde
Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2013**

Members present: Lee Brechtel, Gwen Curtis, Joseph Ficek, Jim Gillespie, Dick Johnson, Richard Hair, and Judy Onken.

Members absent: Nancy Howell, Pat Anderson, and Hal Davis.

Guest: John Larsen

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

General Manager: Steve Nolan

Staff present: Bill Todd, Greg Tokash

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

Bill Todd--Director, Golf Course Management

Bill reports pleasure with probably the best over seeding experienced in ten years.

He accompanied a group of CW/PV'ers composed of Dick Howell, Jim Gillespie, and Don Hicks visiting Gainey Ranch golf course and Mesa Country Club to look at their greens. Cottonwood greens have become contaminated over the years by a variety of grasses. Palo Verde was built ten years later and has not suffered the same contamination. Several courses in the Valley have gone to a tiff dwarf grass which provides a "true-roll" surface much superior to our present CW greens. Bill suggested we invite Jim Fox, owner of Evergreen Turf, to speak to a workshop about the three-year process to replace CW greens. The Turf Show will be held in San Diego on February 7th so we will try to get Fox for a March meeting.

There was no report from Desmond Dakin as he was called away for a family illness

Greg Tokash--Head Pro at Palo Verde

The PVLGA raised more than \$6,000 for the University of Arizona Cancer Foundation. The very popular CottonVerde event coupling both ladies 18-hole clubs will be held this month.

The men's group at PV will have their member/member event with associated pari-mutuel activity in January as well as a Home & Home with Sun Lakes Country Club.

The newly constituted Friday Couples League will have their first luncheon following morning golf on January 18th.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was renewed of the spaces marked for golf carts in the CW west parking lot being used by automobiles without handicap placards. It really is only a serious problem on second Thursdays when the CWLGA have their luncheons. Steve

Nolan offered to remind patrol to ticket offenders to see if that will rectify the problem.

Lee Brechtel graciously volunteered to work with the in-house IT guru to add golf committee to the CW/PV home page as well as the possible creation of an on-line form with a Golf Committee e-mail address where golfers can provide feedback/questions. Greg asked to be kept in the loop in his role with the golf portion of In The Know.

New Business:

Currently the Five Year Plan includes a study estimated to cost \$4800 of Chipping Greens at both CW & PV. Installing said greens at a cost to be determined by this study is included in subsequent years first at PV then at CW. We will wish to add the project to replace CW greens with tiff dwarf with an early cost estimate of \$100K.

Leveling tee boxes and potential enlargement of the #5 tee at Palo Verde will be accomplished in the coming year through annual maintenance budget.

Additional Comments

We no longer have frost delays. Shot guns go off as scheduled but carts are restricted to paths until frost has dissipated. To date, no serious damage to greens or fairways has been done. The frost line will be used as an information source for special pro shop sales and the like.

A guest, John Larsen, spoke to the committee as a representative of those golfers who walk and pull a cart or carry a bag. He estimates this group to be 15-20 strong and they would like to have benches considered at each hole with a water station. Caution was expressed by Bill Todd and Steve Nolan that these benches should enhance rather than detract from the aesthetic of the course. Benches of the same material as the water coolers are estimated at \$650-\$750 each. Committee members suggested that perhaps the golf clubs or individuals might donate the benches rather than adding this to the five year plan.

Added concrete at the Men's tee on CW#17 similar to that on CW#12 as well as right hand sides of #1 and #15 is on the maintenance plan. Bill will mention to Desmond the necessity of reminding golfers of the cart restriction on CW#16 and keeping rakes outside of the bunkers.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Onken
Secretary