

## Director of Golf Report

November 2022

### Pro Shops

Total rounds for October were 23,473, the total was 1,905 fewer than prior year but still represents the fourth highest recorded total for October since 2006. For the year we have played 291,469 rounds, which represents our highest 7 month total in 16 years. Among the regulation courses Riverview has played the most rounds (46,301), Lakes West has the second highest total (45,933), followed by Willowcreek, North and South. For the executive courses, Lakes East has played the most rounds (28,157), followed by Willowbrook and Quail Run.

Of the 291,469 rounds played this year, 154,186 have been played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds have been played by Cardholder Daily (50,447), Cardholder Guest (30,159), RCSC Staff (8,003), Non-Resident passholder (11,838) and Public (36,836).

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.

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 9 as part of the Winter Celebration event, held at the Sundial Center. This year the duck race will take place at Riverview Golf Course and will be broadcast at the Sundial center. In addition to the duck race there are other fun events held on the 10, 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. This year we will be hosting a lighted golf cart parade, in lieu of the traditional boat parade.

### 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

Riverview, South, Willowcreek had cart path restrictions removed on November 4, Lakes West was scheduled to reopen November 4, however the closure was lengthened to provide more time to withdraw water from Viewpoint Lake. We respectfully remind golfers to please observe the 90 degree rule when traveling from the cart path to your ball. As we continue with the 5 cart policy the 90 degree rule will be key to minimizing potential damage, especially for the non-overseeded courses (Willowbrook and Lakes West).

As a reminder, we respectfully ask that golfers refrain from entering private property to retrieve errant golf balls. While there are some homeowners that are not bothered by golfers retrieving errant shots, there are many that feel violated when someone enters their property to retrieve a ball. Please remember that when retrieving an errant shot on a homeowners property, you are trespassing, unless you have been given permission to do so. We ask for your cooperation in respecting the property of others.

As play increases, so does the stress on our courses. We remind all golfers that we all have a responsibility to keep our courses in good condition. Golfers can assist by filling their divots, raking sand traps, replacing rakes in bunkers parallel to play and repairing ball marks. During times of cart path restrictions, please remember to take your sand bottle to the fairway. We do ask that you

continue to fill divots at Willowbrook and Lakes West, even if your divot bottle contains seed. The seed is unlikely to germinate as the fairways will not be receiving the adequate amount of water.

During driving range practice, we ask that you be mindful of your divot pattern. Please do not scatter your divots, this manner of practice disturbs a large area of practice turf with relatively few shots. The preferred method of taking divots is to create lines. This is accomplished by placing your ball at the starting point of your previous divot. This method utilizes far less turf than other options, is easier for staff to maintain and provides less disturbed area for golfers that practice after you.