

Director of Golf Report

November 2022

Pro Shops

Preliminary rounds for October were 23,474, the total was 1,903 fewer than prior year. Preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue exceeding budget by \$47,552 and falling below prior year by \$24,218. Merchandise also exceeded budget by \$1,668. Driving Range revenue missed budget by \$1,462. We still do not have a permanent interface between our POS system and range machine software, we are beginning the process of training golf shop staff to sell range cards directly through range machine software. We expect this process to take up to two weeks to fully implement, we thank you for your patience.

Through September we have played 267,996 rounds, which represents our highest 7 month total in 16 years. Among the regulation courses Riverview has played the most rounds (42,996), Lakes West has the second highest total (42,422), followed by Willowcreek, North and South. For the executive courses, Lakes East has played the most rounds (25,173), followed by Willowbrook and Quail Run.

Of the 267,996 rounds played through September, 141,162 have been played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds have been played by Cardholder Daily (47,498), Cardholder Guest (27,996), RCSC Staff (7,366), Non-Resident passholder (10,675) and Public (33,299).

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.

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. On November 1 we increased snack shop pricing across the menu. This decision was made due to the rising costs of the products we sell. We had held off raising prices hoping that prices would begin to normalize, however they have not.

Golf Courses

We have announced that Lakes West will not open on November 5 as originally scheduled and will now reopen on November 14. This decision was made to allow more time to remove water from Viewpoint Lake as we continue with the renovation. A combination of above normal monsoon rains and mechanical issues with the pumping system have put us behind the water removal schedule. The additional water on the golf course will make the course too wet to support play.

Managing to alleviate stress on golf course can be a constant issue for the golf course superintendents. Foot or vehicular can cause soil compaction, soil degradation which can result in thinning turf canopy. The area of turf impact carrying two golfers is at least 48 times greater than the area affected by foot traffic. Studies conducted by USGA agronomists had very surprising results. The average area of impact on a 6,200-yard golf course was staggering, one riding golfer with a motorized cart on 18 holes covered 4,761,600 sq ft.

At RCSC we allow 5 golfers per tee time which results in the total number of square feet impacted being 23,808,000 sq ft. Peak golf season at RCSC golf courses we can see upwards to 250 golfers a day at an 18-hole golf course. The number of square feet impacted is tremendous.

RCSC golf course superintendents encourage golfers who play at RCSC courses to use the 90-degree rule. Though we still allow one rider per golf cart, any time golfers are able to pair up golf carts cuts the impacted area in half. Please pair up whenever possible.

GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF COURSE

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT November 3, 2022 CHUCK MANNING

COURSE CONDITION:

Prepping and seeding went well for Brook and we had some good weather. We do have some areas that we have reseeded and putting extra water on.

When we open Brook on Saturday, Brook will be on "Limited Restrictions" which means strict 90-degree rule and no driving on rye grass area around the greens and tees.

We will be putting down pre-emergent herbicide on brook fwys and rough, but please try and use divot sand without seed on the fwys and roughs.

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

BROOK No Date Due To Over Seed

Greens: HOC .250" / Soil temperature ⁰

Stimp Reading

Fairways: HOC .750"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC 1"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK No Data Due To Over Seed

Greens: HOC .140" / Soil temperature ⁰

Stimp Reading

Fairways: HOC .820"

Tees, Collars, and approaches: HOC .820"

Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"

Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Prepping Brook to open
4. Divots
5. Painting Brook amenities
6. Trimming bushes
7. Trimming trees
8. Edging cart paths
9. Edging bunkers

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Prep Creek to open
2. Over seed Brook
3. Paint Creek amenities
4. Kill and remove cattails
5. Clean up storm damage
6. Trim olive skirts

STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is short 1 staff member.

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