

**COTTONWOOD PALO VERDE
GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2016**

Members Present: Cindy Bosch, Richard Hair, Dick Howell, Rita Benfer, David Florence, Tom Rainville

Members Absent: Ginger Mays, Joseph Ficek, Bert Paul

Board Liaison: Bill Greer

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

Visitors Present: Don Hicks and Steve Martz

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Motion to approve minutes from the May 5th, meeting were made by Dick Howell and seconded by Dave Florence, motion carried.

Comments from visitors:

None

Staff Reports:

Bill Todd said that this has been the hottest and least amount of rain he has seen since he began working here, but the transition for both golf courses are fair and the course conditions look good.

Bill reported that the leveling of the driving range at Cottonwood is completed and will reopen on October 10th.

Bill said that he and his crew will be busy doing some prep work on the courses to get ready for the overseeding month of October.

Bill informed us that holes 10 and 11 at Cottonwood would stay cart path only until further notice, but 16 and 17 may open before over seeding.

Bill wanted to let the committee know that during the holiday season for about 45 days, they do not water the roughs along all fence lines at Palo Verde. He knows that Christmas decorations are being installed around the golf course side, but would like us to look into that amount of days where these areas are not getting any water.

Bill said that there will be no more golf cup rings placed at either golf courses as of today.

Desmond Dakin reported that the CMGA's regular Ace of Aces through the 3 months , summer sizzler and the cross country tournament were very popular.

Desmond said that the CLGA, 9ers and Sunday Couples leagues had a quiet hot summer due to some of the restrictions on the course, combined with the heat and humidity.

Desmond did say that the Twilight Couples did stay very popular as usual though.

Greg Tokash reported the PVLGA continued on with their summer league play and have an upcoming scramble, luncheon and meeting to be held on Tuesday, the 20th of September.

The Friday Couples averaged 10-15 couples in their am shotgun for the summer months.

Twilight Couples were averaging between 12-20 couples per week and will end on the September 29th, Thursday with the glow ball event.

PVMGA held their summer league on September 1st with Ironwood, Sun Lakes Country Club and Sunbird, which had a total of 79 players for that event.

Greg mentioned the upcoming events for September which will start with the Labor Day Flag Tournament being held on September 4th, Sunday, and has 84 players signed up for that event. The Assistant Pro Fall Skins Game will be held on September 27th, Tuesday at Palo Verde. Betting will take place before the high noon match begins. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Greg also gave us the closing dates for the upcoming overseeding for October:

10/3 - 10/23 - Palo Verde Closed

10/10 - 10/30 - Cottonwood Closed

10/10 - Cottonwood driving range reopens

Greg also said that the new calendars should be available on October 15th, the same day that your golf annuals can be purchased for the upcoming 2016/2017 golf season.

Greg also reported on the rounds of golf as of August, which were slightly down from last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Suggestion Cards:

Desmond received several comment cards about the cup rings. They all suggested that they be removed. Desmond again said that they will be removed from both golf courses. He also received a comment card complimenting Bill and his crew that the back nine holes, especially at Cottonwood, were cut perfectly, with the right depth, sharp edges and no liners, this gentleman, appreciated that.

Desmond also received a comment card about the bathrooms being left open during play hours but have decided to leave them locked and issue keys.

Desmond received a letter from a golfer inquiring about the format that is being used for Sunday Couple teams. Desmond said he will look into this matter.

Golf Forum:

Richard Hair wanted to remind us of the golf forum that is being held on September 2nd, Friday morning at 9 AM in the Saguaro Room.

Report from Sub-Committee:

Richard Hair and his committee, along with Bill Todd and Mark Leibfried have decided to leave hole 15 green at Cottonwood alone at this time. The committee agreed with Bill Todd to shut down the back nine for 2 days a week, which Bill Todd said that those days in July helped him and his crew out tremendously and appreciated it very much.

New Business:

Worn out or missing yardage markers on sprinkler heads:

Bill Todd said that his crews have cleaned up all yardage markers in the fairways and they look like new again.

Pin placements using the Quadrant system at Cottonwood:

The golf committee decided to keep the colored flags on the Cottonwood golf course.

Comments from Board Liaison:

Bill Greer reported the Board of Directors activities for the month.

Comments from Committee Members:

Dave Florence proposed to the golf committee to have an 8:30 am shotgun and a 1 pm shotgun at Palo Verde for the winter months only, instead of a 9 am and 1 pm shotgun.

Dick Howell made a motion to this proposal, Rita Benfer seconded and motion was carried.

Tom Rainville informed Bill Todd that the tee markers needed to be aligned better on the tee boxes. Bill said that he will look into that and make this situation better.

Tom Rainville also made a motion to install steps the on West side of tee box on hole 18 on the Cottonwood golf course. Rita Benfer seconded it and motion was carried.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 6th, at 1:00 pm in the ceramics room.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Bosch