

Greens Committee Meeting 03/04/2024

Attendees

Dennis Meeter, Sue Madden Norma Jean Hogan, Chuck Donohue, Kevin Neswick, Brian Duthu, Brandon Hodgkins, **Guests** Deb Bell, Gary (Golf Course Architect)

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Meeter at 8:20 am.

Minutes from the January 1st meeting were reviewed and approved by the Committee.

Brian Duthu introduced Gary, the Golf Course Architect who has been working on the design for the planned 2025 irrigation system replacement and overall upgrade of the Quail Run Golf Course.

Gary reviewed the anticipated upgrades to the course, which will include:

1. Installation of a state-of-the-art irrigation system that will facilitate more efficient and effective irrigation throughout the course and which features individually controlled sprinkler heads, watering efficiency on greens and surrounds, and the new HDP fused technology to prevent leaks in the future.
2. Expansion of the lake through increased depth, lining of the lake and upgrades of the infrastructure from the lake to the pump.
3. Expansion of tee box sizes to USGA recommendations, re-alignment of tee boxes as indicated and tee box leveling. Additional forward tees will be constructed where needed.
4. Expansion of greens to USGA specifications and make sure greens are on the “tamer side”.
5. Addition of a cart path area on #2 to be located nearer the green.
6. Enlarge the existing putting green, enhance the chipping area, refresh & enhance the practice cages/area.
7. Replace fairways with the more resilient and water responsible Tif-Tuf Turf.
8. Re-rating of the course by USGA upon completion.
9. Timing of the project is as follows:
 - a. Drawings to be completed in February and presented at the March 4th Greens Committee Meeting
 - b. Project will be put to bid in March 2024
 - c. Final drawings will be submitted to Maricopa County in summer 2024
 - d. Construction is expected to begin mid-spring 2025
 - e. Construction is expected to finish in the fall with the course re-opening with standard post over seed re-opening
 - f. Brian Duthu recommended that the 2025 Ladies Octogenarian dates be moved from April to the last week in March, in anticipation of an April start date

Brian then reviewed the golf report, including the Verticutting and Aerification schedules for 2024. Of note this year, the Fairway & Greens Aerification processes will be combined this year, resulting in a per course closure period of 12 days. The closure dates for Quail Run are August 26 through

September 6th. A preliminary overseed schedule has been submitted to the Golf Advisory Committee. Brian also discussed the creation of a 5-year plan for RCSC and requested that any golf related priorities for each course (sample provided) be submitted to him at the March Greens Committee meeting. He will then take the submitted information into consideration as he moves forward with the golf specific 5-year plan.

Brandon reviewed the greens report, again asking that golfers be reminded to fill in their divots, repair their ball mark and one other on the greens as we strive to keep the course in top playing condition. He also reviewed the current mowing schedule (Fairways 2 x per week and Greens every other day). Projects are continued irrigation & maintenance and needle tine of greens soon.

Old business –

Dennis Meeter reiterated the change to the 3-cart rule which became effective on January 1st.

Sue Madden reiterated, for the benefit of all attendees, the rules for selecting a new Greens Committee member and noted that the vacancy posting has now been up for 30 days and must remain posted until March 2nd. The number of signed up for consideration will determine the need for an election ballot and general vote.

New business –

Dennis reviewed the upcoming Tournament schedule in order to set a divot party date

1. Men's Octogenarian – March 11 & 14
2. Quail Run Ladies Invitational – March 18 & 21
3. Ladies Octogenarian – April 8 & 12

A divot party date of Friday March 8th was selected and will be coordinated in conjunction with the Friday Scramble.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Madden