

## GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

### REGULAR MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019, 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, January 11, 2019, in the Board Room at Gateway Complex.

Present, in addition to the Chairman, were William L. Herrick, Vice Chairman, Sarah Buehrer, Mary Hufford, Michael D. Wener, Michael Weisenberg, Susan Williamson, Stephen D. Roath, 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 Golf Course Marshal.

Attendance

The report of the Committee's regular meeting held on November 9, 2019, was approved as written.

Report  
Approved

The Chairman introduced the new Committee Club representative from the 9ers, Sarah Buehrer. Sarah is a 9er Board member and Club champion. The Chairman reviewed the purpose of and gave an overview of the Committee.

Announc-  
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The Chairman read a thank you letter from a member complimentary to the condition of the course from a resident who has knowledge of the course condition before Blake worked his magic.

Correspon-  
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There were no Resident Forum speakers.

Mr. Roath, reporting on matters of the Golden Rain Foundation Board, presented current issues before the Board.

GRF Board  
Matters

Ms. Hufford, representing the Women's 18-Hole Club, reported the following: the Club currently has 98 members; and the Club will be having a rules seminar on Monday, February 25, 2019.

Club  
Reports

Ms. Buehrer, representing the Women's 9-Hole Club, reported the following: at the December Niners' Board meeting, its Membership Chair projected that starting off in January 2019 the Club has 141 members. That number has mostly likely gone up since then. The Club had its first event yesterday, January 10, with a New Members Orientation. The next event will be at the end of February – a "meet and greet" for all members. The Club is looking forward to a new year of golfing.

Dr. Weisenberg, representing the Rossmoor Men's Golf Club (RMGC), reported the following: the membership now stands at 327. This past month, there were four new members that joined. The Club has a total of 10 new members since it started the renewal process in October. The Club lost 16 members from last year because of illness, moving from Rossmoor, inability to play golf anymore, or death. There are 31 members that have not renewed at this time and have not given any reason. He thinks that many may be away and will renew by the beginning of the golf season. The roster was sent out this week and a blurb will be put in the newspaper for those that do not

have an e-mail address or would like a printed roster. It will be available on request. The holiday party in December had 165 in attendance. The RMGC made a donation to the Rossmoor Fund of \$2,000 in December. The Club's Spring meeting will have a speaker from the NCGA talk about the rule changes in golf for 2019. Twilight has added an additional month to the event. This year the Club will have an event in October as well. There is a change in the Twilight event in June. Instead of it being on the last Friday of the month, it is being moved to Tuesday, June 25, because of a conflict in getting the Event Center.

Ms. Williamson, representing the Happy Hackers, reported the following: the Happy Hackers has a current membership of 130 members. A number of its members wait until just before the first Scramble (March) until they sign up for the year. The Club had its first Board meeting in January, with 3 new Board members: Jerry Tileston, Membership; Linda Virden, Publicity; and Bruce Palmer, Treasurer. The annual orientation will be held on March 6.

Mr. Heptig presented the financial reports, which are attached. The year-end financials show a year just shy of 60,000 rounds of golf and \$1 million in revenue. Golf play is affected by weather, and this year the early rain in January of last year and the smokey days of October had an impact on the rounds played.

Staff  
Reports

Mr. Swint's Golf Course Superintendent's report is attached. Of note is a successful diversion of runoff storm water that used to flood the Gateway parking lot on the Multi-Purpose Room side nearest the golf course. This was achieved by reengineering the cart path near the 4<sup>th</sup> tee box on the Creekside course. The work was done in-house and probably saved about \$15,000 of contract work. Plus, it worked. Heavy rains tested the work during the beginning of January. The Superintendent is making liberal use of cobble to solve multiple problems, including drainage and accumulation of debris on the sidewalks from the mulch. The use of the cobble also has the benefit of adding an attractive finished look to the course and facilitates cleaning paths and sidewalks.

Under Unfinished Business, discussion continued on the proposed Golf Course Marshall Committee Charter. The review has concluded that the original Charter sufficiently addressed the concerns regarding the Marshall group's volunteer relationship. Some minor edits are now being considered to clarify the role of the head golf course Marshall and the head Marshall responsibilities to the Committee.

Golf Course  
Marshall  
Committee  
Charter

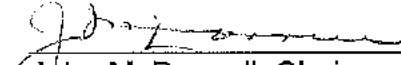
A motion was made, seconded, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint Steve Wright as the new Marshall.

New Marshall  
Appointment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn-  
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The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Gateway Complex. Next Mtg.  
2/8/19



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John McDonnell, Chairman  
Golf Advisory Committee

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