

## **Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes** **Wednesday, January 13th, 8:30 am, ZOOM**

Attendees: Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon, David Brandenburg, David Whelchel, Gary Mertz, Jan Simms, Jason Loyd, Jeff Hendren, Keith Ihms, Mark Deihl, Mike Houston, Phil Spencer, Susan Nuttall, Tammie Loyd, Tom Judson, Mary Sinkus

Absent: David DeGraf, Sheila Heward,  
Jason had David DeGraf's proxy

### **Votes & Important Topics**

- The next meeting is the Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 10th at 8:30am, TBD
- Due to Covid, there will NOT be a Golf Expo this year.
- A vote was taken to update the dress code. Sleeveless, collarless shirts will now be allowed.
- The Hwy 340 road project near the Country Club will begin soon. This will change traffic patterns in the area and is expected to last about 2 years.

**Call to Order** – Jason Loyd called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Course reports** - see meeting packet

### **Staff Reports:**

- Maintenance – Keith
  - Ozark Woodland Landscape Proposal - see meeting packet for details
    - The Maintenance staff at Berksdale would like the Northwest Arkansas Master Naturalists to assist with planting a natural landscape on the hill adjacent to the cart path below Papa Mike's. The group will provide the planting, labor and ongoing maintenance. This group has been assisting the team with projects related to the Audubon Certification in the past few years.
    - Discussion related to costs. The NWAMN will donate all that is needed. Several positive comments were made. A vote was not required and there were no objections.
    - Keith and the team will proceed with the project.
  - Process for frost line/Today's play and course closings and delays
    - Keith reviewed the process for Frost Delays. The Superintendents determine the delay at each course and report to Keith by 7:00 am. They also update Today's Play.
    - We have found a bug in the system if 2 entries are made at the same time, one of them may not save correctly. IT is looking into it.
    - Keith updates the Frost Line.
    - Courses are closed if the high temperature is predicted to be 34 or lower. The Superintendents have the flexibility to close based on conditions that may make conditions harmful to the course or dangerous for players.
  - 340 project and impact on BVCC
    - BV working to secure irrigation lines at both tunnels, number 5-6 this week and getting bids on other location
    - AR DOT saying no road construction until April as of last report, all utilities must be relocated first
    - Work will impact both golf traffic on BVCC course and from Tanyard parking as well as bike trail
    - We are working with Golf Ops on cart rerouting and maintenance equipment access issues
    - This project is currently listed as 1.5-2 year from construction start

- Capital Projects:
  - Working on bids for red tee work BVCC (tees 2 & 6) and Highlands (tees 3,4,7 & 8) May delay work until after the ADP event.
  - Obtaining bids on erosion issues # 5 BVCC
  - Root pruner to be delivered next week. Will start using at Highlands.
  - #18 Dogwood pump house rebuild to start first half of year with MAC doing work
- Current Projects:
  - New yardage post to be installed on all courses around Feb 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Bridge plank replacement at Kingswood arch bridges Feb 15-26
  - Bridge plank replacement on BVCC 6 March 1-12
  - Forward tee logos on paths to be painted during course closings as weather allows
  - Debris piles being burned with approval from fire chief
  - Spring pre-emergent applications starting February
- Golf Operations
  - Darryl:
    - 2020 End of year numbers: It was a very good year due in part to the price decrease, great weather and covid restrictions on other activities. See the meeting packet for details.
    - We will stay with Tee Times for the foreseeable future. The calendar for golf groups will be done for 3 months at a time.
    - There will NOT be a Golf Expo this year.
    - Bathroom update: Remote bathrooms will be updated with paint inside and out, updated flooring and heat & cooling equipment. Work will be done while courses are closed for winter projects.
    - APT/WAPT 2021 will return June 22-26
    - AJGA back for 2021 at Highlands, September 3-6. Tournament features the top 78 junior golfers in 5 states.
  - 2021 Tournaments - Alex
    - We had a good tournament season in 2020. We had 3 new events and all went well.
    - Of the 11 events 10 had increased play.
    - The 2021 season will be largely the same with the addition of a season long Men's Match Play Championship.
    - Early flyers are ready. Tournaments will use Tee Times.

### **General Management – Tom**

- Thanks to the entire golf team for a great performance last year.
- Golf Operations will be reaching out to players who would likely be interested in purchasing an Annual Pass next year.
- Membership Services is busy. Members can renew either online or on the phone. Patience is appreciated.

### **Board Liaisons - none**

### **Comments from the Public: Please limit time to 3 minutes - none**

### **Old Business: none**

### **New Business:**

- Dress Code – The new dress code policy was presented.
  - The primary change was to remove the requirement that shirts have sleeves or a collar. This opens up the possibility of getting contemporary styles for women that feature sleeveless/collarless shirts.
  - A question was asked why the Dress Code is not published on the website. Jason indicated the new code would be published.
  - Are sandals allowed? Yes, they fall under the ‘Golf Shoes or sneakers’ line.
  - Darryl said there were very few violations of the dress code reported.
  - Jeff Hendren made a motion to accept the dress code as presented, Gary Mertz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*FINAL*

Jason communicated our remembrance of Dave Simms, Jan Simms husband who recently passed from Covid. He will be missed by the golfing community.

**Announcements:**

- Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 10th at 8:30am, TBD

Adjourn – Jason Loyd adjourned the meeting at 9:19 am.

Course Inspection Report – **KINGSWOOD & BERKSDALE**

Visit Date: **Jan 9, 2021**

Facility Supervisor/Pro: **Gavin Smith** (head Pro), **Reed Holly** (Course Superintendent)

Reviewer: Gary Mertz

**General Appearance of Club House (Snack Bar, Bulletin Boards, Displays, etc):**

- **Appearance of Pro Shop: Good**
- **Merchandise Sales: Sales over the holiday was good. Slowed down this month (Jan '21) due to cold weather.**
- **Course usage: Light due to cold weather**

**Operational Opportunities (per Head Pro or Staff):**

- **Pro Shop: Clean and organized**
- **Golf Carts: Nothing to report**
- **Practice Area: Nothing to report**

**Maintenance Opportunities (per Superintendent):**

- **Fairways & Greens: Nothing to report**
- **Equipment: Nothing to report**

**Comments and Notes:**

**Follow-up Items:**

COURSE INSPECTION FOR DOGWOOD, January, 2021

Date of Visit: 1/5/2021 Name of Reviewer: Susan Nuttall

Head Golf Pro: Paul Gomez Course Super: Scott Hanson

General Appearance of Club House (include Snack Bar and Bulletin Boards): good traffic flow, snack bar is closed.

General Appearance of Course: Great for this time of year. Area by #5 tee box has been cleared and looks great

Noted Safety Hazards (overhanging and dead limbs, holes, etc.): None

- Metfield extension work is being done across from the clubhouse. Contractors are doing a good job with safety precautions.
- Metfield Bathrooms have been remodeled and are now ADA compliant and easily accessible.
- Road from #7 to #8 was repaved, fixing several dangerous potholes

Golf Cart (cleanliness, sand in container, sharp pencil): excellent

Operational Opportunities (per head pro or pro shop staff) limit to up to 3:

- Need to replace Gary.

Maintenance Opportunities (per course superintendent) limit up to 3:

- Several staff openings

Comments and Notes:

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## **Tanyard Driving Range**

Inspection Report and Update

Visit Date: January 5, 2021

Facility Supervisor/Pro: Hillery Sence

Golf Committee Contact: Mike Houston

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### **Pro Shop General Appearance (Bulletin Boards, Displays, etc)**

- Organized, information/Instructions easily available.

### **Practice Range Appearance/Maintenance Opportunities:**

- Well maintained, overall appearance is good
  - Building needs power washing - Spring
  - All concrete areas need cleaning/power washing - Spring

### **Safety Hazards:**

- N/A

### **Operational Update (per Pro or Staff):**

- Opportunities:
  - Revenue, sales, continue to be strong
- Challenges:
  - Range Ball Usage Volume –steady
  - Supply is good for the remainder of the season

### **Comments/Notes:**

- Range specific parking re-stripped with hopes to have range parking sign designation in the near future
- Yardage markers on range now designated with green paint for better visibility on dormant grass
- 50 yd distance marker now installed

### **Short Term Opportunities:**

- New Mats have arrived with plans for installation/use targeted for Spring.
- Lower tee boxes to hopefully be available for use starting in late January/ early February per Hillery. This would be available for use on Monday – Wednesday – Friday schedule.
  - Social distancing will be in place with every other hitting area open for use



From: Darryl Muldoon PGA, Director of Golf Operations  
To: Golf Committee  
Date: December 2020  
Subject: End of Year Golf Rounds Report

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The End of Year Rounds Report for 2020 are as follows:

- Total rounds ended at 166,160.
  - Up by 29,266, over last year.
- The breakdown is as follows:
  - Members rounds 124,826. Up by 22,325 over last year.

▪ 2018 Annual Rounds	55,964
Pay as you Play Members Rounds	54,138
▪ 2019 Annual Rounds	51,473
Pay as you Play Member Rounds	50,576
▪ 2020 Annual Rounds	53,362
Pay as you Play Member Rounds	71,027
  - Non-Member rounds 41,334. Up by 6,941 over last year.

Driving range bucket numbers for 2020 are as follows:

- Total buckets ended at 56,286.
  - Up by 43,218, over last year.
- The breakdown is as follows:
  - Tanyard Creek 40,137 last year 9,914.
  - Highlands 13,008 last year 2,414.
  - Scotsdale 3,141 last year 740.

We continue to stay with tee times, due to the COVID guidelines.

## YTD December

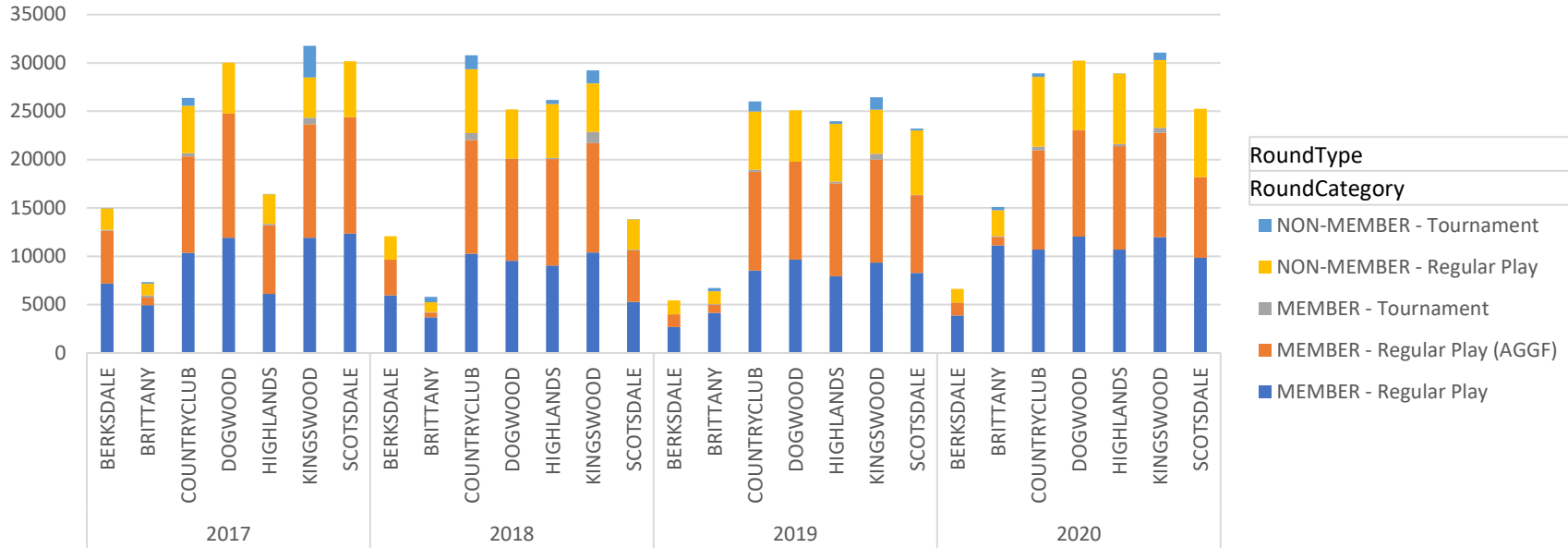
Round Totals		Year							
		MEMBER			Total	NON-MEMBER		Total	Grand Total
Round Type	Regular Play	Regular Play (AGGF)	Tournament		Regular Play	Tournament			
<b>2018</b>	<b>54209</b>	<b>54155</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>110496</b>	<b>28834</b>	<b>3825</b>	<b>32659</b>	<b>143155</b>	
BERKSDALE	5969	3702		9671	2401		2401	12072	
BRITTANY	3707	461	61	4229	1024	566	1590	5819	
COUNTRYCLUB	10270	11742	726	22738	6626	1434	8060	30798	
DOGWOOD	9548	10569		20117	5088		5088	25205	
HIGHLANDS	9032	11024	123	20179	5560	437	5997	26176	
KINGSWOOD	10391	11306	1176	22873	5018	1353	6371	29244	
SCOTSDALE	5292	5351	46	10689	3117	35	3152	13841	
<b>2019</b>	<b>50582</b>	<b>50807</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>102501</b>	<b>31233</b>	<b>3160</b>	<b>34393</b>	<b>136894</b>	
BERKSDALE	2684	1317		4001	1422		1422	5423	
BRITTANY	4141	862	60	5063	1312	340	1652	6715	
COUNTRYCLUB	8527	10209	217	18953	6032	1044	7076	26029	
DOGWOOD	9650	10135		19785	5322		5322	25107	
HIGHLANDS	7956	9585	175	17716	5967	285	6252	23968	
KINGSWOOD	9358	10630	626	20614	4535	1284	5819	26433	
SCOTSDALE	8266	8069	34	16369	6643	207	6850	23219	
<b>2020</b>	<b>70263</b>	<b>53362</b>	<b>1201</b>	<b>124826</b>	<b>39811</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>41334</b>	<b>166160</b>	
BERKSDALE	3879	1354		5233	1388		1388	6621	
BRITTANY	11110	898	111	12119	2660	327	2987	15106	
COUNTRYCLUB	10702	10270	357	21329	7229	381	7610	28939	
DOGWOOD	12036	11011		23047	7190		7190	30237	
HIGHLANDS	10698	10701	215	21614	7285	31	7316	28930	
KINGSWOOD	11982	10791	518	23291	6997	784	7781	31072	
SCOTSDALE	9856	8337		18193	7062		7062	25255	

December 2020 Course Closure Info		December Totals	YTD Total
Dogwood:	Weather	6	YTD Total 33
Brittany:	Weather	26	YTD Total 66
Highlands:	Weather	6	YTD Total 30
BVCC:	Weather	6	YTD Total 18
Kingswood:	Weather	6	YTD Total 33
Scotsdale:	Weather	26	YTD Total 84
Berkshire:	Weather Open April 1st	6	YTD Total 97



Month

Round Totals



Year

CourseID

TOTAL RAINFALL 2020

	16	18	19	20	21	22
JAN	5.35	6.55	4.35	4.77	7	4.35
FEB	2.57	3.2	1.6	2.62	3.65	1.6
MARCH	7.74	6.75	7	4.25	9.35	7
APRIL	4.87	3.5	5.75	5.57	6.95	5.75
MAY	8.87	8.2	5.01	8.83	9.48	5.01
JUNE	0.35	1.1	0.7	0.25	0.38	0.7
JULY	3.16	4.85	2.4	1.95	5.5	3.56
AUG	1.83	1	0.85	1.65	3.25	0.85
SEP	2.08	2.2	1.55	1.65	2.15	1.55
OCT	7.89	9.95	6.15	3.5	8.87	6.15
NOV	2.81	3.45	2.6	2.88	2.5	2.6
DEC	3.22	3.15	2.7	2.95	2.95	2.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	50.74	53.9	40.66	40.87	62.03	41.82

## **Dress Code for Bella Vista Golf Courses**

Golf attire is to be worn at all time on the golf course. Swimwear is not allowed. Shorts must be hemmed; cutoffs are not allowed.

Golf shoes or sneakers are acceptable footwear. Metal spikes are not allowed.

This dress code applies to all members and guests on the golf course.

Improperly dressed golfers will be asked to change. The Golf Staff reserves the right to make the final decision on compliance with the dress code.