

Course Cares Committee Meeting held March 18, 2015

In Attendance:

Ryan Peterson – Director of Golf/Interim General Manager

Jason Wolf – Superintendent

Rodger Oswald – President, 18 Hole Men's Golf Club

Edda Ashe – 18 Hole Women's Golf Club

Nancy McDonald – Linksters

The Course Cares Committee Mission Statement is: The Lincoln Hills Golf Club Course Cares Committee is a dynamic and diverse assembly of the Sun City Lincoln Hills golfing community, residents and the LHGC management team. Collectively, we are dedicated to serving as a conduit of continued interaction between course, residents and guests. We are committed to the interchange of course and community specific ideas and affairs.

Ryan stated that with passing of Billy Casper nothing will change in the operations of Billy Casper golf.

Jason stated that Haines Mayo is responsible for the Hills Course and Scott Hall the Orchard.

Jason Koskela is now the Head Golf Professional and Ryan Way will be the new Assistant Golf Professional.

Billy Casper Golf promotes "People, Plan, Product".

People – more training for staff, recognize and reward

Plan – Marketing Plan (Revenue Payback)

Product – Overall Experience (Treat guests to a fun and enjoyable experience)

Programs –

Summit – They are revamping the summit range and will be adding individual small bags filled with golf balls and will have the triangle of balls.

Prospector – added a free lesson if purchased after 1/1/15 and in the future card will be valid full year from purchase.

Gold Rush – same as Prospector

PDP – range balls anytime and \$19 golf after noon and \$10 after 3pm.

In-House Events –

They are planning to have one per month with special themes and discounts for all members. April will be the Bunny Hop and some lucky player may find a \$100 bill on the course.

It was commented that we do not usually receive notification of the monthly Gold Rush and Summit Tournaments. Ryan will check into that as they have been very disappointed in the turn out.

Aerification Dates: (Tentative)

Orchard – March 29 and 30 / August 30 and 31

Hills – April 12 and 13 / August 23 and 24

Special Items of Interest

New Ball Washers and new shoe brushes have been purchased.

They are putting more sand in the bunkers and there are more rakes. The Lincoln Hills policy is to keep the rakes in the bunkers. Everyone should rake the bunker after hitting their shot and then put the rake back in the bunker.

Hole #14 on the Hills – They will be reworking the exit area by the bunker on the right.

Hole #7 on the Orchard – Behind the green they will be putting more sod and bark.

They are evaluating the different tee boxes to make them more level.

It was suggested that we put in a flat putting green somewhere near where the golf carts are staged. It is a financial decision, but would be nice to have.

Driving Range – they try and not put us on the mats any more than they have to. But they do need to give the grass areas time to grow back.

They will be putting a pre-emergent in the rough and hopefully it will keep the weeds down.

They are working on areas (such as Hills 14) that have significant cart traffic and damage.

Jason asked that we ask our members to repair divots. If possible put the divot back and step on it. If you put sand in the divot, smooth it out.

This meeting was 1 hour and 10 minutes. We will try and keep them to 1 hour. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00am.

There is a persistent problem of residents playing golf without registering and/or paying in the afternoon. While residents seem to think this is a “right,” Ryan referred to this as “retail theft.”

Blue flag carts as well as any other carts need to stay 10 yards from greens and traps.

All of these course issues should be communicated to our membership.