

Cottonwood/Palo Verde Golf Committee Minutes July 5, 2012

Members attending were: Ed Frees, Chairman, Richard Hair, Nancy Howell, Rita Benfer for Judy Onken, Paul Brauer, Dick Johnson Jack Hill, Pat Andersen, David Florence and Gwen Curtis

Board Liaison - Don Hicks
General Manager – Steve Nolan

Guests – Colleen and John Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.
A motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting was made by Dick Johnson and seconded by Nancy Howell. They were unanimously approved..

BILL TODD – Director of Golf Course Maintenance

Both courses, Cottonwood and Palo Verde are in the best shape they have ever been in by the 4th of July in the 25 years Bill has been living in this area. The transition is 6 weeks ahead. We had a very warm winter with little frost. The back nine fairways at Cottonwood are about 98% Bermuda grass now. The rain was great.

The greens are good, we drilled them with 5/8” tine and top dressed them heavy, probably heavier than they have every been done. The greens are being sprayed today, July 5, with growth regulator, to slow them down a little bit. They should roll really well now. We have a little spot on 5 and 2 greens at Cottonwood. It’s a poa annua area on the greens.

Fourteen at Cottonwood is coming along slowly. We cut it and top dressed it. We are feeding it about three times a week. It is not ready, and he is not sure when it will be ready. Bill would like to keep it closed until after overseeding.

We need to work on the approach to 17 at Cottonwood. It is like a rock.

The cart path at #1 at Cottonwood is being poured today. We did the Palo Verde parking lot which looks good. The curb will be going in on Monday, July 9.

He plans to top dress some of the fairways with sand during overseeding.

Bill thinks things are going well and is pleased with the progress.

DESMOND DAKIN – Head Pro at Cottonwood Report for May and June

CMGA

The attendance for the men’s events in May and June was normal for this time of year. The Cottonverde, Beat the Pro and Super Tournament held on June 16 was well attended with 104 participants

Upcoming Events

The Summer Sizzler will be played on July 14 and July 21..

CLGA

The ladies completed their Eclectic Competition. The attendance was normal for all the other events for this time of year.

Upcoming Events

Beat the Pros was the tournament for July 5 and Mark shot a 65.

CW9ers

They are finished until the next season.

Sunday Couples

The Firecracker Tournament was held on July 1 with the best attendance ever. The format may be changed somewhat for next year to make room for more participants. A comment was made that the Firecracker Tournament was a very well done event. Sunday couples has been a little slow with the hot weather.

Twilight Couples

Twilight couples started a little later than usual this year, and is having the best season it has had for several years with 52 to 64 participants.

Chelsea

The new Chelsea server seems to be working well and the feedback .is pretty good.

Event Man

Next week they will start to use the event man software for some of our competitions.

GREG TOKASH – Head Pro at Palo Verde

Greg said he will be looking at a Firecracker-Flag tournament for Palo Verde next year.

PVLGA

There is just regular play during the hot summer.

Upcoming Events

July 10 is Fun Day with 9 holes of golf, brunch and games.

LADY 9'ERS

They are finished for the season.

Friday Couples

There are 12-18 groups playing in the AM only.

PVMGA.

The Cottonverde, Beat the Pro and Super Tournament was played on June 16 with 104 participants.

Upcoming Events

The Member-Member Tournament will be played on July 14. They usually have 50-60 participants.

Other

Palo Verde Parking Lot.

The parking lot will be crack filled and sealed in the PM of August 9 and will be re-stripped on August 10 in the AM.

Greg presented a Cottonwood/Palo Verde rounds sheet for the month showing Palo Verde was down 611 rounds for May, and Cottonwood was down 1200 rounds for the same period. The weather was very hot, and we were closed for 5 days.

The AGA and AWGA have announced that the State of Arizona is joining the GHIN system for handicaps beginning the first two weeks in October.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The status of the fairways, greens, maintenance and cart paths were covered in Bill Todd's report.

New Business

Palo Verde Friday Couples League

Colleen Mitchell made a presentation to the Golf Committee to form a Palo Verde Couples Friday Golf League. Copies of the proposed By-Laws and Rules & Regulations were provided to all members.

A motion was made by David Florence and seconded by Dick Johnson that this proposal for Palo Verde Friday Couples Golf League be accepted and presented to Management for approval. It was approved unanimously.

Revenue ideas for 2013

Desmond and Greg presented at list of revenue builders for both Cottonwood and Palo Verde which will be implemented as they deem necessary.

Additional comments

The Facilities and Grounds Committee has checked around for additional reclaimed water and has determined there are no additional sources for reclaimed water.

Don Hicks asked that everyone that can, please attend the meeting on July10, 2012 at 10:00 AM in the Navajo Room by the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding the Pima rate increase.. This increase will affect all Sun Lakers, so everyone should state their concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.
The next meeting will be August 2, 2012 at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Curtis
Secretary

THERE IS ONE RECOMMENDATION FOR MANAGEMENT

It is recommended that Management approve the Palo Verde Friday Couples League as a club with Bi-Laws and Rules & Regulations.