

Final

Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Notes Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 4:00 pm BVCC and Zoom

Attendees: Sheila Heward, Jeff Hendren, Mark Deihl, Ruth Hatcher, Dave Armstrong, David DeGraf, Darryl Muldoon, Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Alex Sanford, Jackie Gain, Jason Loyd, Ashley Wood, Jan Hagan, and Jerry Foster, Jan Simms.

Absent: Gary Mertz and Mike Houston. Ruth has Gary's & Mike's Proxy.

Votes and Important Topics-

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

Approval of the November 9th meeting- Dave Armstrong made motion to approve. Jeff Hendren Seconded it. Unanimous approval.

Course reports - see meeting packets.

Darryl Muldoon Introduced Hannah Hellyer as the new PGA professional at Tanyard Creek. Hannah played on professional tours including the LPGA. She is running the Short Game League at Tanyard and it's going very well. Very excited about Operation 36.

Darryl thanked Futures Cup for their donation to sponsor Operation 36.

Staff Reports:

- **Maintenance – Keith(Darryl reported)**
 - **Berkshire bridge removal**-We have all permits and will start going on mid-March.
 - **BVCC Pump House**
 - Tom said project went out to bid. Received only one bid. Will have to get a 3 bid waiver from board.
 - Only small amount over budget, less than the 10 percent threshold.
 - Only pumphouse for BVCC and will get it going. Very important.

- **Golf Operations – Darryl**

January Rounds Report are as follows:

- January rounds ended at 5,876.
 - Up by 1,598 over last year.
 - Members rounds ended at 4,740.
 - Up by 1,052 over last year.
 - Guest rounds ended at 1,136.
 - Up by 546 over last year.

We experienced some warmer days this January compared to last year, which in turn played the major factor in the increase in rounds and range buckets for the month.

Highlands, Kingswood, and Berksdale golf courses had winter projects going on during the month of January, that is why they were closed for an extra 12 days as you will see on the Round report.

- Range buckets for January ended at 3,216 (up by 795 over 2022).
- Program will be updated, and the report will be in adjusted by next month.
- January and February all courses will be closed (12 days) for winter projects.
- Darryl said Dogwood's Golf Supervisor Gary is retiring. Great person and will miss him.
- Darryl has found his replacement. Jimmy at BVCC will be promoted to Dogwood Golf Supervisor. Darryl will introduce him at next meeting.
- Dave Armstrong thanked Gary for all his years of service.
- **Darryl challenged the golf committee** to come up with 4-5 ideas for local rules in Bella Vista to be listed on the cart tags.
 - All committee members will email their ideas to Alex to create a list for the potential cart tags. Gary Mertz created a limerick of ideas.
 - Pros and Alex will give the list to marketing, and ideas will roll out in Spring.
 - Sheila asks about temporary Greens at Scotsdale.
 - Dave Armstrong said it's a challenge to find areas to locate extra temporary greens.
 - Darryl said there is still open tee times at extra course, not necessary for more greens.
 - Darryl said people want discounted fees for temporary greens. And after two weeks greens are worn out.
 - Operations 36 Golf Program-Sheila Heward
Sheila said she was a participant in Op. 36, the first and only class that they offered here in Bella Vista. It was offered to Women. It was full and incredible experience.
Sheila said she was horribly distressed when many months ago I was told that the only way Op. 36 would be offered in Bella Vista again, would be to Junior golfers.
 - Darryl said we are excited about Operation 36 and it was always open to everyone, and was never, ever taken off the table, ever. They were short staffed last year and are ready to roll this season.
 - Dave Armstrong said it was always intended to advance the future of golf for Juniors, Women, and Men.
- Dave Armstrong thanked Darryl and Hannah for their help.
- (see attachments)

Tournaments Alex

- New event Bella Vista Men's Four Ball. (see attachment)
 - Most events from last year were full capacity.
 - Alex wants to give something every month (Feb.-Nov.) with a mix of Charity, Social, and Competitive tournament events.
 - New sign-up program for tournaments is live.
 - First event is at BVCC this weekend.
 - Three person scramble registration is ready for signups.
- **General Management-Tom**
 - **General Committee Comments:**
 - **Board Liaisons-**
 - Jan Hagan liked Gary's rhyming couplets, and maybe to further explore ideas.
 - Jans Simms wanted more readily available information on Tournaments.

- **Comments/Emails from the Public:**
 - Stevie Lamar thanked the golf JACG for their work.
 - Complained about the abuse of the 30 foot rule distance from greens by some of the Handicap flag people. Individuals are damaging the golf course.
 - There is a need for the handicap flags. But staff and golfers need to enforce the rules.
 - Staff is monitoring the situation.
 - Darryl explained we showed the participants the 30-foot distance rule before giving out flags.
 - Membership needs to “If you see something, say something”. **Take care of our golf courses!**
 - Jeff Hendren said you can take pictures and send to the staff.
 - Darryl said the blue flag program is a great program. It enables people to play that couldn’t play before.
 - If abuse is caught, Darryl can pull their blue flags.

- **Old Business**
- **New Business**

- **Announcements:**
 - Golf JAC Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 8th, at 4:00pm, Boardroom.

Adjourn – Ruth Hatcher adjourned the meeting at 4:46

