

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017, 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 14, 2017, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Mary Jane Hargrove, William L. Herrick, Mary Hufford, Robert L. Montgomery, Susan Williamson, and Mary Lou Delpech, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Also attending were Timothy O'Keefe, CEO; 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 March 10, 2017, was approved with the following correction to the first paragraph on page 2 (correction in *italics*): Report Approved as Corrected

"Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 135 members; 2) there was a bump in membership since the beginning of the year, *with 17 new members added*; and 3) the Club's first scramble will take place on March 18th."

Mr. Heptig reported that there will be an article in the Rossmoor News regarding Rossmoor residents' donations of golf clubs and other golf related items to the First Tee Program. He also reported that he has secured three more outside tournaments to add to the schedule, which will help the Department's bottom line. Correspondence

Ms. Delpech reported on the progress of the Del Valle Complex Renovation Project, including the selection of a new name that will be chosen by a contest or a substantial naming donation. She also reported the following: 1) the Del Valle pool will be closed while construction begins on the Fitness Center; 2) the GRF Board recently approved funds for obtaining architectural plans for adding ramps at the entrance and back of the Dollar Clubhouse for improved accessibility; 3) the Rossmoor Gardens will soon have improvements including a restroom with infrastructure being provided by Pulte Homes, and there are considerations regarding mitigating homeless encampments in the area; and 4) street paving will begin throughout the valley when weather permits. GRF Board Report

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) there are currently 125 members; and 2) the Club recently hosted the Spring Fling and fashion show, which is a combined event with the Women's 9-Hole Club. The Clubs alternate hosting duties each year. It was agreed that a good time was had by all! Club Reports

Ms. Hargrove, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: 1) the Club has 145 members; and 2) the Club's play dates, team play, and seminars have all been scheduled.

Mr. Montgomery, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club (RMGC), reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 359 members; 2) Mr. Heptig attended the RMGC's monthly Board meeting and reviewed and answered questions about the capital budget and plans. The information was well received by the members, and the Board appreciated the detailed information. Mr. Montgomery thought it went so well that the other Clubs may want to have Mr. Heptig speak at their board meetings; 3) the RMGC will sponsor a lunch for the maintenance crew at their scheduled lunch time in the Maintenance Building on May 4th. The lunch is intended as recognition and appreciation for the care they take in the maintaining the golf course; 4) the website, www.rossmoorgolf.com, is being revised to add additional user friendly information; 5) the 23rd Member Guest Invitational will be held on June 2nd. Sponsors include Comcast-Xfinity, Walnut Creek Honda, Mike's Auto Body, and Manor Care; 6) ACE Hardware is providing a shed for the RMGC to use as a replacement for the one that was destroyed when the oak tree fell on the old shed earlier this year. The Club will reserve a hole sponsorship for ACE Hardware; and 7) the Marin Home and Home Tournament across the Bay was rained out and will be rescheduled, although it's difficult to coordinate calendars for an alternate date. Everybody is waiting for the weather to change for the better.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported the following: 1) the Club currently has 157 members; 2) the April Scramble was rained out but the dinner was held as scheduled; and 3) the May Scramble scheduled for May 20th will be the annual double scramble played on the Dollar Course.

Mr. Terry, representing the Golf Hosting Program, did not have a report this month.

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Mr. Heptig presented the financial report and the Golf Management report, which are attached. The story continues to be the unrelenting rain, which has limited play on the golf course. This has impacted revenue and sales for golf and the Pro Shop. He also reported the following: 1) three more outside tournaments have been scheduled, which will help increase revenue; 2) there is a new "restroom shuttle" that golfers can use from the 5th tee to the Creekside Clubhouse. This is to accommodate golfers who walk the course and may need to use the restroom before continuing their round. Cost and construction complications were considered when trying to find a solution to the restroom issue; 3) the speakers at the driving range were redirected in an attempt to reduce sound carrying across the course; 4) the 16 classes recently scheduled were so popular that another set of classes has been added; 5) a Cleveland Golf Putting Clinic is scheduled for May 19th, cost to be determined. The Cleveland Golf Company also sponsors a popular wedge clinic, which includes instruction and the wedge; and 6) the Callaway Golf Company will have a "demo day" on the driving range. Throughout the summer, different manufacturers have a day where they bring clubs and allow residents to try the company's equipment at the driving range for no cost. Residents can be fitted for the equipment and receive a discounted price should they choose to buy on "demo day".

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached. He announced that California continues to set or break rainfall records. So far this season, a total of 9 large trees and 3 medium trees have been lost on or around the courses. There is a large oak tree off the 8th fairway that came down. The ground will not support the removal equipment now, so the tree removal will be delayed. Mr. Swint also reported that there was a race to get the fairways mowed between the rains. If the grass gets too high and is not mowed correctly, the grass will die. Golfers benefited from good equipment and skilled/dedicated workers who were able to get the job done in a 48-hour window! Lastly, Mr. Swint reported that Spring aeration of the fairways has started though slowed by the rain. Replacement equipment has arrived for this year and, as mentioned, this equipment greatly increases the crew's efficiency. He expressed gratitude for the funds approved in the 2017 GRF budget that allowed the equipment purchase this year.

Mr. Nitta gave the Chief Marshal's report. The Marshals, Mr. Heptig, and Securitas have the emergency plan in place for access to the golf course and improved security after hours. There have been no player incidents to report since last month, and no one had further information on the golf cart incident recently reported in the Rossmoor News.

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

Adjourn-
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The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, May 12, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

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John McDonnell, Chairman
Golf Advisory Committee