

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE  
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Dean Hermanson, Dick Howell, John Larsen, Liz Hall

Members Absent: Rita Benfer, Joseph Ficek and Jay Nelson

Board Liaison: Don Hicks

Staff Present: Bill Todd, Desmond Dakin, Greg Tokash

Visitors Present: John Mitchell, Steve Nolan, Jim & Laurel May Werlinger, Cliff & Jane Matteson and Jay Mays

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the January 8th meeting were made by Liz Hall and seconded by Dick Howell.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd informed the golf committee that the short game practice area at PV was approved. Don Hicks asked what Bill thought would be the schedule for this project. They will start the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, landscaping one month later, grass and sod in July with opening after over-seeding in October. This schedule will be based on weather permitting for each stage.

Bill also informed us on the update of the fairway sand bunker at Cottonwood. Sand will be put in next week. They will also put in a row of 15-20 Oleanders which will be 5 feet tall. Open for play will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. When this fairway sand bunker opens, the sand bunker on EJ Robeson will be filled in with dirt and sod.

Bill said fairway transition on the Cottonwood course will take place on Monday with cutting the fairways down a little in height, especially the back 9. He will also decide to start picking the holes to go off that are cart path only.

Dick Howell mentioned to Bill about all the fowl out there on both golf courses and Bill said that the goosinator is out there and wanted to tell people to please not bring food to feed any water fowl.

Desmond Dakin reported for Cottonwood that in January the C.M.G.A. have their

Presidents Cup match going on now and the men's club championship starts on February 3th.

Desmond also said that the C.L.G.A have finished their Match Play tournament and Mikki Rydell was the winner. Their partners championship will start on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Desmond also announced the winners from the Cottonwood Lady Niners Club that played at the State Medallion held at Ocotillo CC were Jan Lien and Lynne Tanner.

Desmond has 2 demo days this month, one is with Nike and the other with Ping, fitting players for their short.

Dick Howell asked Desmond that there should be some information on the safety for the fairway sand bunker at Cottonwood and Desmond told him that it would be printed on the website and in the Know.

Greg Tokash reported that the PVLGA have finished their first round of the President's Cup and round 2 will be on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. The PVMGA had their President's Cup in January and the winners were Bob Mansfield taking first and runner-up was Arve Moser. February is filled with several events for both these clubs.

Greg also mentioned that they are still doing a Thursday morning play with the pro, which gets him, Joey and John out to play with the homeowners.

Greg said that the winter night golf that was held on Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, with 80 players participating.

Greg also said that annuals are at or close to what they had budgeted for 2014-2015.

Old Business:

There were two suggestion cards to review.

The first was from a homeowner suggesting that the flags need to be placed at different locations on the greens. Bill Todd addressed this comment card and told him that our greens are small in size and several holes there are not too many places to make it fair for the golfers to hold that ball on the green. Bill also told him that they use a color combination for pin placements.

The second card was wondering why we are not using the coyotes or the goosinator to keep the water fowl to a minimum. Bill Todd addressed this comment card and told the gentleman that the coyotes were not working and that the goosinator is out there as needed.

### New Business:

The area around the 13<sup>th</sup> tee box at Cottonwood is now finished. The golf committee will have members of their group now go out and find more spots at both golf courses for any memorial benches that people would be interested in donating.

Don Hicks just wanted to remind any homeowners considering a memorial bench, is that the benches will all be uniform. The cost will probably increase each year and a certain amount of money needs to be spent before the memorial bench is put on the course or close to the putting area.

Desmond mentioned to Bill Todd that he would like to see that the benches on the Cottonwood driving range needed to be more securely placed.

### Comments from Committee Members:

Dean Hermanson asked Desmond if it would be possible to have a showcase for plaques with winners names on them to be placed at the Cottonwood Pro Shop that the CMGA would pay for. Desmond said yes and that they would need to probably have to decide which major events they would like to be displayed.

Dean also mentioned why they put twosomes between foursomes on the course during busy days. Desmond and Greg said if it is possible to put other twosomes together they do, but it doesn't always work. Some players don't mind being a twosome.

### Comments From Visitors:

Jim Werlinger who belongs to CMGA and PV Couples was wondering why 2 major events were being held on the same day for these two clubs. There being a lengthy discussion among the visitors, pros and the golf committee, Don Hicks suggested that the two presidents from each of these clubs get together and discuss either a time change or changing one of the major events to a different day.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 5 at 2 pm in the ceramics room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch