



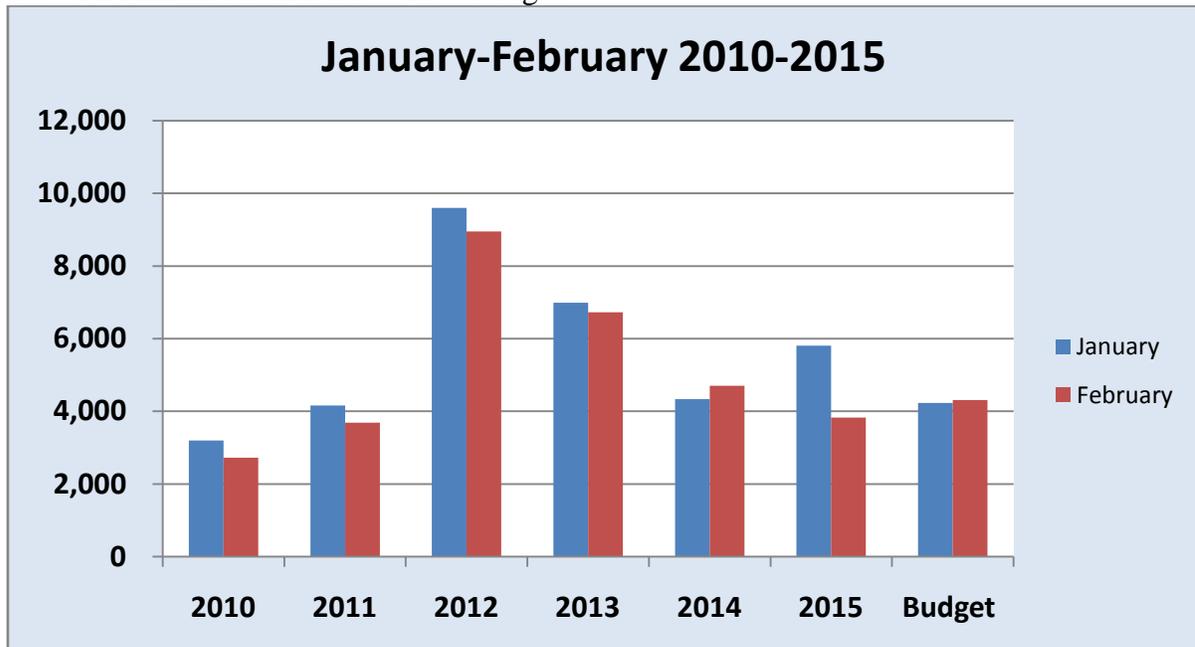
Bella Vista POA  
 Joint Advisory Golf Committee  
 Minutes – March 18, 2015

Members Present: Bill Barr, Jake Grasmick, Gale Harder, Harris McKee, Tom Stephens, Kirk Van De Walle, Members Absent: Terry Predl

Others Present: POA General Manager Tommy Bailey, POA Golf Ops Manager: Andy Mar; POA Maintenance Manager Keith Ihms, POA liaison: Ruth Hatcher, The Vista Reporter, Lynn Atkins; Visitors: Beth and Ken Kastl

1. Chair **Jake Grasmick** called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. and introduced newly appointed member Tom Stephens.
2. **Approval of February Minutes: Approved without additions**
3. **Regular Business.**

a. **Golf Rounds—Andy Mar:** February Rounds were 484 below budget and the lowest February since 2010 as shown in the chart below. Member rounds for members without Value Cards and those with Annual Green Fees were at budget.



b. **Maintenance Keith Ihms**

Keith was honored in February at the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America (GCSAA) annual meeting for his nearly decade-long volunteer service on the board of directors as the president of the GCSAA. A benefit of his recognition was that our five course superintendents were guests of the GCSAA and participated in training sessions conducted there.

- 1) Aeration of the course greens will begin in early April from the 6th through the 13th. Weather permitting, aeration dates and locations will be:
  - April 6 - Kingswood Golf Course
  - April 7 - Berksdale Golf Course
  - April 8 - Dogwood Golf Course
  - April 9 - Scotsdale Golf Course
  - April 10 - Highlands Golf Course
  - April 13 - Country Club Golf Course

2) **Carts on Path Schedule**—The alternating schedule placing paired courses as Carts-On-Path—that began on December 1st continues as shown in the table below.

| Time of Restriction | Courses with Carts-On-Path Restriction |           |
|---------------------|--|-----------|
| 3/9 - 3/22          | Berksdale                              | Scotsdale |
| 3/23 - 4/05         | Highlands                              | BVCC      |
| 4/6 - 4/12          | Dogwood Hills                          | Kingswood |
| 4/13 - 4/19         | Berksdale                              | Scotsdale |
| 4/20-4/26           | Highlands                              | BVCC      |

c. **Course Reviews**--None. Tom Stephens was assigned as Committee liaison for the Metfield courses.

4. **Reports from Management**

A. **Tommy Bailey**

- 1) Construction work has begun on making the required ADA modifications. This work which will be continuing for some time may cause some disruption around the club houses. No immediate work is planned on creating family ADA compatible restrooms at course half way restrooms though this will be considered in the future. Current efforts will make existing restrooms unisex with a single stall.

5. **Guest Comments**

A. **Beth** and **Ken Kastl** shared a layout of the proposed Cooper development beside the Country Club 18th fairway showing how the Out-of-Bounds line on the east side of the fairway will be moved.

6. **Old Business**

A. **Announcement of Sub-committees**

Chair Grasmick noted that Tom Stephens would fill the spot vacated by Bob Nelles and included POA Marketing Director Ashlee Napier in the Membership Growth and Marketing Sub-committee.

| POA Golf Sub-Committees 2015(Revised 3-18-150)                  |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| COMMUNICATIONS  | MEMBERSHIP GROWTH and MARKETING:                                 |   | COURSE ENHANCEMENTS:  |
| Harris McKee, Chair<br>Tom Stephens<br>Bill Barr<br>Terry Predl | KirkVanDeWalle, Chair<br>Gale Harder<br>Bill Barr<br>Terry Predl | Bob Brooks<br>Ruth Hatcher<br>Ashlee Napier | Jake Grasmick, Chair<br>Kirk VanDeWalle<br>Andy Mar<br>Keith Ihms |

7. **New business**

## 8. Other Issues: Summary of Q&A from Leaders' Meeting

### a. Preface by Chair Jake Grasmick:

- i. Please convey correct information about all team members to Golf Operations
- ii. Notify Golf Ops 24 hours in advance of team makeup
- iii. w/o Play managers, please have team members to help maintain our courses by picking up broken tees, fixing divots, and picking up any trash.

### b. Andy Mar

- i. **Summer schedules** are published and some groups will have tee times adjusted on some weeks. Every effort has been made to make such changes as equitable as possible but leaders with particular issues should consult Andy.
- ii. **Tee-Tie Reservation Phone System**--Problems with "voice" on phone system have been recognized. Andy is in progress to "buy" a new voice to replace the computer voice currently in use.
- iii. **Spread Sheet Template**--Andy has a template that can be used to transmit pairings, including revisions, to golf ops that will greatly facilitate entering information into the Golf Ops system and should also be helpful to leaders.
- iv. **New Computer System**--the new computer system has some issues that are being addressed but it has some really great features including:
  - 1) Opportunity for Group Leaders to add scores so that they don't have to maintain a separate handicap system. Interested Leaders should advise Andy.
  - 2) Opportunity for Group Leaders to pull up group on handicap list. Interested Leaders should advise Andy.
  - 3) An attendee noted that we now use different passwords to access the tee-time reservation system and to enter scores. Use of a single password would be desirable. Andy will review.
  - 4) Both Helen and Chris are familiar with the Spread Sheet noted above and can provide assistance to Leaders.

### c. Keith Ihms

- i. Ques: **When will we see benefit of not overseeding?** Ans.: Should expect to see improvement about the end of the summer and the improvement should be greater in second year. Change has also allowed switch from granular fertilizer to liquid which permits better and more economical fertilization.
- ii. Ques: **What can be done about bunkers?** Eliminating of infiltration of rocks is a capital project that requires rebuilding the bunkers and installed permanent liners. What is planned as short term measure is to add more sand.
- iii. Ques: **Are any more greens planned like #7 Scotsdale?** Ans.: Nothing is specifically planned now but Keith would like to make some changes to take advantage of both Scotsdale and Highlands. One improvement would be to make the grass bunkers at Scotsdale more like the grass bunkers on a Scottish course. He'd also like to make Highlands into a truly championship course.
- iv. Ques: **How are cart path sections selected for repair?** Ans.: The only repairs currently being made are to repair damage caused by the 2012 floods. On sections where there are significant tree root issues, we probably will use asphalt overlays rather than concrete replacement which would be disrupted by the roots. In some instances e.g. Dogwood #16 where water washes along the path, curbs will be added on one side and rocks on the other to control the erosion.
- v. Ques: **How should we deal with divots in the Bermuda fairway?** Add sand if you have it. Otherwise, try to kick dirt back into the divot.
- vi. Ques: **How can we have more water?** Ruth Hatcher noted that we hope to have water within every three holes.
- vii. Ques: **Is there some new grass developed with genetic modification that could give us a special overseed or grass?** Ans: We are in a transition region between zones where cool-season and hot-season grasses thrive. There isn't any *perfect* grass to solve our problems.

- viii. Ques: **Couldn't we have volunteer play managers again?** We really can't. Federal regulations prohibit using the approach where volunteers are paid only with golf rounds. In addition, the use of volunteers presents additional issues with scheduling.
- ix. Ques: **When will we see the benefit of having full day maintenance schedules?** The maintenance Days will be addressing issues that will make a difference over time.

**11. Volunteer Hours for February: 22**

**10. Adjournment:** 4:05 p.m.

**11. Next Meeting:** April 8, 2015 - 5:00 p.m. Riordan Hall

**Submitted by:** Harris McKee, Advisory Committee Secretary

### **Appendix I. 2015 Golf JAC Tasks**

1. Continue to develop marketing programs to increase play on Bella Vista Village golf courses with POA Marketing and Communications Manager.
2. Develop a program with golf group leaders to ensure earliest availability of unused tee times.
3. Continue to support course support groups like "Friends of the Highlands" and "Lads and Lassies of Scotsdale" with fundraising events.
4. Develop programs for increased play on Bella Vista Village golf courses during afternoons and evenings.
5. Continue monthly course inspections, documenting repairs and maintenance issues.
6. Assist with the 50th Anniversary Three Skill Challenge event to be held on May 30.
7. Participate in and promote activities for the POA's 50th Anniversary.
8. Continue to participate in GRIP.