Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting **MINUTES**

Meeting Date: **March 12, 2025**

4:00pm BVCC & Livestream

Attendance:	***In Attendance***	***Absent***	***Attendance:***	***In Attendance***	***Absent***
1. Armstrong, Dave	__X___	_____	Jerre Barron	__X__	_____
2. DeGraf, Dave	_____	___X__	Darryl Muldoon	__X__	_____
3. Estes, Jim	__X___	_____	Graham Kornmeyer	__X__	_____
4. Foster, Jerry	__X__	_____	Jason Loyd	____	__X__
5. Hatcher, Ruth	__X__	_____	Tom Judson	__X__	_____
6. Lawerence, Brad	__X__	_____	Jessica McCrary	__X__	_____
7. Mertz, Gary	__X__	_____	Alex Sanford	__X__	_____
8. Merritt, Clay	__X__	_____	Dave Brandenberg	__X__	_____
9. Mullens, Kimela	__X__	_____	Kathleen Coughlin	__X__	_____

CALL TO ORDER: R. Hatcher called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Approval of last month's Meeting Minutes

Motion by: **Dave Armstrong**_____ Seconded by: **Jim Estes**_____ Approved: **Yes** ~~No~~ Amended

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Nothing to Report______

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GOLF FACILITIES' REPORTS:

BVCC (J. Estes): **Fairways are good; Carts on Path appears to be working; divots on Par 3s need filling; #11 river needs "blob in River" removed; #13 tree debris needs removing**

DOGWOOD (C. Merritt): **Overall course is in good shape; greens good: fringes have grass clumps that need attention; (see attached detailed report)**

HIGHLANDS (B. Lawerence): **Fairways are in "improvement mode"; driving range in good shape with many players; Pro Shop looks good**

KINGSWOOD/BERKSDALE (D. DeGraf): **No Report**

SCOTSDALE (J. Foster): **Everything is good; greens rolling well; the "green fairways" have been well received by the players; driving range condition is poor, too many divots and dirt areas** (Jim Estes)

TANYARD (K.Mullens): **Tanyard still not open; Highlands range doing well**

STAFF REPORTS: See on-line reports: **Committees » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com)**

GOLF OPERATIONS (D. Muldoon): **(Report Attached); Clearance clothing and balls are being moved to Highlands**; **Tanyard Driving Range not open yet but getting close**

MAINTENANCE (G. Kornmeyer)**: (Report Attached); Painted fairways have been well received by the players; aeration schedule was approved by the Committee – they like the staggered course schedule; Highland fairway improvement going well – 14 if 18 holes are completed; Par 3 tees will be sprigged with a different type of Zoysia grass and some Par 4 as may be needed; if leveling of tees is needed, sanding will be used**

TOURNAMENTS (A. Sanford): See Tournament Schedule: **GOLF TOURNAMENTS » Bella Vista Property Owners Association (bellavistapoa.com)**

Tournament schedule was presented (see Attached); fewer events this year due to the limitation of available courses (Highland fairway improvement reduces the available courses for play); Men's "Golf and Gulp" will be at the Highland's driving range and will run for 6 weeks

BOARD LIASON COMMENTS**: Dave Brandenberg asked about leveling the Scotsdale practice area with brushes when sand is put down to fill the divots; Graham K is looking into this; Tom J reminded us about the "Meet the Candidates" at the Rec Center next week; Tom J did not commit to a date for Tanyard opening, but said everything is being done to get it open as soon as possible**

PUBLIC EMAILS/COMMENTS**: Nothing to Report**

OLD BUSINESS**: Nothing to Report**

NEW BUSINESS**: Gary Mertz invited anyone, male and female, that was interested in becoming a course rater to contact him; ASGA is planning on creating regional rating teams in the future and more raters are needed; Recognition was handed out to the "Friends of Highland" and the "Friends of Dogwood" for their contributions to keeping the course beautified and a request to develop other Friends of "Courses"; Dave Armstrong volunteered to see if there was and interest at Scotsdale to form a group**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**: Next meeting on April 9, 2025, 4pm in the Boardroom**

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PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

From: Darryl Muldoon PGA, Director of Golf Operations

To: Golf Committee

Date: March 12th, 2025

Subject: Golf Rounds Report for February 2025

2025 February Rounds Report are as follows:

- Rounds ended at 5,544.
  - Down by 4,395 over last February.
  - Members rounds ended at 4,188.
    - Down by 3,278 over last February.
  - Guest rounds ended at 1,356.
    - Down by 1,117 over last February.
- Year-to-date rounds ended at 8,105.
  - Down by 4,894 over last year.
  - Members' rounds ended at 6,240.
    - Down by 3,797 over last year.
  - Guest rounds ended at 1,865.
    - Down by 1,097 over last year.

February 2025 was an extremely cold month with a snow and ice fall of +/- 7 inches, and this impacted the rounds as we were closed for 12 days. With the overnight low temperatures, it took time for the snow to melt in the shady areas. Range buckets are down due to the closure of Tanyard Creek practice facility for its remodel.

- Range buckets ended the year at 2,432 (Down by 1,583 over the past year)

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Director of Golf Maintenance's Report

- **Course work update:**

- **We have had stretches of very cold weather this winter, luckily, we've had snow to act as covers for all of the major cold stretches. I'm hopeful that we have minimal winterkill issues this spring, but we will need to wait for confirmation once the Bermuda grass resumes growth soon.**

- **What are the committee members' thoughts on the colorants we used on the golf course tees and fairways this winter? Is it an acceptable replacement for winter overseeding in your opinion? Something you would like to see continued and expanded across all courses?**

- **Country Club and Dogwood greens have been aerated so far this spring. We rented the core harvesters that we used last year again to clean up the cores and leave a smooth surface. We are aerating Kingswood and Berksdale next Monday and Tuesday.**

- **We are finishing up applying pre-emergent herbicide applications to all golf courses tees, fairways, and rough this month for spring and summer weeds.**

- **We have fertilizer applications scheduled to begin in late March and throughout April that should hasten spring green up and lead to better playing conditions this spring.**

Tanyard Creek The autonomous mowers and pickers have been installed and final setup completed. They are all working well and we're excited to see how they do once we open and the grass begins to grow this spring.

We will be sodding the areas around the building that are currently rye grass in April once we do the final grade work in March.

Highlands Zoysia Conversion We received an inch of rain on Tuesday the 4th, which slowed down our ability to begin planting because ground conditions were too wet. We received all of our sod, so we were able to be productive by staging the necessary amount of sod rolls at each hole while it was too wet to plant.

We began planting the grass on Thursday the 6th, the process is going much slower than I originally anticipated, even with two machines. We are projecting to finish up on Friday or Saturday of this week. We are averaging around 5-6 acres planted a day and have 51 acres total to do.

#6 Kingwood Pond Liner The contractor has mobilized equipment on 3/5/25.

He had to pump out a small amount of water that was present in the pond.

Skim out and remove the existing silt that is on top of the native soil and stockpile outside of the pond.

Spread Soil-Floc polymer product evenly across the entire pond.

Spread and cover the pond base with the stockpiled silt and compact.

He anticipates being done later this week or early next week.

Dogwood Golf Course Review

For Bella Vista Golf Committee

Review Date: March 11, 2025

Reviewer: Clay Merritt

Summary: Overall, the course is in excellent condition and the staff is incredibly friendly and helpful.

- **Tee boxes - Excellent. Cut close. Nice grass. Very few tees or cigarette butts.**
- **Fairways - Excellent. Clear of leaves, limbs, etc. Many divots have sand in them.**
- **Greens - Excellent. (They were just aerated so I cannot comment on speed or ball marks)**
- **Fringe - Poor - Many greens have fringe with clumpy grass making rolling the ball on fringe unpredictable.**
- **Sand traps - Excellent. Well groomed and great borders.**
- **Pro shop - Excellent. Shelves and hangers stocked full and organized well. Staff very friendly and knowledgeable.**

Areas for Improvement:

None of these are catastrophic or even major problems:

- **Red yardage marker on hole 1 is rotten. (see below photo) Rest of course seems to have posts in good conditions**
- **Some of the ball washers are dry of fluid and some have paint missing (see below photo)**
- **No sand available on the par 3's. I think you start putting those out when grass starts to grow.**
- **Fringe on many of the greens has clumpy grass. (see below photo). I don't think this is easy to fix but it would improve close approach shots.**
- **Cart path that crosses road between hole 8 tee and hole 7 green is somewhat offset on opposite sides of the road. There is clearly marked painted markings but as you go from high side (hole 8 side), you cannot see where the path is. I could see where it would be possible for a person to drive straight across the road and end up in the ditch after a 10 foot fall. Adding a barrier sign guiding people toward the path would be helpful.**
- **Bumpy cart paths - I think this is universal to all BV course but there are many spots with roots causing very bumpy rides.**

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2025 Bella Vista POA Tournament Schedule

Saturday, May 3	***Folds of Honor***	Scotsdale
Friday-Sunday, May 23- 25	***Couples Mixer***	Dogwood
Saturday-Sunday, June 7- 8	***3-Person Tournament***	Dogwood
Saturday, June 21	***Alzheimer's Golf Classic***	Kingswood
Saturday, June 28	***Parent- Child***	Brittany
Friday, July 4	***Friends of Highlands***	Scotsdale
Saturday, July 26	***All in the Family***	Kingswood
Saturday-Sunday, August 16-17	***Men's Club Championship***	BVCC
Monday, September 1	***Friends of Dogwood***	Dogwood
Saturday, September 27	***Prostate Cancer Tourn.***	Highlands
Friday, October 3	***Shot in the Dark!***	Highlands
Saturday, October 25	***Rally in Pink***	Scotsdale
Tuesday, November 11	***Veteran's Day***	Highlands