

Final

Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

Attendees: Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon, Gary Mertz, Jason Loyd, Keith Ihms, Mark Deihl, David DeGraf, Ruth Hatcher, Sheila Heward, Jan Hagan, Corinne Morin, Tom Judson, Jerre Barron, Jr., Mike Houston

Absent: Jeff Hendren and Susan Nuttall, Jason held Jeff's and Susan's proxy.

Votes and Important Topics

- Golf Maintenance Department 2021 Review
- GHIN New Handicap System.

Call to Order – Jason Loyd called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Course reports - see meeting packet

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Keith**
Reviewed and presented 2021 Review Golf Maintenance Department Summary

2021 REVIEW

GOLF MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

The year 2021 was a very challenging year not only due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic but with numerous weather events that impacted our golf courses. Below I have summarized the weather events which impacted every phase of the golf maintenance division from regular daily turf maintenance to closing of golf courses for extended periods of time to clean up and make repairs.

CLOSINGS DUE TO COLD TEMPERATURES:

- Scotsdale and Brittany to cover
- All courses during times temperatures didn't reach our 35-degree high temperature guidelines

CLOSINGS TO REPAIR TURF (winterkill damage caused by extreme cold temperatures):

- Sod work Dogwood, Kingswood, BVCC, Highlands and Scotsdale

- Sprigging of many F9 fairways on Scotsdale CLOSINGS DUE TO FLOODING:
- Valley courses

CLOSINGS TO REPAIR FLOOD DAMAGE:

- Cart Path repairs BVCC and Kingswood
- Debris removal on all valley courses in addition to some work on Scotsdale and Highlands
- Rip Rap repairs BVCC, Berksdale and Kingswood

Scotsdale and Brittany Closings to cover: (covered 62 days in 2021 + 28 days in Dec 2020) December 2020 - 28 days (One Continuous Event)

January 2021-19 days (4 Events)

February 2021- 22 days (One Continuous Event/Double Cover) March 2021-1 day (Good Friday Week)

April 2021- 5 days (Two Separate Events) November-6 days (Thanksgiving Week)

December - 9 days (Double Cover)

July - September Scotsdale F9 closed to sprig damaged fairways.

All courses closed from February 10th - 24th for a total 15 days. During this time there were 275 continuous hours when temps remained below freezing. We experienced 10 overnight lows in the teens and 6 lows in single digits with one night dropping to -16. In addition, we received 8" of snow. We experienced an additional hard freeze, 27 degrees, accompanied with 1.5" of snow on April 20th. A final hard freeze, 28 degrees, took place May 5th.

We experienced 2 flood events in 2021. The first one on April 28th required the valley courses to remain closed for 10 days. The second flood on December 18th required closing of the valley courses for 3 additional days.

Rainfall totals ranged from a high of 61.9 inches at Metfield to a low of 45.5 inches at Highlands. We recorded 52.95 inches at BVCC. The normal average for this area is 47 inches according to NOAA and the US Weather Service.

These weather events impacted the overall golf maintenance operational budget in the amount of \$200,000 for repair cost alone. These unbudgeted expenses were for sod work on all courses, sprigging at Scotsdale, repairs to cart paths on both BVCC and Kingswood, repair of 13 green Dogwood, irrigation distribution repairs BVCC and rip rap work on Berksdale and BVCC. **I'm am proud to report that although we were not able to meet budget in 2021, first miss during my tenure, our staff was able to watch other expenses and make up \$100,000 of unbudgeted expenditures.**

Under Capital Improvements approved by the Board for 2021 several were effected due to weather related issues (sod availability) and COVID (availability of contractors). The two affected projects, Red Tee Box work on both Highlands and BVCC, have carried over into this year and are scheduled to be completed in first half of 2022.

New tee signage was purchased for Dogwood and delivered in late fall. These tee signs will be installed during the first quarter of 2022.

The CP related to erosion control and stabilization of creek bank and bridge abutments on number 5 BVCC was completed and closed in December.

New pump house building on 18 Dogwood will be completed in January of 2022.

In addition, 4 new CP's were approved in the spring. Repaired damage to the BVCC pump Station caused during the April flood event, well replacement at Highlands caused by an electrical surge/lightning strike, new pumps Dogwood irrigation pump station and sprigging selected F9 fairway areas Scotsdale to repair winter kill damage.

Under capital equipment a root pruning machine was purchased in January and was utilized on all courses during the winter months along cart paths. In addition, a new truck was purchased for Highlands, a top dress unit for BVCC and a park mower for Berksdale.

- **With 275 continuous hours when temps remained below freezing, very hard to grow grass.**
- **Weather events impacted the overall golf maintenance operations budget by \$200,000.00. Keith and his staff were able to cut and save \$100,000.00 of unbudgeted expenses.**
- **With Board help 4 new capital projects were approved. BVCC pump station damage, well replacement at Highlands, new pumps at Dogwood irrigation, and selected sprigging on Scotsdale fairways.**
- **Gold Tee's**
 - Gold blocks are starting to be set at Highlands the following weeks.
- **BVCC will be closed from February 7th -May 1st for repairs to collars.**
- **Gary Mertz asked about additional sprigging. Expensive and loss of revenue, due to closing a course. Already closing BVCC for collar project, two major projects would have big challenges.**

- **\$100,000 approved for cart path repair to Dogswood, Kingswood, and Highlands.**
- **Highlands concrete driving range pads being installed. Actually, gained additional space on grass.**
- **Keith Thanked members and golfers for their patience on turf issues.**
- **Golf Operations – Darryl:**
 - **Introduced Dave Armstrong and the Future Cup. Tournament helps grow and promote Junior golf for now and the future.**
 - Two captains Larry Apathy of the Red Team and Charlie Powell of the Blue Team.
 - 56 Golfers to raise money for the kids and future of golf.
 - Raised \$5000 to POA Junior Golf program and new golfers.
 - **Incredible group!**
 - Red team won on the final day of the final hole. Two great groups of men helping golf and kids.
 - **Operation 36 program to develop golfers. (see below)**
 - Limit group to 6 per coach.
 - 2 months-8 lessons. Four -9 hole matches.
 - Contact golf staff for additional information.



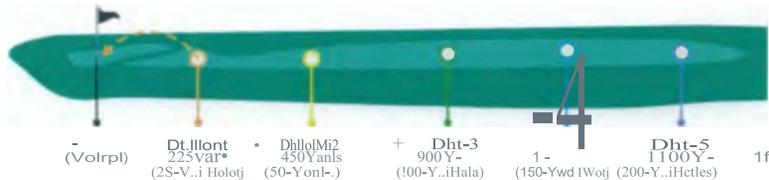
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- **WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH THE OPERATION 36 DEVELOPMENT MODEL & COACHING PROGRAM TO ENHANCE OUR GOLFERS' EXPERIENCE.**
- We want to give our golfers the best introduction and long-term development plan to become a skilled golfer. Operation 36 is the fastest growing golfer development model and coaching program delivered around the world. The program gives our staff a way to organize a golfer's development and measure improvement over time. The end goal is to get all of our golfers to shoot (par) 36 from a full tee-box!
- **How the program works:**
- Each golfer in our programs will get a profile in our community in the Operation 36 App. We will be offering 9 Hole Operation 36 formatted events with our existing coaching programs for juniors and adults. After each event, our staff will record the scores on your profile and track your progress over time. The app also allows our staff to organize programs & schedules digitally to improve communication with our families.
- **Benefits to our membership:**

- For our **juniors**, it allows us to track their golf development over-time and gives parents a timely and motivating way to get their junior on the golf course. Our coaches have access to a junior development model that can help us project where a juniors handicap will be by the time they graduate high school. Parents can quickly switch between juniors in the mobile app to see their goals & log when they play and train. Each session is shared with coaches to help guide and report on their golf development each year.
- For our **adults**, it is a fun way to improve your golf game and gives us a tool to communicate and help set goals. If you are a complete beginner it gives you the best path to become a golfer. If you have already played, it is a fun social challenge to see where you can shoot 36 (par) for 9 holes from. With the use of the technology, our staff can help you measurably improve by setting video goals, issuing you practice plans and more.

● OPERATION 36eGOLF

- **How the on-course model works:**
- **Play 9 Holes From Division 1 (25 Yards)**
- Instead of starting at the full teebox, all golfers begin in Division 1 and will play 9 holes starting 25 yards from each green.
- **8 Shoot par (36) or better to pass Division**
- If they shoot par (36) or better, the golfer progresses to Division 2, where they start 50 yards from each green.
- **Complete the Division 10 challenge**
- This challenge continues until the golfer can shoot par (36) from all 10 divisions!





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2022 PROGRAM INFORMATION TO COME SOON.

- Rounds: December rounds ended at 9,605, up by 3,845 over December 2020. Year to date rounds ended at 172,681, up by 6,876 over last year. Member rounds ended at 124,217, down 284 from last year. Guest rounds were 48,464, up 7,160 over 2020. Year to date Range buckets ended at 60,996, up 4,710 over last year. December ended at 3,134, up by 527 over 2020.
- Darryl Thanked membership, staff, and golf operations.
- 60,996 Golf buckets proves why we need mats. Always will have grass to hit off of. Will rotate days mats are utilize on the different ranges.
- **Congratulations to Darryl and Staff for reaching 172,681 rounds of golf!** Even with Scottsdale closed part of the year.

- **Gold Tees**
 - Plaques are in.
 - USGA measured all courses.
 - Plaques will be placed in the next few weeks on selected courses. You can tee off between the markers and two clubs back.
 - Gold Tee's will be rated for Men and Ladies.

- **GHIN Handicap System**
 - 470 new sign ups. Uploads of scores will be Jan. 20th , and Feb 3rd. Contact golf ops. and your view your email for information.
 - Regular GPS app.on phone is free and accurate.
 - Ratings will adjust with information inputted.
 - World renown, you can travel with it to different courses, has an app. to tract swings, handicap, GPS compatible.
 - Benefits include membership in the ASGA. Tournaments, scholarships, junior programs.
 - Tournament System and support from USGA and ASGA. Both 9- & 18-hole ratings.
 - January 1st will start. First year fees dues are \$25.00, next year \$29.99 a year. If enrolled members reach 1200, \$3.00 discount will be applied.
 - Hole handicaps coming next winter.
- **New Golf Carts**
 - 66 golf carts to Highlands in January with sand bottles
 - Total of 385 golf carts this year.

- **Tournaments: Alex**
 - Tournaments more spread out evenly.
 - 2022 calendar is being finalized.
 - February 12th Sweet Heart tournament.
 - AJGA, ASGA, and both APT & WAPT Tournaments scheduled.

- **Marketing-Kim & Leslie**
 - Introduced Eric Halvorsen as the new digital content information manager. Combine individual computer systems to be integrated.
 - New technology to make it easier for the membership.
 - Merchandising manager Leslie Terry is doing an amazing job!
 - Great year even with supply change problems.

- Leslie surpassed last year numbers and budgets by over 48%
- Challenges purchasing golf balls, equipment, apparel. Delays with golf clubs.

- **General Management-Tom**

- Capital projects approved:

- Greens Roller at Scotsdale
 - Cart Path Metfield
 - Blower Metfield
 - Cart Path Kingswood
 - Collars at BVCC
 - Engineering #2 & #3 bank stabilization at BVCC
 - Cart Path Highlands
 - Parking lot slurry and repairs Metfield
 - Ball dispenser at Highlands
 - Concrete at driving range at Highlands
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- Activity cards (up 13.2%), Boat registrations (up 10.7%), Guest Passes (up 51.4%), Golf Rounds (up 4.1%), Range Buckets (up 8.4%), Lot Sales (up 71.9%) are all up substantially!

- Great Year!

- **Comments/Emails from the Public:** none

- **Old Business:**

- **New Business:**

- **General Committee Comments:**

- Jan Hagan thanked the gentlemen of the Future's Cup for their time, effort, and contributions in supporting Junior Golf.
 - Gary Mertz asked if anybody would like to be course rater for the USGA/ASGA. Please contact Gary Mertz.

- **Announcements:**

- Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 9th,^h at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

Adjourn – Jason Loyd adjourned the meeting at 5:11 pm