

## Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes

October 6, 2022

**Members present:** Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Cristi Dorsch, Polly Fischette, Barney Alanis, Harry Emerson, Mike Conrad and Jean Emerson (secretary).

Harry opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. a motion was made by Cristi Dorsch to accept the minutes from the May 2022 meeting. Barney Alanis seconded and the motion was approved.

**Brian Duthu, RCSC Director of Golf.** Presented his October 2022 report, which is attached. Questions for Brian followed.

Resident golf cart rental will be a possibility this season for residents that hold a full fee pass. There will be a limit of 40 carts for cardholders and 40 carts for non-residents. Individuals with an annual cart pass can reserve a cart for their time of play. Pricing was discussed

The ball machines are not working properly and at this time you cannot add money to your cards. Until the software is fixed players can use tokens when their card expires. Hopefully this will be resolved in November.

There were questions about the difficulty getting tee times on Mondays and Fridays, as well as a statement the Quail Run shows up as 9 holes on the lottery. Brian agree that it is difficult getting tee times during overseeding. Mike Conrad raised the issue regarding the preferred tee times (pay an extra \$2 per person), in particular, during overseed the policy blocks out other RCSC members from getting tee times. In general, he feels the policy is flawed.

3-4 groups have frequently been seen playing on Willowcreek after hours. Brian informed the group an after hours pass is available for \$40.00. Residents with a full pass can play after 5 without checking in at the pro shop.

**Chuck Manning, WB/WC Superintendent.** Chuck presented his October report to the committee and it is attached. Questions to Chuck were about the weeds on the tee boxes at WB. They have a new chemical for spraying nut sedge and they re on top of spraying.

The adopt a hole can resume on opening but the course will be cart path only until that date.

It was mentioned that there are no sand boxes at the white tees on Willowbrook.

Comments were about slow green at Willowbrook and uneven cuts in the rough. The crew is working on it and said some mowers are down due to the supply chain.

**Polly Fischette, WC Men's Club Monitor.** Reported she will be happy when Willowcreek open as the transition to WB during overseeding was difficult to do this year. There are openings for Wednesday Monitors and if anyone is interested, contact Polly.

### **New Business:**

Chuck will discuss the USGA report for Willowcreek and Willowbrook at the November Green Committee meeting. It was agreed that some kind of fences along the fairways adjacent to the driving range will be brought up at Golf Advisory.

There being no further business, Mike Conrad moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Barney Alanis and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38

Next Meeting: 3 November 2022, 7:00 AM, Riverview Meeting Room  
Jean Emerson

Sent from my iPad

## **Director of Golf Report**

**October 2022**

### **Pro Shops**

Preliminary rounds for September were 19,010, the total was 64 fewer than prior year. Preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue exceeding budget by \$43,043 and prior year by \$7,151. Merchandise also exceeded budget by \$469. Driving Range revenue missed budget by \$2,637, impacted mostly by the transition to new ball machine hardware and the lack of a current interface with the POS systems. Our software provider has been working on the interface and we expect to have the machines fully functioning soon.

Through August 248,809 rounds have been played this year, 129,933 have been played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds have been played by Cardholder Daily (45,372), Cardholder Guest (26,345), RCSC Staff (6,600), Non-Resident passholder (9,636) and Public (30,923).

On December 2nd we will be hosting a fundraising tournament to raise money for the Sun City Foundation. The format will be Beat the Pro(s), which will be Brian Duthu (PGA) and Chris Linam (Pro Shop Manager) and will be made up of two person teams. Teams that beat the Scramble score of the Pros will equally share the prize pool. The entry fee will be \$40 and the event will be held at the South Golf Course. In addition to bragging rights for beating the pro, there will also be a chance at a Pebble Beach Vacation.

Registration for Get Golf Ready classes is also underway, the cost of the classes is \$130. The \$130 fee includes four days of instruction as part of group of 8 students or less, as well as a 5th day of on course instruction. The program covers swing fundamentals as well as golf etiquette and an introduction to golf rules. The program is part of a national initiative of the PGA of America to grow the game of golf. The first class will begin November 5th, classes will be available throughout the winter and spring.

### **Snack Shops**

Snack shops are now closing at 3:00 p.m. on a consistent basis, though will remain open longer, depending on demand.

### **Golf Courses**

All major summer agronomic procedures have been completed and overseeding began on September 26, for Lakes East, Riverview, Willowcreek and South. These courses will reopen on October 15 with cart path restrictions in place until November 4. The remaining courses will close October 17 and reopen November 5 with cart path restrictions in place until November 25. We will not be overseeding the fairways on Willowbrook or Lakes West, therefore these courses will reopen with limited cart path restrictions. The long term weather outlook is favorable to begin overseeding on time, there is no need to push the overseed back one week, as has been mentioned in previous reports.

We had originally intended for the North course to forgo overseeding this year, however potential challenges with the irrigation system at Lakes West resulted in a change of plans. There are many points of potential failure with the changes in the system, caused by the Viewpoint Lake renovation project. Reducing the overall acreage receiving overseed will put far less stress on the system. As a result of this change the North course will undergo the Tif Tuf trials beginning in 2023, on the front 9 fairways. To prepare for this the front 9 fairways on North will be chemically sprayed to weaken the current bermuda, as it begins to go into dormancy. The weakened state will provide for easier total removal in the spring of 2023, as we prepare the surface to receive the Tif Tuf sprigs.

# GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF COURSE

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT October 6, 2022

CHUCK MANNING

## **COURSE CONDITION:**

Creek over seeding went well, we are seeing a rapid germination due to the warmer weather. We are mowing the 1<sup>st</sup> cut on creek greens 1-9 today. Creek will be closed until 10/15/2022 and will be on cart paths until 11/4/2022.

Brook will close on 10/17/2022 and we will be seeding tees, greens, and greens banks only and will be painting fwys.

Please encourage all those you see to repair ball marks on greens and fill their divots on the tees and fairways.

### **BROOK**

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 64<sup>o</sup>

Stimp Reading 7.8'

Fairways: HOC .750"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC .500"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

### **CREEK No Data Due To Over Seed**

Greens: HOC / Soil temperature <sup>o</sup>

Stimp Reading

Fairways: HOC 1"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC 1"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

## **PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:**

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Trimming trees
4. Trimming olive skirts
5. Weed eating areas on course
6. Divots
7. Trimming bushes
8. Painting amenities

## **PROJECTS COMPLETED**

1. Top dressing greens
2. Aerified fwys Creek and Brook
3. Aerified tees Creek and Brook
4. Blow and vacuum parking lot
5. Aerify greens Creek and Brook
6. Storm damage clean up
7. Edge bunkers
8. Prep Creek for over seeding
9. Over seed Creek

## **STAFF:**

Willow Brook Creek is short 1 staff members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Cell: 623-332-6155 Office: (623) 248-4781 Email: [cmanning@suncityaz.org](mailto:cmanning@suncityaz.org)