

**Sun Lakes Homeowners Association
Cottonwood, Palo Verde Golf Committee Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017**

Members present: Rita Benfer, Cindy Bosch, Daniel Ellis, Ginger Mays, Bert Paul, and Jack Hill. Ron Sarnicki substituted for Glenn Martinsen.

Members absent: Nancy Hermanson, Kathy Skrei, Glenn Martinsen

Board liaisons present: Woody Neiman and Bill Greer

Staff present: Desmond Dakin, Cottonwood Director of Golf, Greg Tokash, Palo Verde Head Professional, and Bill Todd, Director of Maintenance

Staff absent: Mark Leibfried

Management absent: Steve Nolan

Visitors present: Paul Rodgers, Gene Kivi

Call to order and minutes: The meeting was called to order at 1:12 P.M. by Chairperson Cindy Bosch. The motion to approve minutes from the February, 2017 meeting was made by Daniel Ellis with a second by Bert Paul. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Staff reports:

Desmond Dakin, Director of Golf at Cottonwood. A rules clinic is slated for homeowners on March 13; see Attachment I. Play from clubs and events is strong; see list on Attachment II.

Greg Tokash, Palo Verde Head Pro. Play from clubs and events is strong; see list on Attachment III.

Mr. Dakin reviewed the Rounds Report (Attachment IV), which shows a strong level of play. Rounds at Cottonwood might be off due to rain and one less day than the prior February.

In response to these activity reports, Daniel Ellis thanked pro shop personnel for their efforts in supporting such a robust level of participation for the golfing community.

Bill Todd, Director of Golf Maintenance. Leveling of tee boxes is slated to start in July, at a cost of \$25,000. Overall, the courses are in good condition. Cottonwoods' back nine holes is a bit light, with the grass being 80% Bermuda and 20% rye, which will fill out in warmer conditions. Aeration will be performed in May.

Committee questions for Bill Todd: 1. Ron Sarnicki suggested more yellow stakes around Palo Verde greens to protect them from errant golf carts. Bill Todd will follow up. 2. Ginger Mays asked about the safety of cart paths from golfers slipping. Response: This is an isolated problem with almost no incidents in wet weather, sprinklers are aimed away from

paths, slips might be attributable to golf spikes and not the paths, and slips on wet surfaces can happen anyplace (parking lots, streets, etc). No action was proposed. 3. Ginger shared concerns she had heard about the level of bird droppings. Bill Todd indicated this year has a stronger level of certain species; but, they are migratory birds, hence being protected. They will vacate in warmer conditions. No action was proposed.

Unfinished business:

Desmond Dakin reported no suggestions cards were received.

Woody Neiman reported that funding for tee box leveling will be addressed by the Board in March or April.

New business:

Comments from committee members:

Daniel Ellis supported the use of substitute attendees for meetings in order to have constituencies represented. He asked Woody Neiman if substitute attendees are allowed to vote on matters since they might require ratification by the Board. Mr. Neiman replied that only at-large members require Board approval, hence their substitutes cannot vote. Club representatives are chosen by the clubs, hence they can vote.

Bert Paul: Courses are in good condition.

Ron Sarnicki: The number of rakes for bunkers should be reviewed since some of the larger bunkers only have one. Bill Todd will follow up.

Rita Benfer raised two issues: 1. Concern over how often the 14th fairway is mowed. Bill Todd indicated that it depends on several variables, such as rainfall, temperature, seeding, bird activity. 2. Some women were waitlisted in the automated tee time system when trying to play in a tournament. Desmond Dakin replied that this is not how the automated system works and that players believing to be waitlisted should contact the pro shop for enrollment. Greg Tokash indicated that the only way wait listing would occur is if there happened to be a rare flaw in manual data transfer, but that does not appear to be the case here.

Kathy Skrei (via Cindy Bosch as proxy): She would prefer Palo Verde shotguns to start at 9:00 AM, instead of 8:30. Cold weather might be a factor in this preference. Greg Tokash indicated that he had not heard of this issue before. However, the 8:30 start helps to assure that the morning round can be completed in time in order for the afternoon round to finish. Also, the cold weather will soon dissipate.

Cindy Bosch presented four issues: 1. She had recently played at a nearby country club and shared that conditions at Sun Lakes' courses are very fine by comparison. 2. Players should be respectful of grounds men when there are delays in preparing the course. Delays can stem from a variety of factors, such as weather and equipment issues. 3. Can Cottonwood

deploy rangers on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday? Desmond Dakin replied that no personnel are generally available for this, but they will do what they can.

Cindy Bosch, continued: 4. Woody Neiman was asked if Committee offices can be held by any member. Mr. Neiman informed the Committee that any member (either at-large or club representative) is eligible for office. A brief review of the committee size was discussed. Ms. Bosch expressed interest in having more at-large members. Daniel Ellis indicated that an adjustment to the Committee size would entail revising the Charter. He also expressed having a general preference of avoiding large committee sizes. But, Mr. Ellis added that more representation of the general golfing committee is worthy of consideration given the size of that constituency.

Comments from board liaisons:

Woody Neiman reported that \$33,000 from the capital reserve fund was approved for a new greens mower. He also indicated that the Board rotation of liaisons was shifting him to a new committee. Daniel Ellis thanked Woody for his efforts and sagacity.

Bill Greer introduced himself as the new Board liaison.

Comments from visitors:

Gene Kivi introduced himself as the new president of the CMGA.

Paul Rodgers is an adjunct associate of the Communications Committee. As such, he is working to update web pages for tennis and golf programs. General discussion followed. Mr. Dakin expressed interest in Mark Liebfried assisting; he will interface with Mr. Rodgers and his committee.

Adjournment and next meeting: Chairperson Cindy Bosch adjourned the meeting at 2:14 P.M. The next meeting will be on April 6, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the ceramics room.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Ellis, Secretary

Attachments:

- I. Rules Clinic Notice
- II. Cottonwood Pro Shop Report
- III. Palo Verde Pro Shop Report
- IV. Rounds Report

U.S.G.A RULES SEMINAR

SPEAKER:
C.F.ROBIN FARRAN

HOSTED BY SUNLAKES
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH
900AM - 100PM
IN THE SAGUARO ROOM

ALL HOMEOWNERS AND MEMBERS
WELCOME

**COTTONWOOD PRO SHOP
GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT
MARCH 8TH, 2017**

CMGA:

**CMGA MEMGUEST WILL BE ON THE COMING SAT
AND SUNDAY HOPIJNG FOR GOOD WEATHER**

CLGA:

**CLGA PARTNERS COMING UP ONMARCH 23RD AND
30TH**

9ERS:

LADY NINERS MEM GUEST THIS THURSDAY

SUNDAY COUPLES:

**SUNDAY COUPLES HAS BEEN GOING ALONG VERY
NICELY**

TWILIGHT COUPLES

HAS PICKED UP WITH THE WEATHER

CLINICS AND DEMO DAYS

**PUTTER FITTING TODAY AND LOTS OF CLINICS AND
FITTING DAYS**

PALO VERDE PRO SHOP

Attachment III, Golf Committee Minutes, March , 2017

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH 2017

PVLGA:

2/7 & 2/14 PRESIDENT'S CUP
CHAMPION- MARY FITZKE

UPCOMING EVENTS-

3/14 & 3/21 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

3/28 MEMBER - MEMBER

LADY 9ER'S:

4 - 7 GROUPS

TWILIGHT COUPLES:

DONE FOR THE WINTER

FRIDAY COUPLES:

AM- FULL

PM- 15-20 GROUPS

3/17 & 3/19 COUPLES CHAMPIONSHIP
100+ PLAYERS (96 CURRENTLY)

PVMGA:

1/28 & 2/4 PRESIDENT'S CUP
CHAMPION- KEN NELSON
RUNNER-UP- GARY WHITING

2/11 SWEETHEART TOURNAMENT
104 PLAYERS

2/18 HOME & HOME W/ FOS
88 PLAYERS

2/25 & 3/4 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
CHAMPION- JERRY DAVIS
RUNNER-UP- JACK HILL
MASTER'S CHAMP- GARY WHITING

UPCOMING EVENTS-

3/25 HOME & HOME W/ OAKWOOD

3/31, 4/1 & 4/2 MEMBER GUEST
120 PLAYERS

OTHER THINGS:

3/5 SLWA SPRING FLING
64 PLAYERS

Attachment IV, Golf Committee Minutes, March , 2017

Cottonwood / Palo Verde Golf Rounds

Golf Rounds CW / PV

	2016	2017	+/-	2016	2017	+/-
	PV	PV		CW	CW	
Jan	4,397	4,707	310	5,684	5,873	189
Feb	4,817	4,806	(9)	6,236	5,673	(563)
Mar	5,223			6,023		
Apr	3,911			4,708		
May	2,297			3,992		
Jun	1,954			1,706		
Jul	1,692			1,724		
Aug	1,399			1,544		
Sept	2,059			2,318		
Oct	1,711			1,567		
Nov	4,172			4,918		
Dec	3,839			4,386		
Totals	37,471	9,513	301	44,806	11,546	(374)

Golf Annuals

AS OF FEBRUARY 28TH 2017

Type	Budget 14-15	Actual 14-15	Budget 15-16	Actual 15-16	Budget 16-17	Actual 16-17
Combination	429	440	435	476	488	476
Cottonwood	175	162	162	168	160	125
Palo Verde	232	218	220	214	220	249
I&III- Combo	44	41	43	41	87	90
I&III- CW	44	46	46	44	0	0
I&III- PV	9	8	8	11	10	9

Total Annuals 933 915

25- Play Cards -CW	96	69	88	76	76	65
25-Play Cards-PV	50	33	30	42	40	34
25- Play Cards -1&3			12	14	14	10