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## **Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom**

Attendees: Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon, Gary Mertz, Jeff Hendren, Keith Ihms, Mark Deihl, David DeGraf, Ruth Hatcher, Jan Hagan, Tom Judson, Jerre Barron, Jr., Jessica McCrary, Jan Simms, Susan Nuttall

**Absent:** Jason Loyd, Sheila Heward, Mike Houston. Susan Nuttall has Sheila's proxy, and Ruth has Jason's proxy.

### **Votes and Important Topics**

- Vote on closing Scotsdale golf course January-February.

**Call to Order** – Ruth Hatcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**Course reports** - see meeting packet

### **Staff Reports:**

- **Maintenance – Keith**
  - Introduced Kyle from Scotsdale and Scott from Dogwood/Brittany on Bermuda greens covering
  - Friends of Dogwood donated \$1200 for tee install. Scott wanted to say a big Thank You for the donation. Major improvement!
  - Covering of greens. Try to get tarps off next week to open Scotsdale.
  - Kyle spoke on possible damage to turf, if employees rush during cold weather covering and removing tarps.
  - If frost is possible then greens will need to be covered to protect the new growth and damaging the greens.
  - Darryl said when cold weather unexpectedly arrives and greens need to be covered, very hard to close course then to open a course. Moving 128 golfers to other courses during closing.
  - Highlands will be closed for drill and fill next week to extend the life of the greens and make greens healthier.
  - Earlier March timeline for drill and fill to allow greens to grow and repair.
  - Collar project at BVCC extra personal added. All collars will be prepped and ready for sod.
  - Sod will be delivered next week. Hopefully installed next week.
  - Additional benefit redone #2 tee boxes while course is closed. Increased the overall tee size by 1800 square feet.
  - Redo #6 tee box and doubled the size.
  - July do sod on Highlands Red tee boxes.
  - Cart path repairs on Dogwood #1, #7, #17 improvement. Kingswood around # 16 tee.
  - New bike trail green delineators installed where old wood railing washed out during flooding at Kingswood, directing bikers.
  - Finishing Pre-emergent and planning on cart and road crossing being restriped.
  - Ruth asked when to start new hiring for summer. Keith said they are in the process. Thanked board members for their help.
  - Highlands driving range rolls of sod delivered mid-April. Mats installed after sod to keep people out of the mud.
- **Golf Operations – Darryl:**

- **Golf rounds.**
  - February rounds ended at 3,370. Down by 326 over last year. Members rounds ended at 2903, down by 220 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 467, down by 106 over last year.
  - Year to date rounds ended at 7,648. Down by 908 over last year. Member rounds ended at 6,591, down by 965 over last year. Guest rounds ended at 1057, up by 57 over last year.
  - Weather in February impacted the rounds.
  - Range buckets year to date 4171, up by 522. February buckets ended at 1,750, up by 292.
- **Darryl asked membership to watch today's play about Tanyard on improvements.**
- **Gold Tees**
  - Plaques are in and down.
  - USGA will have all ratings done by May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gold Tee's will be rated for Men and Ladies.
- **GHIN Handicap System**
  - 685 new sign ups.
  - Regular GPS app.on phone is free and accurate. Gary said GPS works great!
  - Course ratings will be finished by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Months ahead of schedule.
  - World renown, you can travel with it to different courses, has an app. to track 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.
  - Course names are now on posting site.
- **APT/WAPT**
  - Scheduled **May 25-28. Pro-Am the 24<sup>th</sup>. Highlands main golf course 4 days of play, and BVCC 2 days.**
- **Tournaments: Alex**
  - May 19-20 3 person scramble at Dogwood almost filled up.
  - Shot in the Dark almost filled up on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Folds of Honor May 7 at Highlands. Spring couple mixer tournament at Dogwood May 13-15.
  - Two man summer series registration.
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- **General Management-Tom**
  - Board approved complete renovation of Riordan Hall. Please watch presentation.
  - Relocating member servicing building.
  - Gary ask about software update. Tom said we are still on track to implement in May.

- **Comments/Emails from the Public:**

- Bill Twyman commented he can't get tee times in primetime 8:00-noon Monday-Friday, because group play takes all the tee times. He has been unsuccessful and ask for an opportunity to get his group a tee time. He proposed a mulligan prototype to book individual tee times. Darryl commented that he spoke with Bill and showed him the tee sheet showing tee times are split evenly 50/50 with tee times and groups. Due to golf course closure, covid single rider restrictions, and weather events closing courses it has been very difficult the last couple of years. This year we should be back to normal and give the system an opportunity to work, and then we can look at the results. Darryl commented that years ago they tried the system that Bill was referring to about giving a four person tee time the same status as a group. Darryl said there were multiple problems of the individual groups cancelling play and no shows. We tried it and it didn't work. Darryl said he has tighten down on the 132 groups on tee times. They have limited shotguns with mixed tee times over the courses. Some shotguns can have open tee times, that can be played at the same time shotguns are playing. Darryl told Bill he would visit with him again.
- Jeff Hendren ask if some groups could be scheduled in the afternoon. Darryl said they have done that previously with tee times mixed between the shotgun times.
- Dave Armstrong commented leagues are so great and extremely beneficial for Bella Vista. He has met a lot of great people and easier to make tee times as a group. He added Bill might need to get enough people together or join a group to get certain tee times.
- Bill Harris commented on advice he was given. If you want to play a particular time don't be fussy about what course. If you want a particular course, don't be fussy about what time. It has worked well for him.

- **Old Business:**

- **Vote on closing Scotdale in January and February.**
  - **Susan made a motion. I move to close Scotdale and Brittany in January and February with the option of opening with favorable weather as determined by the golf course superintendent. Mark Deihl seconded the motion.**
  - **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - Jan Simms ask how many people it takes to cover and uncover the greens. Kyle said it takes 10-12 people, 4-6 hours to cover the greens. It takes 10-12 people, 8-10 hours to uncover the greens in two days, and Kyle has to borrow other people from other courses for the job.

- **New Business:**

- **General Committee Comments:**

- Jan Hagan commented that it is very exciting to have the APT/WAPT tournament back again in Bella Vista.
- Susan Nuttall commented about the golf expo. Strongly suggest we continue with this next year. It does impact getting new members with the golf groups. Darryl canceled the golf expo. He is very concerned about the safety of people due to covid, and that the golf expo would of been held inside. He will help with Kelley to get new books out on the golf groups.

- **Announcements:**

- Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

**Adjourn** – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm

