



Bella Vista POA
 Joint Advisory Golf Committee
 Minutes – November 11, 2015

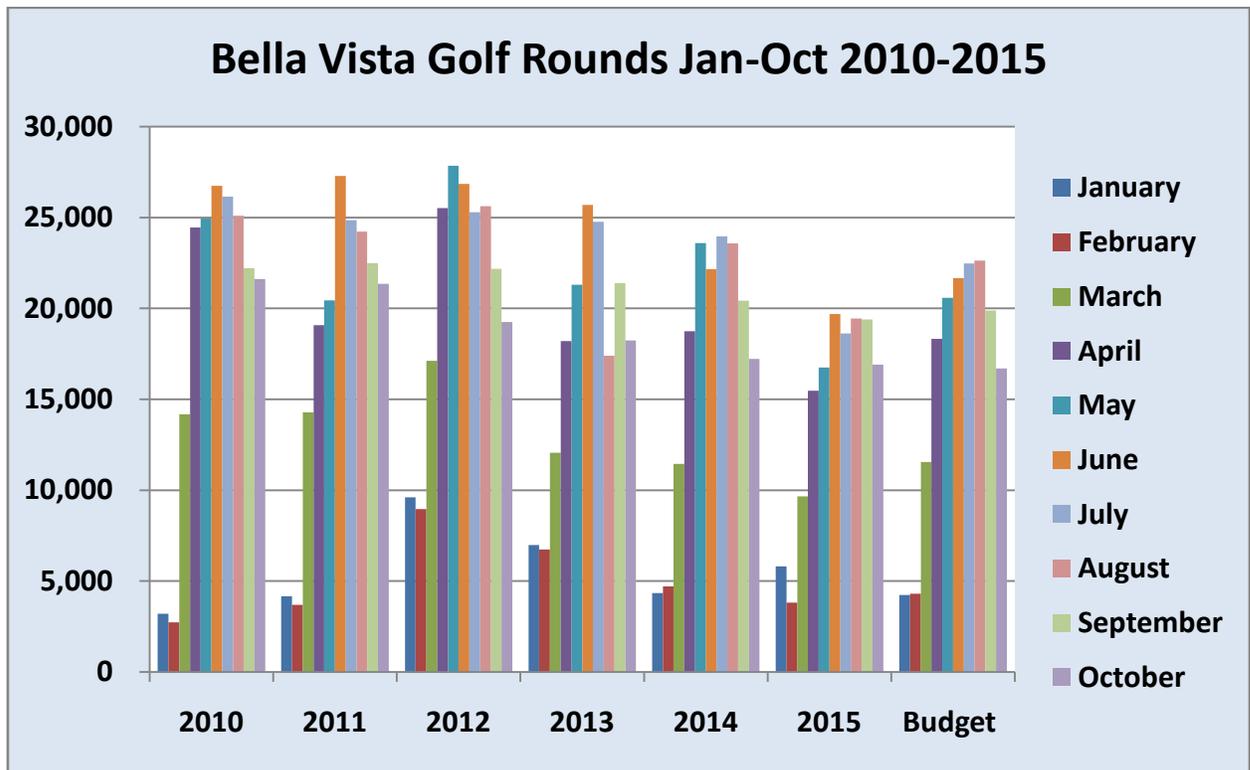
Members Present: Bill Barr, Jake Grasmick, Gale Harder, Harris McKee, Terry Predl, Kirk Van De Walle, Members Absent: Tom Stephens

Others Present: POA Golf Ops Manager, Andy Mar; POA Maintenance Manager: Keith Ihms; POA liaison: Ruth Hatcher, Ron Stratton; The Vista Reporter, Lynn Atkins; Visitor: Bill Davis

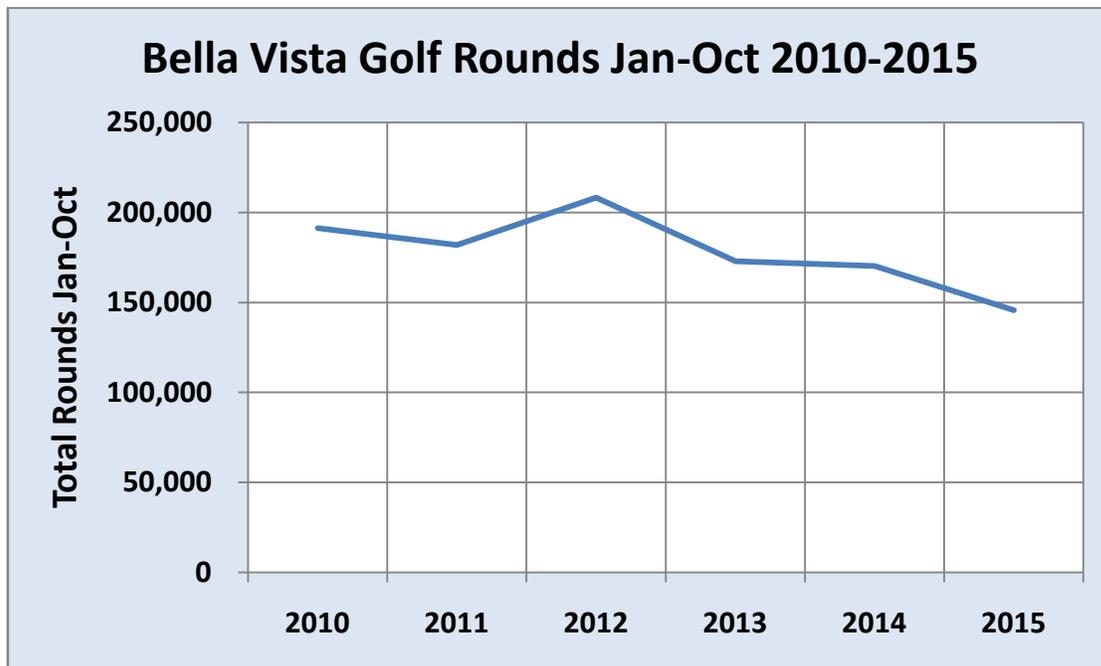
1. Chair **Jake Grasmick** called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of October Minutes: Approved without additions**

3. **Regular Business.**

a. **Golf Rounds**—**Andy Mar** reported October Rounds were 213 above budget but about 13% below the average October from 2010 through 2014. Favorable October weather helped us meet budget. Value card play was still below budget. The graph below shows six years of rounds by month as well as the 2015 Budget.



The graph below illustrates the total number of rounds from January through October.



b. Maintenance Keith Ihms

Bella Vista Country Club course reopened Monday morning November 2nd. In addition to the repair done on greens, two bunkers on number 9 green had new liners and sand installed. Two different sands were used; we will monitor how the bunkers perform during the upcoming months as we consider the method and sand selection to be used to renovate bunkers going forward.

During October the various course staffs were busy with fall mulching and removal of leaves. In addition we have begun to remove trees which have died during this past summer. Greens on several courses, low areas with inadequate drainage, have been drilled and filled. This is a process involving a large specialized aerator (Floyd McKay drill and fill) that removes 3/4” cores to a depth of 12” and then refills hole with dry sand. This process provides channels for water to move through the profile, especially important during the normal rainy, wet fall and winter. These channels will then be ideal for roots to develop in the spring.

Additional tasks accomplished during the month of October:

• Rolling of greens	• Repair numerous irrigation leaks	• Leaf removal/mulching
• Edging bunkers	• Spot repair areas on greens damaged during summer	
• Dead tree removals	• Apply fertilizer, fungicide, insecticide and wetting agents on greens	
• Top dress greens	• Post treat fall weeds in rough areas	
• Add sand to bunkers	• Vent greens using spiker attachment	

Several small repair projects were completed during the month including cart path repairs on Highlands, lake-bank stabilization on Berksdale and hydro seeding at Highlands.

Irrigation for the new beds at Scotsdale will be installed in the next few weeks.

Work continues on design of two major projects:

- 1) Culvert on Kingswood near maintenance shed. The 90% plans have been approved by Keith and funding has been approved by POA board for work to proceed on complete plans.
- 2) Scotsdale #13 Culvert Replacement. Engineer's inspection of the old culvert showed that it is rusted through allowing water to escape and wash out. Plans are now being developed,

but the 10% plan has not yet been produced. Course will have to be closed to carry out the construction which is still anticipated to be completed by May 2016.

As a reminder, beginning December 1st the rotating system of cart restrictions will begin. The system is similar to what was used last year; two courses will have carts restricted to paths for 2 weeks and then rotate to two different courses. This schedule, included in last month's minutes, is posted on the web page; see [Carts on Path](#). Dogwood and Kingswood courses will be Cart-on-Path December 1st through December 14th. This program will help distribute cart traffic uniformly throughout the village and help protect the dormant warm season Bermuda turf this winter. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

c. Course Reviews

- i. **Highlands--Gayle Harder**--Restaurant is now open; favorable comments being heard. Play it forward tee markers being installed. Terry Predl noted that rope barrier along #13 needs to have some access ports so golfers are not required to step over the rope.
- ii. **Berksdale--Bill Barr**--Course in good condition, but too many ball marks go un-repaired.
- iii. **Dogwood--Tom Stephens**--(report provided via Jake) The men's database has been completed and forwarded to Andy Mar; women's database will be completed next week.
- iv. **Scotsdale--Kirk Van De Walle** --.Course in great shape.
- v. **Country Club--Jake**--Reopened on November 2nd as noted above, and players are pleased. **The new walkway installed to provide handicap access is unsatisfactory.** It is so narrow that golfer's bags are being caught and occasionally damaged by the narrow passage.
- vi. **Kingswood--Terry Predl**--Rock that replaced mulch looks good.

4. Reports from Management

A. Andy Mar--Holiday merchandise sale in the Pro-shops will begin on November 14th. He has been meeting individually with group leaders to review scheduling practices and the need for early notification of unused tee positions. Summer group request forms were distributed earlier in the week. The last special golf event was held last weekend. The Golf Expo will be moved from February to March this year in hopes of attracting returning snow birds as well as better weather. Date selected is March 9 which will coincide with regular meeting date for the Joint Golf Advisory Committee.

B. Board Liaisons

- 1) **Ruth Hatcher**--Ruth suggested having all golf groups play a round from the red tees; tee selection should be based on length of drive and not handicap or age. She invited committee members to attend the open forum of POA Board on November 12th where fee options will be discussed. Kirk suggested that a new option should be considered where both husband and wife have annual passes, their children under 18 should get to play free. Ruth said that plans are in place to allow the cost of a private cart or seat lease to be paid in installments when the annual fee is paid in that manner. The issue of the \$10 add-on admin fee is still being reviewed. Kirk suggested that it would be nice to be able to sign-up for the installment payments on-line rather than being required to go to the Membership Services Office.
- 2) **Ron Stratton**-- Ron suggested that Andy write an article about tee selection noting that a golfer should be able to reach the green with a seven iron on a par 4 hole with a good drive. The group suggested adding a note on the Golf Card display card about selecting tees.

5. **Guest Comments**--Bill Davis asked whether the line established by the "No Cart" signs extended into the rough or whether traffic in the rough beyond that line was permissible. Answer: line extends and traffic in rough past line is **not** permitted.

6. Old Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

1. Course Enhancements--

- a. Metfield. Work on plan presented by Jake at last meeting will proceed during the winter utilizing in-house labor where possible.
- b. Scotsdale. As noted above irrigation installation is on tap.

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

7. Review the 2015 JAC Tasks--Jake asked that committee members review the 2015 Task List for the December meeting and be prepared to propose tasks for a similar 2016 list. As an initial step, he provided brief comments by task, which are summarized in the appendix below.

8. Other Issues--Gale and Kirk will complete their first 3-year terms in December. Announcement of opening and application procedures will be forthcoming soon.

9. Volunteer Hours for August: 40 hours

10. Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.

11. Next Meeting: December 9, 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. *New Marketing and Communications Manager has been very busy, but this task has not been completed and should be continued in 2016.*
2. Develop a program with golf group leaders to ensure earliest availability of unused tee times. *This effort is well under way with our group leader meetings in conjunction with Golf Expo and Andy's individual meetings with leaders but needs to exist every year.*
3. Continue to support course support groups like "Friends of the Highlands" and "Lads and Lassies of Scotsdale" with fundraising events. *Metfield volunteer leader returned to Iowa, and program has languished; need new leader. Ron Stratton suggested desirability of long term vision for each course capitalizing on a feature of course e.g. Scottish emphasis at Scotsdale that neighbors could identify with and continue to demonstrate the pride that the course connections engender.*
4. Develop programs for increased play on Bella Vista Village golf courses during afternoons and evenings. *This has been addressed and needs to be continued.*
5. Continue monthly course inspections, documenting repairs and maintenance issues. *Should be continued.*
6. Assist with the 50th Anniversary Three Skill Challenge event to be held on May 30. *Was cancelled for lack of interest.*
7. Participate in and promote activities for the POA's 50th Anniversary. *We supported, and 50th is over.*
8. Continue to participate in GRIP. *Good program. Only training was discontinued in 2015. Program continued.*