

## GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016, 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, April 8, 2016, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on March 11, 2016, was approved as written. Report Approved

During the Residents' Forum, nine residents presented their concerns to the Committee regarding the use of mulch in front of their manors. An e-mail describing the residents' concerns was previously provided to the GRF Board. The GAC received a copy of the e-mail at this meeting. All of the speakers were opposed to the planned use of mulch in front of their manors. The residents wanted to know what would happen next. The residents were told that a meeting would be arranged to review the plan with the Turf Reduction Committee, Mr. Heptig, and interested residents (the meeting has since been scheduled for Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. at the Creekside Clubhouse). Residents' Forum

Following the Residents' Forum, which lasted a little over one hour, the GAC took a short recess and continued its meeting at approximately 10:20 a.m. Recess

The Chairman provided the GAC members with a recap of the drought mitigation efforts, a copy of which is attached. The Chairman noted that the report was written prior to the meeting. Chairman's Report

Ms. Delpech reported that the GRF Board approved a large paving contract for the Trust areas of Rossmoor. GRF Board Report

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported that the Club's big event was the Sassy Sixties group of 224 players splitting playing time between Rossmoor and Ruby Hills. Each group of 112 players played Rossmoor on one of two days. The participants represented all the country clubs from the surrounding area and numerous compliments were received regarding the condition of the Rossmoor course and facilities. Ms. Hufford noted that the Rules Committee from the WGANC suggested a local rule regarding play from the creek behind #2 at Dollar. Lastly, she reported that the Club currently has 121 members. Club Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 152 members; and 2) this year's Spring Fling matched Club members with members of the Women's 18-Hole Club as guests. The luncheon and fashion show followed play on the Dollar course.

Mr. Roath, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported the following: 1) the Club had two tournaments: one at home and one Home and Home event in Richmond. The Home and Home events bring in clubs from the area, and players are matched with a host players and a guest; 2) there is a great deal of work being done to upgrade communications and the website, and the website, in particular, is a combined effort with the other Clubs; 3) the Club's Christmas event is being re-engineered to be more inviting to all members of the golf community. Just how to do that is currently being discussed with all the Clubs; and 4) the Club currently has 365 members.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers Club, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 186 members; and 2) the Club's second tournament was rained out, and the Club is keeping its fingers crossed that the next Saturday tournament is a dry day!

Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report, which are attached. He then reported the following: 1) rain affects play but not shopping at the Pro Shop; 2) the golf season has a full schedule, and it will be that way until the end of October; 3) turf reduction is getting a lot of attention from residents along the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fairways; and 4) the goose eggs are being oiled in hopes of keeping the flock size down.

Staff  
Reports

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. He reported that water continues to be the driving force for work on the golf course and that he and his crew work in time frames that are in the range of the present until 50 years from now. First and foremost, the work revolves around the ability of the golf course (green belt) to survive. All of the improvements to the golf course, decomposed granite, path repairs, and green/fairway maintenance are linked to the community's need to effectively manage the water. He also stated that turf reduction and repositioning of sprinkler heads, spray patterns, and volumes of water used by each sprinkler is closely monitored, as is the proper functioning of the sprinkler heads and the timing mechanisms. There are 3,000 sprinkler heads on the golf course, and Mr. Swint knows them all!

Mr. Nitta reported that his crew is back at full strength as a few were out for winter repairs to various parts of their bodies. He said that his crew is a good one and was rewarded with name tags. He told the GAC that "Player Assistant" is the name that some courses give to its marshals and they do assist the players. Some of the routine service is helping find lost golf clubs, head covers, and players, all the while keeping folks from driving their carts on the green and, seriously, keeping the unaware players from damaging the course.

Chief  
Marshal's  
Report

There being no further business to come before the Committee and being exhausted from the record-long meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex. Next Mtg. 5/13/16

  
John McDonnell, Chairman  
Golf Advisory Committee 'PJ

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