

## SCWGA UMBRELLA BOARD MINUTES

February 15, 2023

Talisman Meeting Room

Meeting called to order at 8:59am by **Umbrella President Rosie Oblinger**

### **Attendees:**

Rosie Oblinger, Wendy Otto, Jody Ault, Mariann Peterson, Sharon Graham, Linda Sears, Karen Madison, Linda Metzger, Barb Duhlstine-Robarge, Susan Brooks, Arlene Balazic, Bev Piette, Kat Fund (?), Brian Duthu

### **Secretary Report: Wendy Otto**

Procedure for distribution of minutes: Draft minutes will be emailed within one week of the meeting and responses will be due back to the secretary one week after that (deadlines will be in the email). Final minutes will be sent out with the agenda a week before the meeting.

Approve the minutes from the Jan 18, 2023 meeting

M/S Sue Brooks/Linda Sears

PASS

### **Treasurer Report: Judy Cockerill**

2023 dues have been paid and refunds for 2022 have been issued to the leagues.

### **VP/Tournament Chair: Karen Madison**

March Better Ball: Lakes West 7:30 start time. 91 teams signed up

### **President Elect: Arlene Balazic**

No Report

### **Team Play Coordinator: Linda Metzger**

Concerns expressed that after team play the participants are taking more snacks than were budgeted for & purchased. Please follow courtesy when taking snacks. Discussion about Team Play Fun Day occurred.

### **Director of Golf: Brian Duthu**

Report attached at end of minutes

### **Pro Shops: Chris Linam**

No report

### **Old Business: Rosie Oblinger**

Discuss proposal to allow walkers during all SCWGA sponsored events

**South:** Prefer no walkers

**Willowcreek:** Almost 50/50. Concerns that play would be slowed down and no opportunity to strategize if on a team event.

**Lakes West:** Shotgun start not a good idea with walkers. Thought was to maybe try the idea out & see what happens. Concerns that walkers would start to think they should be starting off on the first tees.

**North:** 75% of the membership are not in favor of the idea.

**Riverview:** Supports walkers during our tournaments. Try it and see how it works.

Discussion about possibly trying walkers through the end of March (team play). Concern expressed that not making a decision today about whether to implement walkers is wishy-washy. Reminder that presidents are representing their leagues.

M/S Linda Sears **Fail for lack of second**

Allow walkers on trail basis for team play & tournaments through the end of March.

**M/S Jody Ault/ Barb Duhlstine-Robarge**

**No changes to current structure for walkers in SCWGA team play & tournaments**

**3-1 PASS**

**New Business:**

Rosie brought up the purpose of the Umbrella Board. She gave some history of how the league got to “play it forward” (yellow tees) and combo tees (Riverview/Lakes West). She reminded the presidents that the Umbrella voted in March of 2022 that combo tees and yellow tees would be used for the 2022-2023 season. Riverview-Lakes West have combo tees and North, South and Willowcreek play from yellow.

During the Sun City Open, a decision was made (by the sponsoring league, North) during the tournament to change the tee box from the combo to the yellow on holes 5 & 15. That changed the slope and rating of the course.

Discussion occurred about how that change impacted the tournament. General agreement that once the Umbrella makes a decision for the season, the leagues should respect that decision and adhere to it.

Sue Brooks, Willowcreek: *Questions*

***Are sweeps collected in addition to entry fee for SCWGA tournaments:***

YES and collected every day of the tournament

***Who paid for the snacks for the Open?*** A discussion was held regarding how/where a league pays for the snacks. North paid out of 50/50 after paying the winners. 50/50 money is split, with \$100 going to the Umbrella and the rest going to winners of 50/50

***Closest to the pin were paid in cash not CERT....is that normal?*** Discussion occurred. North paid it from their half of the 50/50.

Karen Madison purchased 3 tape measures and will donate them to the Umbrella so the closest to the pin markers can be left on the side of the green and not on the green somewhere.

**M/S Linda Sears/Sue Brooks**

**PASS**

**All SCWGA tournaments payouts will be paid via CERTs from the sweeps and entry fees.**

***Will we continue to use decimal points (handicap) in SCWGA tournaments?*** Rosie explained that using the decimal points helps when there are ties. Discussion about how to handle decimal points going forward with tournaments occurred. Conversation about how Golf Genius sees/uses decimal points. General agreement that using one decimal point with handicap would be fine if consistent & sponsoring leagues may decide how they want the cards to be set up. USGA rules apply where necessary.

## **Tabled to March meeting for more research**

***When two courses are used for tournaments, how do you come up with gross & net winners?*** (December 2022 Better Ball example). Rosie explained that due to interest in the tournament, two courses were selected. Willowcreek hosted the higher flights (yellow tees) where Riverview hosted the middle and lower handicaps (combo tees). The players handicaps were adjusted depending on which course was played. December is challenging due to the amount of daylight.

## **Bev Piette, Lakes West** Champion of Champions Tournament Questions

Questions about the food following the Champion of Champions Tournament as well as the payouts.

Approved Budget for 2023

Champion dinner fund: \$425.00

Champion payout:

1<sup>st</sup>: \$125.00 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$105.00 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$85.00 4<sup>th</sup>: \$65.00 5<sup>th</sup>: \$45.00 Hole in One: \$25.00

## ***Who does Lakes West contact for rules people and volunteers on the course to help?***

You may use rules people from your own course. They need to be available for the Champion of Champions. Volunteers from the sponsoring course are needed to keep scores for the players. The sponsoring course may ask for help from other courses.

Tees will be yellow at South & Willowcreek and combo at Riverview.

Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge: Octogenarian Tournament coming up. A donation of \$100 from each league is being requested. Checks can be given to Bev Piette. Lakes West

## **Presidents reports:**

### **Lakes West: Beverly Piette**

On Feb 21, we will begin our Medallion tournament which will proceed through our Club Championship the 28th - March 14.

Lakes West is pretty dry and due to the fact that we were not overseeded, is a bit rough, but we are getting a considerable amount of roll.

### **North: Jody Ault:**

We had the President's Cup for the first time in January. Players chose partners and played a two person better ball, scramble and Chapman. Everyone had fun and was well received. We will schedule it next year. We just finished the eclectic and had a divot party at the same time. Each group was assigned a hole to work on with the help of Michael and his crew. We are playing Guys and Dolls on the 21st with a meal and meeting to follow.

### **Riverview: Linda Sears:**

Riverview just finished the Guys and Gals event. The weather was good and participants had a terrific day, Riverview begins Medallion and combined Club champ and handicap tournament Feb 21. Our Riverview greens committee / advisory board volunteer ( Linda Sears) will be presenting a motion at

March 2023 advisory meeting asking for a change in compensation for SC Golf rangers, per the request of Dave Fuchs ( Riverview ranger).

**South: Barbara Duhlstine-Robarge**

South currently has 83 paid/active members.

The first round of the Medallion Tournament was postponed due to bad weather, and we have now completed one round..

The Guys and Dolls Scramble & Social was held on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the proposal of eliminating the cart only rule during SCWGA events, it seems to be about 50/50 pro and con among the walkers.

**Willowcreek: Sue Brooks**

120 Members 4 Social Members -

Completed our Memorial Tournament and 2 rounds of the Medallion Tournament -

Will start our Club Championship, Eclectic and our final 2 rounds of the Medallion on February 28 - Held our first membership meeting of the year on February 7. Discussed allowing walkers for Tournaments and Team Play. About a 50/50 split regarding allowing walkers. Reasons not to allow walkers include, slows down play, and more complicated for partners to strategize.

Also asked why so many do not play in the Sun City Open. Reasons given were not knowing who they will be playing with, don't like individual play, too competitive, slow play, possibly cold weather, overload of tournaments this time of year. -

Planning for our April 4th Member/Guest Tournament has begun - Our treasurer/membership chair has been working with the AGA and is planning for online registration beginning in October.

**Next meeting will be at 9:00 AM, March 15 2023 at Talisman Hall.**

Adjourned 10:20am by consensus

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Otto  
2023 Umbrella Secretary

## **Director of Golf Report**

**February 2023**

### **Pro Shops**

Preliminary rounds for January were 35,901, the total was 5,586 fewer than prior year. Rounds were primarily impacted due to weather. The average temperature for January 2023 was 62.84, down from 68.81 for January 2022. There were 7 days impacted by rain for January 2023, compared to 2 days for January 2022. Preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue missing budget by \$38,680 and missing prior year by \$74,370. Preliminary reports show merchandise exceeding budget by \$1,082 and Driving Range revenue missing budget by \$8,068.

For the year ending December 31, we played 353,257 rounds, of those 189,496 were played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds were played by Cardholder Daily (60,333), Cardholder Guest (35,715), RCSC Staff (9,539), Non-Resident passholder (15,065) and Public (43,109).

Beginning in March the Golf Division will be running a trial, as approved at the January 2023 Golf Advisory Meeting, in an attempt to reduce the number of reservations failing to get a tee time through the lottery system. For the Month of March we will be running straight sheets only, with a few exceptions. Ladies and Men play on Tuesday and Wednesday will continue to choose the tee sheet format they wish to run on their respective days of play. In addition there are two remaining Ladies Team play events that will also play crossover tee sheets (March 2 and March 11). The time frame of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is the most requested through the lottery process, by running straight sheets there will be more times available during this time frame, as there will be no courses closed for crossovers. We will be keeping track of the "bump rate" of unsuccessful requests and comparing the rate to unsuccessful requests in March of 2022. We will report the results of the trial at the April 2023 Golf Advisory meeting.

### **Snack Shops**

Snack shops are now closing at 5:00 p.m. on a consistent basis, and will continue to do so until business begins slowing in April.

### **Golf Courses**

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule was presented to Golf Advisory in January and is attached to this report. 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. As the Lakes West and Willowbrook courses were not overseeded, those courses will not need to close for the verticutting event. Though it does not eliminate transition related issues, verticutting does open the grass canopy by thinning out the rye grass, allowing the bermuda base to recover from dormancy quicker. We ask each Green Committee to review the schedule and inform us of any conflicts with scheduled events, we will do our best to resolve them. This year the North and Lakes East courses will forgo overseeding of fairways.

In addition to the normal agronomic events, the North course front 9 will close as part of fairway verticutting on April 17 and will remain closed through the overseeding process, reopening October 14. The front 9 will be closed on April 17 to begin prepping the fairways for Tif Tuf Turf installation in June. To prepare the fairways, the current common bermuda base will be chemically removed in three stages to provide the greatest chance of removal, these applications will be approximately 30 days apart. Once chemically removed there will be some mechanical preparation, the Tif Tuf will be installed through a process called hydro-sprigging. Hydro-sprigging uses cut stolons and rhizomes in slurry of fertilizer and binding agents and is applied using a large hose, similar to a fire hose. The remaining time of the

closure will be used to allow the new Tif Tuf base to establish. The North course was chosen to not overseed to protect the newly established turf from the rigors of the overseed process.

## 2023 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES Golf Course will be Closed

### Fairway Verticutting

Mon	April 17, 18	North (Front Nine Closes through Overseeding)
Mon-Tue	April 24, 25	Quail
Thu-Fri	April 27, 28	South
Mon-Tue	May 1, 2	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	May 4, 5	Riverview
Mon-Tue	May 8, 9	Willowcreek

### Fairways Aerification

Thu	May 15	North (Back 9)
Mon	May 18	Quail
Thu-Fri	May 22, 23	South
Mon-Tue	May 25, 26	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	June 1, 2	Lakes West
Mon-Tue	June 5, 6	Riverview
Thu-Fri	June 8, 9	Willowcreek
Mon-Tue	June 12, 13	Willowbrook

### Greens Aerification

Thu, Fri	June 15, 16	North (Back 9)
Mon, Tue	June 19, 20	Quail
Wed, Thu, Fri	June 21-23	South
Wed, Thu, Fri	July 5-7	Lakes East
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 10-12	Lakes West
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 17-19	Riverview
Mon, Tue	July 24-26	Willowcreek
Mon, Tue, Wed	July 31-Aug 2	Willowbrook

## 2023 OVERSEED SCHEDULE Golf Course will be Closed

<u>Course</u>	<u>Overseed</u>	<u>Opens</u>	<u>Off Cart Path</u>
Lakes West	Sept 25	Oct 14	Nov 3
Quail Run	Sept 25	Oct 14	Nov 3
Willowbrook	Sept 25	Oct 14	Nov 3
North	Sept 25	Oct 14	Limited Restrictions
Lakes East	Oct 16	Nov 4	Limited

			<b>Restrictions</b>
<b>Riverview</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>
<b>Willowcreek</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>

As of 1-17-2023

\* North and Lakes East non overseeded fairways, cart restrictions limited only to around tees and green complexes