

## GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

REGULAR MEETING  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 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, May 8, 2015, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were Donald A. Terry, Vice Chairman, Lydia F. Bolinger, Michael J. Devlin, Mary Hufford, Stephen D. Roath, Susan Williamson, and Barbara S. Jordan, ex-officio member and GRF Board representative. Also attending were Mary Lou Delpuch, Secretary, GRF; Mark K. Heptig, Director of Golf; Blake Swint, Golf Course Superintendent; Dickey Nitta, Chief Marshal; and three residents. Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on April 10, 2015, was approved as written. Report Approved

The Residents' Forum was moved up on the agenda to accommodate the resident speakers. Two resident speakers chastised the GRF Board and the GAC for its handling of the fence around the reservoir. The residents' written comments are attached. Residents' Forum

The Chairman announced that there will be one opening on the GAC next month. He also announced that he would be absent from the June meeting. Mr. Terry, the Committee's Vice Chairman, will conduct the meeting in June. Chairman's Report

Ms. Jordan reported that the majority of speakers during the Residents' Forum at the GRF Board's April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting spoke in favor of keeping the fence as part of the goose mitigation effort. She also announced that progress is being made on the search for a replacement CEO for the Golden Rain Foundation and requested the GAC to share its ideas regarding what qualities the members would like to see in a new CEO. GRF Board Report

All of the Clubs reported that the season's activities have started and that all Clubs have healthy membership numbers. Ms. Hufford, Women's 18-Hole Club representative, reported that the Handicap Tournament will start on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Club Reports

Mrs. Bolinger, Women's 9-Hole Club representative, reported that the Spring Fling was a success and that Team Play begins on the May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Roath, President of the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club, reported that the Home & Home season is in full swing. Rossmoor will host the next event in May, with Roundhill Claremont, Blackhawk, & Contra Costa Country Clubs all participating. The 21<sup>st</sup> RMGC member-guest Invitational Tournament will complete the month on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There are also plans for members to have a "divot party" toward the end of the month. Members spread out on the golf course to fill in divots left by golf shots and then have a picnic afterwards. Good for the course, good for the members!

Ms. Williamson reported that the Happy Hackers Golf Club will have its May shotgun scramble on the 9<sup>th</sup> and will have an ever-popular clinic on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Heptig presented the Golf Management report, which is attached. He reported that there is a continuing positive trend in all areas of the golf course operation. The course has 3,000 more rounds played, \$40,000 more golf course receipts, and \$14,000 more Pro Shop sales than at this time last year, which in itself was a record breaking year. He also expressed his gratitude for the support the community gave him regarding the fence. The Pro Shop staff had to endure a rash of unseemly and sometimes threatening verbal abuse both in person and on the phone. At the same time, there was a great deal of support from manor owners and other users of the golf course for the continuing effort to control the goose population. Mr. Heptig concluded by reporting that there are continuing efforts on turf reduction, water recapture, and water reduction, and that the Turf Reduction Subcommittee will meet in May for further review.

Staff  
Reports

Mr. Swint presented the Golf Course Superintendent's report, which is attached and which includes comments on water conservation. He reported that, during the month of April, we used approximately 50% less water than our 2013 base year comparison.

After Mr. Swint's report, goose mitigation efforts were discussed. It was reported that the fence has been successful in deterring and discouraging the geese from congregating in great numbers around the reservoir. The fence adds to the overall effort to reduce the goose population and to encourage them to migrate to a more appropriate habitat.

Goose  
Mitigation  
Efforts

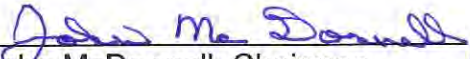
A motion was made by Mr. Terry and seconded by Roath to replace the existing temporary fence with a permanent fence. A vote on the motion was taken, and the motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to  
Install a  
Permanent  
Fence  
PASSED/  
Chief  
Marshal's  
Report

Mr. Nitta reported things were going well on the courses. He and Mr. Heptig will be meeting with Securitas on the best access to the courses in the event of an emergency.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was recessed at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened in executive session at 10:45 a.m. in the Board Room.

Recess

  
John McDonnell, Chairman  
Golf Advisory Committee