

## **Willowbrook/Willowcreek Greens Committee Minutes**

**November 4, 2021 at Riverview**

Present: Judy Lawrence, Mark Firth, Cristi Dorsch, Polly Fischette, Mary Ann Rispoli, Brian Duthu, Chuck Manning, Barney Alanis, Harry Emerson, Gloria Stump, Laura Horvatich, Jean Emerson (minutes).

Judy Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Judy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 1, 2021. There being no corrections Poly Fischette moved the minutes of April 1, 2021 be accepted as posted and distributed. Gloria Stump seconded the motion and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Brian Duthu, Director of Golf**, reviewed his November 2021 report. The report is attached. Brian was asked about the courses that were not overseeded on the fairways. Brian explained that pigment dyes would be applied. Brian explained this was a common practice until the 80s. There is a need to conserve water and the practice of using dyes will be evaluated over the winter.

**Chuck Manning, WB/WC Course Superintendent**, reviewed his written report, which is attached.

There was a question of the length of the grass around the greens. Chuck explained the grass is cut to three different levels but immediately after overseeding the grass is kept a bit longer to allow for good root growth.

The courses are working on repairing the rivulets caused by the rain on Willowbrook by top dressing.

There was a request to trim the grass between 16 and 17 on Willowbrook.

Ball marks on the greens are a problem and players should be reminded to fix their ball marks and a few others when they play.

**Gloria Stump, WB/WC Head Starter** – Gloria reported that there will be a new starter, Linda Prince, in two weeks.

**Cristi Dorsch, WC 18 Hole Women's Golf Association** had nothing to report.

**Sue Richmond, WC 9 Hole President**, reported that the 9 Hole group was having their first meeting today. Willowcreek 18 Hole voted to stay on straight sheet for league day which impacts the 9 Hole league. She asked that the 9 Hole league be allowed to start on both 1 and 10 alternate weeks, as opposed to always playing the front nine.

**Polly Fischette, Men's Club Monitor**, reported that all is going well. The men's league will be starting split sheets.

**Mark Firth, Willowbrook Men's Club**, reported the course is in great shape.

**Mary Ann Rispoli, Willowbrook 18 Hole Beautification**, asked about the dust generated on the practice area October 19. It was explained that was during overseeding when the vacuum was used.

**Laura Horvatich, WC 18 Hole Beautification**, reported that existing memorials on the course have become a course maintenance issue and are expensive to replace when damaged. A plan is being formulated to remove existing memorials, replace them with engraved pavers, and install them in a common area around Willowcreek clubhouse or on the course. Blank pavers would also be installed, to be replaced by engraved pavers as future memorials are requested. Laura is working on getting the cost and examples for everyone to see. There were questions on where on Willowcreek and Willowbrook the pavers would be located. Questions about the memorials or suggestions may be sent to Laura.

**New Business:** The Green's Committee chairman for 2022 was discussed and agreed that Harry Emerson will fulfill that role starting with the December 2021 meeting. Judy Lawrence will send out the agenda and Harry will run the December meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Jean Emerson, Secretary

**GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF  
COURSE  
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT November 4, 2021  
CHUCK MANNING**

**COURSE CONDITION:**

Brook will come off cart paths on 11/5/2021 and Creek will be off cart paths 11/26/2021. Over seeding went well this year, we had good weather and no rain to speak of. Brook is open and looks good, Creek had some cooler weather just after the seed went down, but the weather warmed up again and is look good.

We had a busy summer trying to keep up with roughs, we received 8.2" of rain this summer, 6.4 in July alone, and it kicked the rough into high gear. We even pulled the gang mower out of retirement to try and keep up with the growth of the grass.

Please fix your ball marks and fill your divots so the players behind you can enjoy their game.

**BROOK**

**Greens:** HOC .190 / Soil temperature <sup>0</sup>

**Stimp Reading** Not taken due to over seed

**Fairways:** HOC .850"

**Tees, Collars and approaches:** HOC .850"

**Green banks/ Street Fronts:** HOC 1.25"

**Rough:** HOC 1.5"

**CREEK**

**Greens:** HOC .178 / Soil temperature <sup>0</sup>

**Stimp Reading** Not taken due to over seed

**Fairways:** HOC 1"

**Tees, Collars and approaches:** HOC 1"

**Green banks/ Street Fronts:** HOC 1.25"

**Rough:** HOC 1.5"

**PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:**

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Weed and edge bunkers
4. Rake deserts
5. Clean and trim deserts
6. Divots
7. Remove suckers from trees
8. Weed eat lakes and creeks
9. Weed eat curbs
10. Trim olive skirts and drinking fountains
11. Reseed thin spots on Brook and Creek
12. Paint amenities

**PROJECTS COMPLETED:**

1. Disinfect touching points
2. Touch up bunkers
3. Top dress greens
4. Aerovate roughs
5. Put out rakes and ball washers after covid
6. Aerify greens, tees, fwys
7. Veritcut fwys
8. Over seed Brook and Creek
9. Storm damages clean up

## **Director of Golf Report November 2021**

### **Pro Shops**

Golf revenue in October exceeded budget by 37.0%, Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue exceeded budget by 39.9%, Merchandise missed budget by 19.3% and Driving Range revenue exceeded budget by 64.6%. For the first time this year rounds and revenue exceeded 2020 levels, total revenue exceeded prior year by 10.7% and total rounds increased by 1,371.

On December 6th 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.

In addition to our charity event, RCSC Pro Shops are also selling Duck Bucks, to raise funds for the Sun City Foundation. The purchase of a Duck Buck, enters you in the Duck Race held on December 10<sup>th</sup> as part of the Winter Celebration event, held at the Lakeview Center. The ducks are released from the waterfall and race to the finish line. If your duck finishes in the top 3 you win a share of the pot, based on the number of ducks racing. There are two separate races held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, don't be left without a duck in the race. In addition to the duck race there are other fun events held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, such as lawn Yahtzee, a mini golf hole-in-one contest and a money tree. There is a rumor that Jolly old St. Nick, will be taking time off from toy building and providing photo opportunities. The evening ends with a lighted boat parade.

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**

Beginning in November Snack shops will begin closing at 5:00 p.m. and will do so throughout the Winter months.

### **Courses**

As has been previously discussed the fairways on South or Lakes East have not been overseeded, as we explore solutions to upcoming reductions in water allocations. The fairways on South will be allowed to go dormant, but will be kept green through a combination of pigments and dyes. Pigments began to be applied in September and are taken up by the plant. The pigments will provide color through the first stages of dormancy, at which point we will begin the use of dyes. Lakes East will be allowed to go fully dormant and will take on the same color of the dormant rough. As these surfaces will not be actively growing, it will be important to closely follow the 90 degree rule when leaving the cart path for your ball.