

**Golf Committee
Cottonwood Palo Verde
Meeting Minutes of February, 2013**

Members present: Lee Brechtel, Gwen Curtis, Joseph Ficek, Jim Gillispie, Pat Andersen, Richard Hair, and Judy Onken.

Members absent: Nancy Howell, Lee Brechtel, and Dick Johnson.

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

General Manager: Steve Nolan

Staff Present: Greg Tokash, Desmond Dakin

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

Staff Reports

There was no report from Bill Todd as he was attending the Turf Show in San Diego. We are anxious to hear about what he has learned about new grasses and their playability.

Greg Tokash reviewed January events and up-coming February events for all the clubs. He announced the PVLGA President's Cup winner as Anita Barber. PVMGA President's cup winner was Dave Holaday. The Men's group also held their member/member tournament in January. This is the first "in-season" date this tournament has been held. A full field (108) participated versus the typical sixty participants when held during the summer months. A full field is also signed up for the Sweetheart Tournament. Adams Golf and Taylor Made Golf have February Demo Day dates.

Desmond Dakin reported the CMGA Club Champion will be determined after three February play dates. Susan Hayward won the 1st Flight of the CLGA Match Play. CLGA hosts the East Valley Team Play on the morning of February 18. This is a revenue-producing event and gives us an opportunity to showcase our course to seven other clubs from the valley. Cottonwood Niner's are averaging 60 players each week. We are hoping for a larger turn out for Sunday Couples with better weather in February. In addition to Adams and Taylor Made, Calloway, Ping, and Cleveland will hold Demo Days. Teaching clinics have been well attended and February sign-ups are very encouraging.

Rounds of golf were significantly lower in January vs. a year ago due to extremely cold weather. Annual playcards are down approximately 4% year over year. To date sales of 25-play cards are down about 21%.

Unfinished Business:

Consideration was given to adding benches to the course for those who prefer walking carts to electric carts. The Pro Shop

estimates less than 1% of golfers use walking carts. Considering that seats can be added to walking carts and the estimated cost of \$1,000 for an appropriately styled and constructed bench, Jim Gillespie moved to drop further discussion to add benches. Gwen Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Review of the golf information on the association website has uncovered some material which is out of date and requires several "drill-downs" to reach. Steve Nolan reported than Brian is working to re-model the website over the next two to three months. Richard Hair and Lee Brechtel will work with Brian to bring more visibility to golf and explore the possibility of an on-line feedback mechanism to the golf committee.

Golf Cart Storage for Palo Verde was pushed back yet again in the 5 Year Plan. The committee discussed whether or not the project to replace grass on Cottonwood greens should be considered as a Capital Improvement or a Maintenance expenditure. Don Hicks suggested it be added to the 5 Year Plan for funding as a Capital Improvement.

The next step for the Cottonwood Greens Grass Replacement Project is to set up a workshop where Mr. Fox of Evergreen Turf can outline the process and answer questions of interested parties. We expect to do that in March and need to publicize the event once set up.

New Business:

Several suggestions to minimize the impact of a 6-10 week Cottonwood golf course closure during the re-seeding of greens were discussed. The use of temporary greens is not a desirable alternative but we might explore reciprocal arrangements with other courses who may also wish to replace their greens.

Additional Comments:

Steve Nolan modestly accepted appreciation of the CLGA for freeing golf carts spaces for their luncheon day.

The realistic-looking coyote seen at CW #13 and #14 seems to be keeping duck dirt down somewhat.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Onken
Secretary