**Golf Joint Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, July 8th, 2026**

**In Attendance:**

GJAC Members: Jerry Foster, John Fritz, Ruth Hatcher, Drew Hendren, John Houser, Brad Lawrence, Clay Merritt

Golf Operations: Graham Kornmeyer, Alex Sanford, Darryl Muldoon

POA Administration: Jessica McCrary and Tom Judson

Board Liaisons: Bob Brooks, Kim Carlson, Dave Armstrong

**1. Committee Business**

- Ruth Hatcher opened the meeting.
- Kimela Mullen absent (Ruth has proxy)
- Welcomed two new committee members:
    - **John Fritz** – retired Honeywell executive with experience in logistics, business development, and commercial excellence.
    - **Drew Hendren** – local resident, banker, and golf enthusiast.
- Added **Ice Machine** to New Business agenda.
- **Officer Elections**
    - Chair: Ruth Hatcher re-elected.
    - Vice Chair: Brad Lawrence elected.
    - Secretary: John Houser elected.
- June 10 meeting minutes approved without changes.

**2. Course Condition Reports**

**Scotsdale**

- Overall course in excellent condition.
- Fairways, roughs, tee boxes, and clubhouse received positive reviews.
- Greens suffered temporary scalping after mowing too aggressively but are recovering well.

- Hydraulic/oil leak from maintenance equipment left visible lines on greens.
- Golf cart fleet continues to be a concern.

**Bella Vista Country Club**

- Course and greens in excellent condition.
- Pro shop praised for outstanding customer service and inventory.
- Cart condition remains an issue.

**Kingswood/Berksdale**

- Greens and fairways improving.
- Sod on Hole #16 establishing well.
- Ice machines unable to keep up with summer demand.
- Some forward tees require attention.
- Vegetation and overgrowth affecting several tee boxes.
- Rough needs mowing in some locations.

**Highlands**

- Fairways continue to improve.
- Washout repairs on Hole #1 completed successfully.
- Concern raised about large rocks near cart exits creating tripping hazards.
- Pro shop and merchandise received positive feedback.

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**3. Superintendent's Report (Graham)**

**Weather & Maintenance**

- Year-to-date rainfall: **28 inches**, close to historical average.
- High humidity required additional fungicide applications.
- No significant flooding experienced this year.
- Scotsdale greens scalping was attributed to delayed maintenance caused by weather.

**Current Projects**

- Highlands Hole #1 erosion repair completed.
- Steep slope trimming completed at Country Club.
- Scotsdale aerification scheduled for **August 3–4**.
- Tee and collar aerification underway.
- Additional pre-emergent weed control being applied.
- Continued testing of **Zoysia grass** as a way to shorten future course conversion closures.

**Capital Projects**

- Country Club Hole #13 tee renovation nearly complete.
- Kingswood fan installation nearly finished.
- Asphalt grinder expected in August to begin repairing cart paths throughout all courses.
- Boulders approved for installation near Country Club Hole #8 to improve safety.

Graham to follow up on tree replacement quotes before the next meeting.

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**4. Golf Operations Report (Darryl)**

**Rounds & Revenue**

- June rounds exceeded last year despite rainy weather.
- Year-to-date rounds: **104,595**, a record pace.
- Driving range usage increased significantly.
- Tanyard Creek driving range continues to perform exceptionally well.

**Golf Cart Fleet**

- Existing fleet continues to age.
- New lease bids will be obtained in October.
- Replacement carts expected in **October next year**.
- GPS-equipped carts will be included in bid comparisons for consideration.

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**5. Tanyard Creek Discussion**

**Dress Code**

- Committee asked to develop recommendations for an appropriate dress code.
- A subcommittee will be formed, chaired by **Brad Lawrence**, to develop recommendations.

**Safety Improvements**

- Safety fence installation nearly complete.
- Sidewalk expected to reopen after privacy screening is installed.

**Putting Green – Collar question**

- No collar due to autonomous mower maintenance and proximity to rock walkway.
- Graham to check with Reed to see if a partial collar is feasible.

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**6. Events & Programming (Alex)**

Recent Events

- Alzheimer's Benefit Tournament (120 players)
- Friends of Highlands Tournament (124 players)

Upcoming Events

- Couples Mixer – July 18–19
- All in the Family Tournament – July 25
- Men's & Senior Club Championship – August 29–30

Instruction Programs

- Junior camps, Operation 36, homeschool programs, and new high school prep classes continue to see strong participation.

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**7. Other Discussion Items**

- Budget items for 2027 submitted to Board of Directors

- Report cart misuse immediately to Darryl or pro shop to help protect course conditions.
- Bunker rakes
    - Labels instructing where to place rakes appearing at some courses
    - No current plan to standardize rake labeling
- Practice range ball quality concern.
- Ice machines can't keep up with capacity during extreme heat. Consider getting ice at clubhouse/cart barns or bring ice from home.
- Consider adding non-slip surfaces to wooden bridges for player safety.
- Continue evaluating tree replacement plans.
- Continue addressing weeds around Country Club fairways.
- Members praised recent improvements to Highlands and Scotsdale.
- Reminder issued not to use the closed maintenance road at Dogwood due to safety concerns.

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**8. Annual Committee Training**

Committee members received annual governance training covering:

- Advisory role of the committee.
- Relationship between committee, management, and Board of Directors.
- Open meeting requirements and transparency.
- Budget recommendation process.
- Appropriate committee responsibilities.
- Respect for staff time and meeting efficiency.
- Importance of gathering member feedback before making recommendations.

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**8. Annual Course Selection for Committee Members**

- Kingswood/Berksdale - Kimela Mullen

- Scotsdale - Jerry Foster
- Highlands - Clay Merritt
- Dogwood - Drew Hendren
- Tanyard Creek - John Fritz
- Country Club - TBD

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**Next Golf JAC Regular Meeting - Wednesday, August 12th at 4:00pm, Boardroom**