



Bella Vista POA  
 Joint Advisory Golf Committee  
 Minutes – October 14, 2015

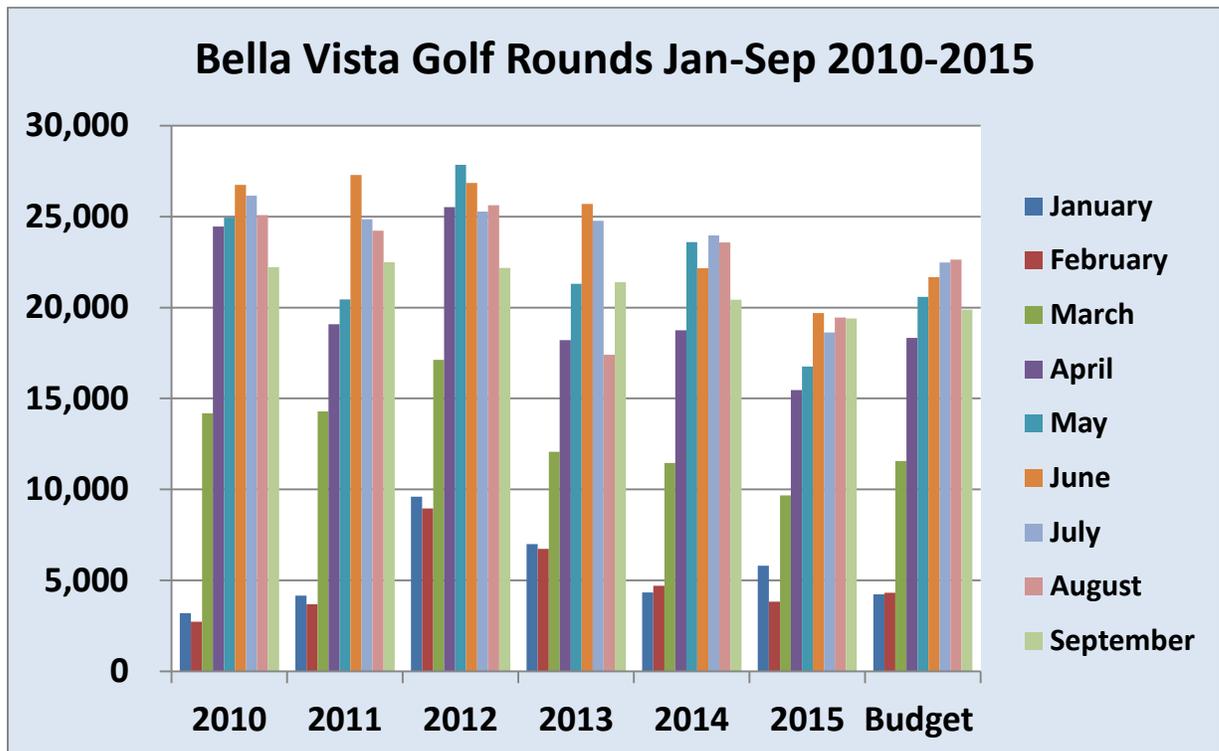
Members Present: Bill Barr, Jake Grasmick, Gale Harder, Harris McKee, Terry Predl, Tom Stephens, Kirk Van De Walle, Members Absent: None

Others Present: POA Maintenance Manager: Keith Ihms; POA liaison: Ruth Hatcher; The Vista Reporter, Lynn Atkins; Visitors: Ann McClintock, Joe Critelli

1. Chair **Jake Grasmick** called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of September Minutes: Approved without additions**

3. **Regular Business.**

a. **Golf Rounds**—**Andy Mar** reported September Rounds were 487 below budget (2.4%) and about 11% below the average September from 2010 through 2014. Favorable September weather helped us get closer to budget than any month since February but Value card play was still below budget. The graph below shows six years of rounds by month as well as the 2015 Budget.



b. **Maintenance Keith Ihms**

The new seed planted in late August on greens 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and Putter at the Bella Vista Country Club course is progressing as planned and with a bit more corporation from Mother Nature the greens will be completely healed for the scheduled November 2nd opening.

During the time the course has been closed, the Country Club staff has been working to fine tune all areas of the course with extra work being done on weed control, detail work and bunkers.

The two back bunkers on number 9 green have had a new liner system, The Better Billy Bunker System, installed. This system consists of layer of rock being installed over the drain lines and the entire sub-grade of the bunker. This stone base is held together by a special bonding agent that allows water to travel through to the underground drain tile while eliminating the migration of native soil and rock to work upward into the sand. This has been an ongoing problem in our bunkers at Bella Vista for years. In addition, the stone base provides a channel for excess water from rain events to pass through thus decreasing sand washing down faces as well as decreasing contamination of the sand which in many instances results in bunkers that are unplayable until properly repaired. The staff hours required to rebuild bunkers after heavy rain events will also be reduced. Different sands are being used in the Left and Right bunker as a demonstration. It is expected that the more expensive sand at \$70/T. will be required because the cheaper \$20/T sand in the right bunker will pack unacceptably.

The severe summer conditions have necessitated plugging on greens at Scotsdale (#s 14 & 17), Berksdale (#10), Kingswood(#s 9 & 10) and Highlands where 400 sq. ft. of plugging has been accomplished.

At the Country Club, repairs will be made on the spillway between #1 and #2, but these will still not eliminate water flow over the spillway. More extensive modifications were deferred indefinitely because of cost.

Work on the eroding fairway on Scotsdale #13 cannot be deferred and funding has been authorized by POA board. The work is expected to take 5-6 months, and some closure of the back nine to accomplish repairs will occur.

Part-time maintenance workers will finish this week. Work will continue on removal of trees and stumps, some trimming to let sunlight through, and upgrading of the chemical storage area. Work is also expected to repair the culvert near the maintenance shop on Kingswood #17 when permitting has been approved.

### **c. Course Reviews**

- i. **Highlands--Gayle Harder--**Concrete will be poured on #11 cart path on October 15.
- ii. **Berksdale--Bill Barr--**Course is in good condition. Bill, Terry, Jake, and Reed Holly will meet to replace mulch with pebbles on Berksdale and Kingswood. Reed has asked for volunteers to paint bridge railings.
- iii. **Dogwood--Tom Stephens--** Course in great condition. USGA representatives recently conducted a course rating on Dogwood.
- iv. **Scotsdale--Kirk Van De Walle --**The Lads and Lassies had a successful golf outing in September. They expect to fund a bulletin board near south entrance to pro-shop. They are also considering a set of Scotsdale letters like those at Dogwood, Kingswood, and Berksdale as well as funding of "Play It Forward" markers.

- v. **Country Club--Jake--**Course looks good. Work continues to plug some smaller spots on greens. Reopening expected for November 2nd.
- vi. **Kingswood--Terry Predl--**Course great. See note on mulch replacement and bridge railings at Berksdale and Kingswood above.

#### 4. **Reports from Management**

**A. Andy Mar--**Winter Schedules including carts on path have been released. The carts on path schedule will extend a month later than last year but could be adjusted if we have an early spring. In addition to the USGA Course rating on Dogwood noted above, a similar review of the Country Club will be conducted next year. The fall mixer was held a week ago. The number of participants was similar to spring participation but lower than in previous years. A scramble format was used for the shoot-out and was received favorably by golfers. Andy plans to meet individually with winter group leaders to review coordination and reporting of unused blocked tee times.

Upcoming events include:

- 10/24-25 Two Person Scramble
- 11/02 Chairman's Cup (Each group has been invited to enter a team)
- 11/7-8 3 Person Scramble

#### **B. Board Liaisons**

- 1) **Ruth Hatcher--**Nothing to report.
- 2) **Ron Stratton--** No Report

#### 6. **Guest Comments--**Joe Critelli raised three issues.

- 1) On Brittany #3, carts are driving on the fairway; the no-carts-on fairway sign could be positioned in a better place.
- 2) Consider a change in annual fee collection for a golfer who becomes incapacitated during the season. The current policy continues to collect monthly payments even though golfer cannot play.
- 3) Consider providing a reduced fee for handicapped players.

Ruth Hatcher commented that the Golf Advisory Committee had reviewed options for reduced fees for handicapped golfers several years ago and found no workable solutions. In fact, she noted that because of the complexity of designated handicaps, a majority of Bella Vista golfers would qualify.

#### 7. **Old Business**

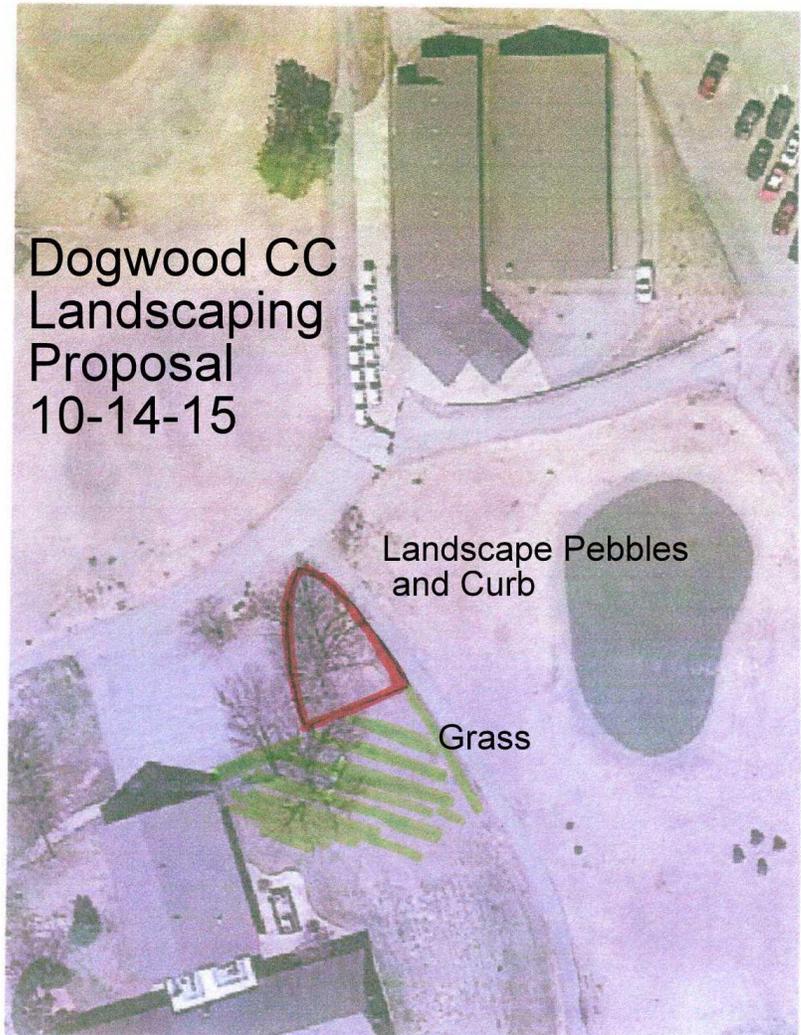
##### **A. Subcommittee Reports**

**1. Course Enhancements--**  
 Jake presented a plan for completing landscaping enhancements around the Metfield club house.

The area outlined in Red is shaded and not suitable for grass. Landscape rock will be installed with a curb to contain the rock.

The green area should be suitable for grass but the irrigation system has been disrupted. Mark Nelson has agreed to restore the irrigation and plant grass seed.

Advisory committee members recommended addition of boulders between the edge of the club house and the curb around the red zone to inhibit cart traffic through the area.



It was moved by Tom and seconded by Kirk that Advisory Committee approve the Landscaping Proposal. Motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Membership and Marketing - Bill Barr--NFTR.** Marketing committee meetings have been cancelled for the last three months.

**8. Other Issues--**Ruth Hatcher said that the \$10 monthly administrative fee collected on time payments of the annual fee is being reviewed now that the new computer system is operational. In addition, the possibility of including cart fees, both for private carts and lease-carts in the time payment is being considered.

**8. Volunteer Hours for August:** 53 hours

**9. Adjournment:** 5:54 p.m.

**10. Next Meeting:** November 11, 2015 - 8:30 a.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.