

**Cottonwood/Palo Verde**  
**Golf Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes Sept 5, 2018**

**Members Present:** Jack Hill, Marky Wilson, Kath Skrie, Tim Lamb, Ron Sarnicki; Cindy Bosch

**Members Absent:** Len Rosati, Ginger Mays; Nancy Hermanson

**Staff Present:** Bill Todd, Greg Tokash, Desmond Dakin

**Staff Absent:** Mark Liebfried

**Board Liason:** Roger Beagle was absent. Woody replaced him for this meeting

**Management:** Steve Nolan

**Visitors:** Gene Kivi, Bill Greer, & Jay De Pree (Communications)

**Special Guest:** Brian Whitaker, USGA Western Region Agronomist

**Brian Whitaker** spoke first about our two courses that he toured today with **Bill Todd**. He complimented the condition both courses were in. **Brian** then noted a couple of suggestions he would recommend going forward.

1. Replace the sand in the Cottonwood course. It was brought to everyone's attention that sand at our courses has been in place for over 15 yrs. **Brian** suggestion was to replace sand every 10 years going forward.
  2. There is a grass blend that could be used on both courses on the greens instead of the current blend that would not require reseeding every yr. However, there is nothing wrong with the grass on the greens as we have them and they are in good shape.
  3. More grass seed on the back 9 at Cottonwood would give it a thicker base, Bill Todd agreed and said he intended to do just that this year when he reseeds.
  4. Keep the grass height short during May and June to allow the bermuda grass to growing better during the transition. **Bill Todd** is already doing for us on a daily basis. Apparently it needs allot of sun to help germinate.
  5. **Brian** made some suggestion on rolling our greens at Cottonwood perhaps a couple of times per week. But, not to do that at Palo Verde due to the undulations of those greens which in turn would make them too fast for most of our players.
- In addition, there was a wealth of information **Brian** spoke about regarding grasses, types of bunker sands and the challenges for both golf courses do to the salinity of the water. He was very informative and was more than happy to share his thoughts on our courses

specifically on how to improve them going forward. We thanked Brian and **Bill Todd** for inviting him to our meeting to share their views.

The budget for **2019** is being processed. **Bill Todd** confirmed that he would visit courses around the area to determine the best sand for our courses and the recommendation from **Brian**. Hopefully the budget could include some new sand as early as 2019.

**Bill Todd** told the committee that the speed bump between holes 13 & 14 has been re-ordered and will be installed as soon as it comes in.

**Bill** also commented that this year he is adding a lot more rye grass seed to the Cottonwood course when he starts his re-seeding program in October especially the back 9 as mentioned by **Brian** as well.

**Greg Tokash** spoke about the many tournaments that occurred this past summer and how well they were received and enjoyed by our members.

**Greg** also mentioned that Jon Grisalak is the **Director of Instruction** for both courses and will be laying out specific clinic dates for our members going forward for the 2018/2019 coming season. **Greg** also noted that they are looking into video equipment to be purchased by the pro shops to make the clinics more meaningful. Hopefully this will happen in the near future.

**Tim Lamb** spoke about the charter modifications that he addressed in the April meeting regarding Purpose and Objectives, Organization of Committee and Specific Duties.

**Roger Beagle** modified the Golf Committee Charter to include a new position for the Cottonwood Couples League and eliminate an at-large Committee member. These modifications to our Charter were approved by the Committee to be recommended to the Board. If approved by the Board these changes will become effective in November.

**Greg Tokash**, provided the Committee with the list of 2018-2019 Golf Exception Dates for their approval and submission to the Board. The list shows all the dates the various Golf Clubs would like to have tournaments that are not on their regular scheduled golf days. The Committee approved these exception days to be submitted to the Board for their approval.

**Demond Dakin** spoke about the amount of golf rounds so far this year. At Cottonwood, May-June-July rounds were up (820) with August being down almost 371. Year to date, Cottonwood is down only 196 rounds for the year.

At Palo Verde. May June and July were down (530) and August rounds were up 85. For the year, PV was down 489 rounds.

For the year, our combination annuals were up 23 vs budget at Cottonwood and up 3 vs budget at PV. Phase 1&3 annuals were down 9 vs budget.

**Desmond** also notified the committee that new rental golf carts will be added to both PV and Cottonwood golf courses for the 2018/2019 season

**Bill Greer** asked about the fans in the Cottonwood patio and if a replacement was in the works. It was mentioned that parts were ordered for both fans to be fixed as soon as the parts came in.

**There will be Committee Appreciation Dinner for Thursday October 25 from 4-6 in the San Tan Ballroom.**

Each Committee member and guest is welcome to attend. Please advise Joanne Barnes at the Administration Building if you plan on attending.

It is time for each member to reapply through their Club or member-at-large, if necessary. Each person's term status was reviewed.

On a side note, it was mentioned that new gates were added at PV that actually light up at night so that our residents can see them before approaching the gates. The gates also have a breakaway arm just in case one of our residents in a golf cart/vehicle feel they don't go up fast enough.

It was also brought to our attention that new lounge chairs and bar stools have been added to the PV bar for our members.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting is October 3, 2018.