

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2016**

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Dick Howell, Ginger Mays, Joe Ficek, Glenn Martinsen, Bert Paul, David Florence

Members Absent: Rita Benfer

Board Liaison: Woody Neiman

Communications Committee Liaison : Barry Mostovoy

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

Visitors Present: Steve Nolan, Eric Ehst, Ron Chase, John Larsen

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the March 3rd, meeting were made by Dick Howell and seconded by Ginger Mays.

Comments from Visitors:

Eric Ehst and Ron Chase were here to talk about Neighbors Who Care, Inc.

John Larsen was at the meeting to discuss the Cottonwood Open Men's and Women's Golf Championship. This is a new event that would be held at the Cottonwood Golf course. John informed the committee that this event would be held the last Saturday and Sunday of February in 2017. This event would be a charity event that would help out the Neighbors Who Care, Inc.

The golf committee had several questions concerning this event, and after a lengthy discussion, Richard Hair told John that he needed to get with the Pro Shop and be more flexible with the dates for this event, for he had chosen dates that are already going to be very busy with both Men's clubs at Cottonwood and Palo Verde.

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd reported that he is getting bids for the leveling of the driving range at Cottonwood. Bill said that this job would probably start either the last 2 weeks of July or the first 2 weeks of August 2016.

Bill also told us the dates for aerification of both golf courses, which will happen twice this summer, and the schedule will be as follow:

Palo Verde will be closed on May 23rd, Monday and reopen on May 28th, Saturday.
Cottonwood will be closed on June 6th, Monday and reopen on June 11th, Saturday. Palo Verde will be closed on August 8th, Monday and reopen on August 13th, Saturday.
Cottonwood will be closed on August 15th, Monday and reopen on August 20th, Saturday.

Bill said that Steve Nolan, Woody Neiman, Desmond Dakin and he have been discussing the cart path brooming that they have tried doing on the golf course. Bill said for this project to be a success, it would mean that the entire cart paths would have to be broomed and it would definitely be a very expensive project. They will still look into other options though.

Bill, along with Steve Nolan and Jim Miller had met with a couple of contractors discussing putting in new bridges on the Cottonwood golf course. This project will be several more weeks for the contractors to get back to them with bids.

Bill said that he is getting quotes for leveling of the remaining tee boxes at both Palo Verde and Cottonwood. He is hoping to get these bids back by next month.

Bill said that the new fountain at Palo Verde on hole #9 is in and working and looks really nice at night all lite up.

Richard Hair emailed the golf committee the USGA Report that was done on March 9, 2016. This report summarized the discussions and recommendations that were made during this visit. The focus of the visit was to review general course conditions and offer suggestions for long-range and short-term improvements. Dick Howell suggested that we get a committee to look at this report and prioritize the improvements, making sure that they are included on the 3-5 year plan for golf course maintenance. Richard Hair said that he would get a committee together and proceed with Dick's suggestion.

Desmond Dakin reported that the CMGA Club Champion was Mark Higgs. The Member/Guest and Cottonwood Ryder Cup went extremely well. The Home and Home with Oakwood is presently being played and the CW/PV Ryder Cup will be on the 23rd of April.

The CLGA Partners Tournament champions were Mary Lu Esget and Nadine Sanders. Today the 7th of April, the CLGA were holding their Member/Guest and the PICO tournament will be held on the 14th and 21st of April.

The 9ers had their Member/Guest Tournament, and also had the Oakwood ladies come and play golf with them. Their farewell luncheon will be on Thursday the 14th of April.

Desmond mentioned that the Twilight Couples will be run by Chris their new assistant this year.

Desmond says that the last Ping Demo day of the season was April 7th. Desmond said that the 2nd FootJoy fitting day was a huge success, selling 62 pairs of shoes.

Greg Tokash reported the PVLGA's Club Champion this year was Carol Myers. The ladies had their Member/Guest with a 124 players.

The Lady 9er's had their final golfing event with patio party to end their season. Joey Forsythe ran this event and did a great job.

The Friday Couples held their Couples Championship event with the winners being John & Colleen Mitchell as Gross Champs and Jerry Conner & Marion Carr as the Net Champs.

PVMGA held their Club Championship and the winner of this event was Jerry Davis. Home & Home with Oakwood went well with 92 players. The Member/Guest had 120 players and the Champions were Gary Zahnow & Gerry Kuczek.

Greg said that the SLWA Fundraiser was held with 124 players for this event.

Greg also reported on the rounds of golf as of March 31st. Palo Verde is up over 460 rounds and Cottonwood was also up from last year. Golf Annuals are above what was budgeted for the 2015-2016 year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Suggestion Cards:

Desmond received a comment card from Lila Ritchie telling Mark that she appreciated getting a friend of hers out to his tee-box for he was late arriving at the pro shop.

The second comment card was from Tim Lamb wondering if chits could pay for daily golf or golf passes. Desmond told him that chits are only used to buy store merchandise and/or can be used to buy range balls for the driving range.

Article for Golf Committee Website:

Bert Paul will be in charge of looking at this website and will be making updates and changes to keep our community well informed.

Short game facility at Cottonwood:

The short game facility cannot be done in 2016 or possibly 2017, so according to Roger Beagle, the Facility & Grounds doesn't know how long the prices would be good for if we got the conceptual plan this year. So they would rather wait until it got closer to the time when they are actually going to bring it to the Board of Directors.

Smaller bucket of range balls for driving range:

Desmond said that the ball machine we have would not adjust to give any smaller bucket of balls that it gives now.

New Business:

Smoking on shotgun days: It was suggested that the players who do smoke while sitting in their golf carts on shotgun days, to just be aware that your smoke is probably going over to the next players carts who either have health issues or just don't like the smell.

Comments from Board Liaison:

Woody Neiman said he was excited to be back as liaison for this committee after being gone for several years.

Comments from Committee Members:

Ginger Mays read a thank you letter from the Sun Lakes Fire Department thanking the Lady Niners for their donation of over \$6500 that was raised during their Member/Guest event.

Dick Howell was wondering how long the 4 holes at Cottonwood would be cart path only. Bill Todd said that they will be making a judgment call weekly as to when they will allow golf carts back on these holes.

Dick Howell said it would be nice when the homeowners that are using the short game sand bunkers at Palo Verde and the fairway sand bunker at Cottonwood, would please rake after their done practicing. This comment is just a courtesy to the next person who also wants to practice from those bunkers.

Glenn Martinsen said that there are some missing sand bottles on the tee boxes at holes 4 and 16 at Cottonwood. Bill said that he would get those holes provided with sand bottles.

Joe Ficek asked Bill Todd if it would be beneficial for him and his workers to close the golf courses, (one course at a time) in the morning to accomplish some work that needs to be done on each golf course during the summer months. Bill said that he would like to discuss this matter at next month's meeting.

Richard Hair asked that all club representatives get their calendars ready by May 5th for the 2017 golf season.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 5th, at 2:00 pm in the ceramics room.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch