

Cottonwood/Palo Verde Golf Committee Minutes January 5, 2012

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

Board Liaison - Woody Neiman

General Manager – Steve Nolan

Guests: Daniel Hall, Dann Gerblick, Gail Wooldridge and Rich Featherstone

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M by chairman, Ed Frees.

The minutes of the December 1, 2011 meeting were approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

BILL TODD – Director of Golf Course Maintenance

1) The Cottonwood greens have rapid blight on the back nine. It is all over the valley. We have put a curative rate down. I think we have controlled it. It is just that grayish look on the greens. We do not have it at Palo Verde.

2) We have been putting the ¼” minus down. It will not stay that color, it will start fading once they get a little water on it and start packing it down. It is really going to be attractive.

3) We have been doing bunker sand and have had complaints that they are soft. We are tamping them in and they are getting better.

4) Live oaks have been planted in the desert on #3 and #18 and #2 tee at Cottonwood. We have stopped planting live oaks as of now.

5) Railings have been put up on the steps at #16 and #6 at Cottonwood by our people and they look very nice. We now have railings on all stairs.

6) Carts will be allowed on fairways #16 and #17 at Cottonwood starting January 6, but not on #18. #18 has always been that way and he wants to keep the nice curb appeal on Robson Blvd. by keeping carts off the fairway. Carts will remain on the path on #9 and #14. The 90 degree rule applies at all times.

7) Frost is actually at 40-41 degrees and the temperatures fluctuate just before sunrise and they have to wait to make the calls on the frost in the mornings.

Judy Onken asked when we will get the new fountain on #18 at Cottonwood. Bill Todd stated the new fountain was in, and they are waiting for SRP to put their new unit in as we do not have adequate power for the fountain, lap pool, etc. We are ready to go but must wait for SRP.

Ed Frees asked why we had so many cart signs on the fairways as someone hit one of them with his ball. Bill Todd explained that people run over them with their carts.

Ed Frees also asked if some of the sand on the bank of the bunkers could be removed so the balls wouldn't get buried in the bank of the bunker. Bill said they would try to rake the sand down more.

DESMOND DAKIN – Head Pro at Cottonwood

- 1) January 5 was the CottonVerde for the ladies with 120 ladies from Cottonwood and Palo Verde participated in the event.
- 2) The CMGA President's Cup tournament begins on January 7 with a qualifying round and will continue for 4 weeks.
- 3) On Thursday afternoon, January 12, the CLGA and the CW9ers will be playing together. This was a successful event last year and should be again this year.
- 4) The player assistants have been replacing the rakes in the bunker with the handles pointing toward the tee box. They have a pitch repair tool that was provided by Bill Todd, which they use to repair ball marks on the greens when time allows. They have also been enforcing the 50 foot rule around the greens.
- 5) Desmond reported that in a couple instances the player assistants were verbally abused by some of the golfers. Steve Nolin requested that they get the names of the abusers and advise him as golfers are not allowed to give direction to employees on the golf course.
- 6) The Chelsea phone system has been upgraded to two lines which will make the system more available for callers. There will be some upgrades on the computer side of Chelsea to make events easier to find for the ladies and men's leagues. The pro shop will be investigating problems that the users are having and try to solve any issues.
- 7) The parking lots numbers and lines have been repainted at Cottonwood and the numbers are larger.
- 8) Meetings have been held with the Cottonwood men and ladies regarding the proper way and time to sign up for the various events. Signup is going much better now.

GREG TOKASH – Head Pro at Palo Verde

PVLGA

- 1) On December 6 the U of A Cancer Research Fund Raiser was held with 140 players and approximately \$8,000 was raised. More men played and participated this year. It was a great event.
- 2) Golf on December 13 was canceled due to rain, but the luncheon was a nice event.
- 3) The CottonVerde was played on January 5 with 120 ladies from Cottonwood and Palo Verde participating.

Upcoming Events

The Executive Crossover will be played on January 10 and 12 with Sunbird and Ironwood hosting this year.

LADY 9'ERS

(1)The Lady 9'ers play on Wednesday afternoons with between 20 -25 ladies teeing off starting at 2:30.

Friday Couples

(1) There are 25-30 groups in the AM and 18-25 groups in the PM. This is a popular event this time of year.

PVMGA

- 1) The PVMGA Dinner Dance was on December 3, with approximately 300 people attending.
- 2) On December 15 the Ace of Aces final was played with 121 players. Ken Pearson was the Gross Winner with a score of 63 and the Net Winner was Bob Keltz with a score of 49.

Upcoming Events

(3) The Home & Home with Sun Lakes Country Club will take place on January 19 and 21 with approximately 120 players.

4) January 28 will be the first round of the President's Cup.

DEMO DAYS

January 11 - Ping Demo Day (10 am-2 pm)

January 12 – Bridgestone Ball Fitting (10am-2PM)

Greg presented a Cottonwood/Palo Verde rounds sheet for the month, and said they are still working on the numbers.

Judy Onken asked how our pros are coming on their PGA Certification. Greg said he is working on his. Desmond stated that they have something they are working on. Within the next month or two they will have something in place to ensure they are all progressing in the PGA program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Bill Todd met with Mike Gogle and after looking over the various areas thought he could do a cost analysis for \$2,500. There was a great deal of discussion as to the proper way to proceed on the planned chipping green for Palo Verde, a new chipping green at Cottonwood and the leveling of the driving range at Cottonwood. Ed Frees, Jack Hill, Bill Todd and Steve Nolan will act as a subcommittee to develop the scope of work for the project..

2) Bill Todd reported that he had talked to First Choice about a speaker system for Cottonwood and was advised that speakers would be about \$1,500 per speaker and we would need several speakers. After a rather lengthy discussion regarding a speaker system, it was decided to see if the old system could be repaired. Bill Todd is going to talk to Creative Communications to see if the current system could be upgraded or repaired to meet our needs.

3) There was a discussion of the golf committees goals and objectives and it was determined that as a committee, we are on track.

NEW BUSINESS

1)Finalize ideas for the 5 year plan.

- Pitching greens 2012 and 2013
- Level driving range at Cottonwood (add fairway bunker)
- Speaker system for Cottonwood

Already on the 5 year plan is the Palo Verde parking lot and cover for the Palo Verde golf carts.

- 2) The 9ers requested a change of day and time for the Golf Committee meeting since Thursday afternoon is the day and time they play. Ed Frees requested all the committee members email him with days and times that would work for each member.
- 3) Pat Andersen volunteered to do the minutes for the February meeting in Gwen's absence. The March meeting will be moved from March 1 to March 8 if a meeting room is available, since both Nancy Howell and Gwen Curtis will be absent.
- 4) The CMGA are staying with Saturday play day.
- 5) Acceptance of the Reciprocal Golf Proposal for 2012 is being recommended to the board.
- 6) A motion was made by Jack Hill and seconded by Dick Johnson to change the play at the Palo Verde course on March 25, 2012, from tee times to 9:00 A.M and 1:00 P.M shot guns. The proceeds of the afternoon shotgun would support the Food & Beverage Committee's effort to purchase new patio furniture for Cottonwood and Palo Verde. The motion was approved.
- 7) Steve Nolin said to be sure to read the Cottonwood/Palo Verde magazine when it arrives at your home. It has a picture and article by Bill Todd.
- 8) Dan Hall from the Facilities and Grounds committee advised that new guidelines have been sent to all committees, and advised that some of the criteria should be looked at closely when submitting proposals for the 5 year plan.
- 9) Judy Onken requested that a 9 A.M. start time during the winter months for the CLGA be considered. There was quite a bit of discussion, and it will be looked at later.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.
The next meeting will be February 2, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Curtis
Secretary

THERE ARE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD.

1) The Golf Committee recommends the acceptance of the 2012 Reciprocal Golf Agreement as follows:

**PROPOSAL FOR A
RECIPROCAL GOLF AGREEMENT
SUN LAKES COMMUNITIES**

2012

The purpose of this document is to propose a reciprocal golf agreement among the five Sun Lakes golf courses. The agreement will permit annual members* to request a limited number of tee times at any Sun Lakes golf course for no fee with restrictions as described below.

Justification

The agreement strives to achieve the following objectives:

- Promote the sale of annual memberships
- Provide an additional benefit to annual members who live in Sun Lakes in the summer
- Foster cooperation among the various Sun Lake Home Owner Associations

Restrictions

- For play from June 1 through September 15, 2011
- Available to Annual Golf Members of Oakwood, Ironwood, Cottonwood, Palo Verde, and Sun Lakes.
- Permits up to 2 free plays and unlimited plays for a \$5 fee at each course per person

Reservation Process

Members will be issued a stamped Reciprocal ID card by their club pro. The card will show member's name, home club, and list the five golf courses with two check boxes for each course.

Members may request a tee time by calling the respective club one day after the club creates its initial draw (3 days in advance at Oakwood and Ironwood 2 days in advance at Cottonwood, Palo Verde, and , Sun Lakes). The member must indicate that they are requesting a tee time as part of the Reciprocal Golf Agreement.

Golf pros may hold back any number of tee times as they see fit for late-calling members, daily fee play, public play, etc.

Before play, members will show their annual membership card or homeowner's card with annual member sticker, photo ID, and Reciprocal ID card.

Check-in personnel will mark the next check box for that course on Reciprocal ID card and maintain a Reciprocal Play Record.

Record Keeping

A Reciprocal Play Record will be maintained at each club where the member's home club and date will be recorded. The data will be entered into Excel on a monthly basis by the Golf Committee and distributed to the other Golf Committees and club pros.

A report will be compiled at the end of the agreement to give data indicating the success of the program and distributed to the Golf Committees and HOA Boards.

*This agreement does not include Punch Card holders.

2) The Golf Committee recommends that tee times be changed to a 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. shot gun on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at Palo Verde in order for the Food & Beverage Committee to have a fund raising tournament in the afternoon to raise funds for additional patio furniture at Palo Verde and Cottonwood..