

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, JULY 10 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, July 10, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Lydia F. Bolinger, William L. Herrick, Mary Hufford, Donald A. Terry, Susan Williamson, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Stephen D. Roath was absent. Also attending were Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; and Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal. Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on June 5, 2015, was approved as written. Report Approved

The Chairman announced that there would be an executive session of the Committee following this regular meeting. Announcements

The Committee unanimously elected Mr. Terry as Vice Chairman of the Committee. Election of Vice

The Chairman then welcomed Mr. Herrick as the newest member of the GAC. Chairman/Chairman's

Ms. Delpech encouraged everyone to fill out the broadband survey. She also updated the GAC on the Fitness Center renovation project and the search for a new CEO. Welcome/GRF Board Report/

Ms. Hufford, Women's 18-Hole Club representative, reported the following: 1) the Club has a full and busy schedule; 2) the Invitational Tournament was held; and 3) the Club hosted the Fourth of July Tournament as it has in past years, and there were 120 participants. Club Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, Women's 9-Hole Club representative, announced the upcoming Jamboree Tournament and reported on the Contra Costa First Tee girls' event, which is always very popular, fun, and special for everyone. Club members are paired with a Contra Costa First Tee girl for a round of golf. The girls score very well on the Rossmoor course; one girl shot 40 and another 42, which impressed the Club.

In Mr. Roath's absence, Mr. Herrick gave the report for the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club and reported that the Men's Invitational was very successful and a good time was had by all. He also reported that the Club will make donations to the Rossmoor Fund and the NCGA Foundation Youth on Course Program.

Ms. Williamson, Happy Hackers Golf Club representative, reported that the Club will be hosting its double scramble and expects a good turnout. She also said that the Club continues to be very popular and has good participation at its tournaments.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report (see attached) which included number of rounds played, receipts from golf as well as Pro Shop receipts for merchandise, car rental, club repair, golf lessons, and driving range tokens. He reported that the courses have been extremely busy with several instances of multiple tournaments being held on the same day, and that both rounds of golf played and revenues are up over last year. In addition, Mr. Heptig noted that he recently spoke to the Rossmoor Water Conservation Club and talked about turf reduction. He gave the Club insight into the successful water conservation measures for the golf course, and reported that the course is meeting the 40% reduction goal from the baseline year of 2013.

Staff
Reports

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. He reported that most of the recent activity centers around the reduction of water usage while saving the critical infrastructure of the course itself, and that there has been a great deal of work performed over the last several years preparing the course to survive a drought. He also pointed out that improvements that are being made to reduce water usage will continue even after the drought ends. Removal of sprinkler heads, as well as repositioning and reducing areas watered, have been significant.

Mr. Nitta, Chief Marshal, reported that Marshal Harry Laiolo retired from service. Stephen Pinter was appointed to fill the marshal position vacated by Mr. Laiolo.

Appointment
of New
Marshal/
Rossmoor
Games

The Clubs were asked to provide names of volunteers to Mr. Heptig for the golf portion of the Rossmoor Games. The GAC will sponsor the putting contest, which was very popular last year.

The idea of adding a combination tee component to the golf course was introduced to determine if it would merit further discussion. Combination tees are encouraged by the USGA/NCGA to "play it forward" and are found at many golf courses. The idea is to allow golfers to choose a length of course that would allow them to "reach the green in regulation". It "combines" the use of existing teeing areas to manage the course length. The Committee decided to explore this further and will put Richard Scheffer, Handicap Chairman for the RMGC, on the agenda for the GAC's August meeting.

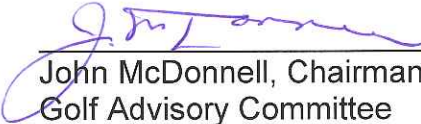
Combination
Tees
Discussed

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 10:10 a.m. in the Board Room.

Recess

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, August 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee