

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) was convened by the Chairman, John McDonnell, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Lydia F. Bolinger, William L. Herrick, Stephen D. Roath, and Susan Williamson. Mary Hufford was excused. Also attending were Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and Peggy S. Yamada, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club. Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on August 7, 2015, was approved as written. Report Approved

The Chairman reported that the remarkable story for the summer was the ongoing work of Mr. Swint in the continuing efforts to save both water and the golf course. He also reported that a player sent correspondence suggesting ways to improve the golf teeing areas, which will be discussed in the Superintendent's report. Chairman's Report

There was no GRF Board report as Mary Lou Delpech, the Committee's GRF Board representative, did not attend the meeting. The GAC wished her well and hopes she has a fast recovery. GRF Board Report

In Ms. Hufford's absence, Ms. Yamada, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported that the All Clubs Charity Tournament for the Braun's House Hospice was a success. There were over 100 participants, and the representatives were impressed with the turnout. Club Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, Women's 9-Hole Club representative, announced that the Club has 167 members and will have a guest day on September 17th. The Club is also working on its new slate of officers for next year.

Mr. Roath, Rossmoor Men's Golf Club representative, reported the following: 1) the Club's membership is 390; 2) the Member-Member Golf Tournament is next up; and 3) the directory is still being worked on.

Ms. Williamson, Happy Hackers Golf Club representative, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 215 members; and 2) the clinics continue to be very popular and overbooked.

Mr. Terry, reporting for the Golf Hosting Program, said that program information will be presented before the Contra Costa Board of Realtors at its meeting in the coming month. The program hosts have completed their presentation to Rossmoor Realty and plan to have the other two realtors finished by December.

Mr. Heptig did not have the financial report since the numbers were not available from Accounting in time for the GAC's meeting. The golf management report is attached and reflects several big tournaments during the month. Mr. Heptig reported that the GRF budget meeting will be coming up and will entertain slight increases in guest fees and annual fees. There will be proposals for the continuing turf reduction program and a companion request for budget consideration for necessary maintenance items related to the drought impact on the course. There will also be a proposal to review the maintenance level for the cart paths. As a golf cart path, there is less need for attention to cracks and uneven surfaces. However, on days when the golf course is closed, the golf cart paths become walking paths for the residents, so there is a need to entertain improvement of the paths to a walking standard. Mr. Heptig will present these issues to the GRF during the budget meetings.

Staff
Reports

Each year at this time, the Pro Shop recognizes the "Folds of Honor" program, which provides scholarships for children and wives of fallen soldiers. Collections are taken for this program at the Pro Shop over the Labor Day weekend. This is part of a nationwide golf association program.

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. The subject of most of Mr. Swint's report centered on the reduction of water usage while saving the critical infrastructure of the course itself. A new term was added to the GAC's vocabulary: "Primary Turf Area". This is a designation for when the focus will be on saving turf during the drought. Note the need for increased spending on areas that will need long-term adjustments. The plan focus is beyond the immediate drought and continuing to prepare the course in such a way as to minimize future water use while maintaining a quality facility.

The Committee commended Mr. Swint on his comprehensive and effective approach to water management and turf reduction, and his adaptive approach to a very serious combination of problems caused by the drought.

It was reported that the tee issue has been reviewed. The wear is normal for the amount of play the course gets and the small size of the tee areas available. Mr. Swint will see if there can be any additional measures taken to mitigate the wear problem. This will likely be in the form of moving the permitted band of tee areas forward or backward from the USGA measuring point.

Tee Issue
Discussed

Mr. Nitta reported that Mr. Heptig and the Marshals seem to have resolved the problem that was caused by early-start golfers backing up play on the course. A combination of providing instruction, raising the level of awareness, and achieving cooperation with the early starters did the trick.

Chief
Marshal's
Report

The Clubs were reminded to provide names to Mr. Heptig to volunteer for the golf portion of the Rossmoor Games. The GAC will sponsor the putting contest, which was popular at last year's games.

Rossmoor
Games

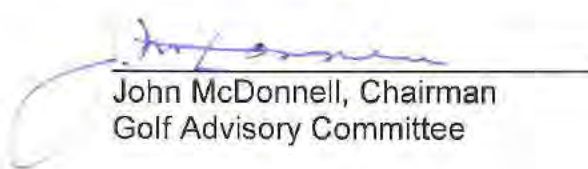
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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was Adjournment
adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015, at Next Mtg.
9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex. 10/2/15



John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee

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Attachments