

**Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes
February 3, 2022 Riverview Meeting Room**

Present: Harry Emerson, Lisa Braegelmann, Barney Alanis, Brian Duthu, Mary Ann Rispoli, Chuck Manning, Polly Fischette, and Gloria Stump.

Harry Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Harry asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 6, 2022. There being no corrections Lisa Braegelmann moved the minutes of January 6, 2022 be accepted as posted and distributed. Mary Ann Rispoli seconded the motion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

Committee Reports:

Brian Duthu, Director of Golf, reviewed his February 2022 report. The report is attached. Brian said the savings for not overseeding is water, not the cost of seed. Fixing the lake is a year long process and the leaks from the lake are the major water usage at the present time. The desert landscaping around the golf courses will begin in 2025, when funding is available.

Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent, reviewed his February report, which is attached. Chuck reported that they are down two people at the golf courses but they are actively recruiting. They are also using liquid fertilizer and pesticide on the course to spray fairways, greens and tees.

Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head starter, reported that the pro shop has two new starters and they should be up to speed soon.

Lisa Braegelmann, WWGA President, reported that the sand in the bunkers needs to be redistributed. Chuck said they have finished the bunkers on 6 – 9 and the work continues. Lisa also reported that the WWGA Club Championship will be held March 1, 8 and 15th using a straight sheet.

Louise Sartorio, WC 9 Hole President, was unable to attend but reported to Harry that the WC 9 Hole Tournament started February 1st. She was grateful for the shotgun start so rules could be discussed prior to play. Louise thanked Chuck for painting the penalty area by hole 11. Louise reported the course is in great shape.

Polly Fischette, Men's Club Monitor, reported that the Men's Club Championship will be held March 2 and 9th. Polly also reported that no shows continue to be a problem.

Barney Alanis, WC Men's Club, reported that the course is playing well. Roll and hardness are due to the time of year.

Harry Emerson, WC Men's Club, reported that sand boxes are missing on some of the par 3's. Chuck said additional boxes have been ordered and will be placed when they arrive. Consistency of sand traps was discussed as it is a continual challenge; Chuck has finished the sand trap work on most of the front side and is moving to the back side. Some of the divot mix barrels do not seem to have much seed mixed it; Chuck will check and make sure the mix is correct.

Mary Ann Rispoli, WB 18 Hole Beautification, reported that the geese are a problem but the course is in great shape.

Laura Horvatich, WC 18 Hole Beautification, was unable to attend. Laura is working on getting pricing for the memorial pavers.

Old Business

Adopt a Hole: off to a good start with a few growing pains. Additional Divot tools are now available in the pro shop. WB is not in the program yet and the feedback is that they generally do not see a need for the program. Chuck has agreed to assist with the WC Par 3 tee boxes with increased frequency as they get pretty beat up this time of year. The grass seed will be removed from the sanding area for the people adopting a hole when the course quits using seed.

New Business

The 2022 overseed schedule was discussed in terms of taking two courses again next year out of the overseed schedule. The impact on course quality, meeting the needs and expectation of Sun City golfers, request to look at other options before adopting this as a permanent policy, along with the water reduction impact from ADWR were discussed with generally no resolution. The water reduction is an issue will not go away. Agreed to monitor other course comments and discuss with the Golf Advisory Committee.

No other issues were brought up for submission to the Golf Advisory Committee.

There being no further business Lisa Braegelmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barney Alanis and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.

Jean Emerson

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF
COURSE
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT February 3, 2022
CHUCK MANNING**

COURSE CONDITION:

January weather was beautiful, and the National Weather service has predicted that the next 30 days we will have average to normal temperatures and precipitation will be average to above normal.

Please encourage the use of the sand and seed mixture to fill divots in tees and fairways and repair ball marks on greens.

Delays due to temperature are always a possibility for the next few weeks.

The roughs are very dry, please properly dispose of smoking materials. Please repair ball marks on greens.

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 32⁰

Stimp Reading 9.3'

Fairways: HOC .600"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .125 / Soil temperature 34⁰

Stimp Reading 10.2'

Fairways: HOC .600"

Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

- ✓1. Complete fertilizer program
- ✓2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Trim deserts
4. Rake deserts
5. Divots
6. Trimmed trees
7. Smooth and add sand to bunkers

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Top dress greens
2. Raked deserts
3. Apply pre-emergent to both Creek and Brook

STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is 2 staff members short. New staff will start 2/7/2022

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Cell: 623-332-6155 Office: (623) 233-5016 Email: cmanning@suncityaz.org

Director of Golf Report

February 2022

Pro Shops

Golf rounds in the first half of January Started off slightly behind prior year, but significantly improved weather over prior year resulted in strong finish. For the month total rounds played were 4,487 higher than prior year. For the month total revenue exceeded budget by 13.1% and prior year by 18.7%. Merchandise Sales revenue was the only major category that did not exceed budget.

Free golf clinics will be offered March 5, 12, 19 & 26, at Lakes East/Lakes West, classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Topics covered are Ball Flight, Golf Swing Fundamentals, Chipping and putting. There is no need to preregister and the clinics are open to golfers of all skill levels. The clinics are a great introduction to the game of golf or great way to brush up on your game. Clinics are conducted by PGA professionals.

On February 17th, Lakes East/Lakes West will be hosting the annual Teal Ribbon Tournament. The event is open to ladies and men and no handicap is required. It is a 9 hole event with a 9:30 shotgun start and lunch follows play at Sundial. Proceeds benefit the University of Arizona Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer research. The entry fee is \$30.00 per person, entry forms may be picked up and turned in to any pro shop.

Snack Shops

The robust rounds performance resulted in higher Snack Shop traffic, total Snack Shop revenue exceeded budget by 7.6%.

Golf Courses

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule was presented to the Golf Advisory Committee last month. We will continue our practice of a single, more aggressive aerification. In addition to regular aerification events we will be solid tine aerifying more frequently. Solid tines do not impact the green surface to the extent of hollow tines and do not require course closures. Fairway verticutting begins at the end of April and in two day blocks. Though it does not eliminate transition related issues, it does open the grass canopy by thinning out the rye grass, allowing the bermuda base to recover from dormancy quicker. Please review the attached schedule with your respective clubs for any conflicts we may have missed.

2022 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES
Golf Course will be Closed

Fairway Verticutting

| | | |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mon-Tue | April 25, 26 | Willowcreek |
| Thu-Fri | April 28, 29 | Willowbrook |
| Mon-Tue | May 2, 3 | Lakes West |
| Thu-Fri | May 5, 6 | Riverview |
| Mon-Tue | May 9, 10 | North |
| Thu | May 12 | Quail |

Fairways Aerification

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Thu-Fri | May 16, 17 | Willowcreek |
| Mon | May 19, 20 | Willowbrook |
| Thu-Fri | May 23, 24 | Lakes West |
| Mon-Tue | May 26, 27 | Lakes East |
| Thu-Fri | June 2, 3 | Riverview |
| Mon-Tue | June 6, 7 | North |
| Thu | June 9 | Quail |
| Mon-Tue | June 20, 21 | South |

Greens Aerification

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| Thu, Fri | June 23, 24 | Willowbrook |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | June 27-29 | Willowcreek |
| Thu, Fri | June 30-July 1 | Lakes East |
| Tue, Wed, Thu | July 5-7 | Lakes West |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | July 11-13 | Riverview |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | July 18-20 | North |
| Mon, Tue | July 25, 26 | Quail |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | Aug 1-3 | South |

2022 OVERSEED SCHEDULE
Golf Course will be Closed

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Overseed</u> | <u>Opens</u> | <u>Off Cart Path</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lakes East | Sept 26 | Oct 15 | Nov 4 |
| Riverview | Sept 26 | Oct 15 | Nov 4 |
| Willowcreek | Sept 26 | Oct 15 | Nov 4 |
| South | Sept 26 | Oct 15 | Nov 4 |
| Lakes West | Oct 17 | Nov 5 | Nov 25 |
| Quail Run | Oct 17 | Nov 5 | Nov 25 |
| Willowbrook* | Oct 17 | Nov 5 | Limited Restrictions |
| North* | Oct 17 | Nov 5 | Limited Restrictions |