

Director of Golf Report

March 2022

Pro Shops

Overall demand for golf remains strong, with preliminary total rounds finishing at 41,502, only 74 rounds shy of prior year. Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue finished at 125% of budget, Merchandise at 128% of budget and Driving Range revenue at 153% of budget.

Free golf clinics will be offered March 5, 12, 19 & 26, at Lakes East/Lakes West, classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Topics covered are Ball Flight, Golf Swing Fundamentals, Chipping and putting. There is no need to preregister and the clinics are open to golfers of all skill levels. The clinics are a great introduction to the game of golf or great way to brush up on your game. Clinics are conducted by PGA professionals.

We are sad to announce that Bob Jennings, one of our independent teaching professionals, will be retiring from teaching at the end of April. We thank Bob for his many years of providing quality instruction and wish him well in his renewed retirement. We have brought on board Shane Crosley to fill the vacant spot and will be teaching the free clinics in March. Following playing for the University of Wyoming, Shane joined the PGA of America as a club professional, earning his Class A status in August of 1997.

We have scheduled a night golf event for Saturday April 16th at Lakes East. Check-in will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be 6:00 p.m. and play will start at 7:00 p.m.. The format will be a two person scramble, then entry fee will be \$35.00. Entry forms will be available at all pro shops and we ask that the entries be turned in at Lakes East/Lakes West pro shop. Green fees will be paid on the day of play, entry fees will be due April 8th.

Snack Shops

Snack Shop revenue benefitted from the high number of golf rounds, total revenue for the month was 126% of budget. Snack Shop closing time remains at 5 PM, but snack shops are given the discretion to remain open longer for special events or unusually high late traffic days.

Golf Courses

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule presented to Golf Advisory in January and presented to each Green Committee in February, did not receive any requests for adjustment. The approved schedule can be found on the RCSC website.

As we move into spring we can expect an increase in golf rounds, with increased rounds come increased wear and tear. As temperatures warm throughout the spring, these wear and tear areas will heal faster, however we still need golfer support. We ask everyone to please fill your divots and fix your ball marks. With increased play slow play instances become more likely. We ask everyone to please practice ready golf by; playing your shot as soon as possible and when it doesn't interfere with your playing partners or the group ahead, move to your ball whenever it is safe to do so, avoid excessive practice swings, read your putt ahead of your turn and record scores on the following tee box.

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COURSE CONDITION:

As the Bermuda grass begins to green up, we will start to water the roughs on a more consistent schedule. With that said, Bermuda is greening up, but it will be a while before it really starts growing.

Please fill your divots and repair your ball marks so that those golfers behind you can enjoy their game as well.

With the dormant roughs please be diligent in extinguishing your smoking material.

BROOK

Greens: HOC .190 / Soil temperature 50⁰
Stimp Reading 9.2'
Fairways: HOC .600"
Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"
Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"
Rough: HOC 1.5"

CREEK

Greens: HOC .125 / Soil temperature 48⁰
Stimp Reading 10.1'
Fairways: HOC .600"
Tees, Collars and approaches: HOC .600"
Green banks/ Street Fronts: HOC 1.5"
Rough: HOC 1.5"

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Trim deserts
4. Rake deserts
5. Divots
6. Trimmed trees
7. Smooth and add sand to bunkers

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Top dress greens
2. Raked deserts

STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is fully staffed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me. Cell: 623-332-6155 Office: (623) 233-5016 Email: cmanning@suncityaz.org