

*Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee  
March 27, 2013 – p.m.*

*Present were: Chairman Gary Tinkel, Members Laurie Cascarano Jim Tucker, Jim Scott, and Madolyn Mumma, Secretary. Also present were: Board Representative Bill Bell, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.*

*Mr. Tinkel reported that Rich Berry, Don Wirsbinski and Mary Jo Burke were unable to attend and that Chuck Ingersoll and Floyd Hann had resigned from the Committee.*

*Mr. Tinkel called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.*

*The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Mr. Tinkel reported that Mrs. Mumma had agreed to continue serving as secretary for the committee.*

*Following a review of the mission statement and goals for the committee, the group agreed there was no change in either.*

*In response to a question from the floor, Rob stated the club currently owned 25 carts and then leased an additional 20 carts for the busy season. He said the lease agreements are negotiated near April 1.*

*It was reported an additional coating of sand and sealer mix had been applied to the cart path to left of #2 green, making it less slippery.*

*In response to a question regarding the condition of the roughs around the greens Tony said they need more aerifying and verticutting and the addition of more fertilizer and water. This takes additional money.*

*The committee agreed the fairways were better this year at this point in the season than any other year. Tony was asked to get an estimate for the cost of giving more attention to the roughs. He said some of it had to do with the ability to water the roughs. He has continued to adjust the watering heads.*

*Mr. Tinkel said that if it meant an addition to the budget the committee would like to know that so it can make a recommendation to the board.*

*It was reported that it was too early to evaluate the testing of the celebration grass on Holes 14 and 16.*

*In response to a question why the speed of the greens varied from time to time, Tony said the basic plan was to cut the greens lower for big tournaments. That puts the grass under stress, so the greens are cut higher to keep them healthier at other times.*

*It was reported the plastic cup liners were removed for the member/guest events and the club championship as requested. They are still out and there have been no complaints. The cost of painting the holes is \$1700/year vs.\$1400 for using the cup liners. The committee agreed that so long as the liners are 1/8 to 1/4 inch below the green they did not seem to be an issue and agreed to have cup liners but to remove them for some events. Final decision will be up to Tony and Rob.*

### 2013 Projects:

- 1. There has been much discussion about redoing #2 to move the cart path further left of the green and to the left approaching the green to make it less hilly and more safe. This would require some excavation and elevation changes in that area. There has also been discussion to add a waste bunker between the new path and the green. There has also been discussion to add a trap to the back right side of the green and a sand trap or traps at the narrow part of the fairway, approximately 90 yards from the green. The golf committee is in favor of these changes in the entirety and recommend that the board proceed to implement them this summer.*
- 2. There has been discussion about regrassing all of hole #5 with celebration grass as a test hole. This would solve the problem to the right of the green where the grass is of poor quality. There has also been discussion about adding a sand trap to the left front of this green. Also the cart path is to be narrowed so its width does not exceed 8 feet. The golf committee is in favor of these changes in the entirety and recommends the board proceed to implement this summer.*
- 3. The golf committee recommends that the board adopt a policy that cart paths be 6 to 8 feet in width but never to exceed 8 feet in width. Where they do so now, they should be brought into compliance with this policy.*

*4. Consideration is being given to planting bushes along the fence left of #1 fairway from the tee to the green. The golf committee supports and recommends to the Board that this be done.*

*5. The pink tee on No. 1 will be moved.*

*6. Some tees will be resurfaced.*

*7. Plans to possibly enlarge #7 green tee*

*8. There will be 3 verticuts and airifying this summer instead of the two that were done in 2012 and the adjusting of sprinklers will continue.*

*Gary said there had been complaints about the amount of outside play during the busy months of winter. In checking with the pro shop, he discovered that the average number of outside players per day so far this year were:*

*Nov. 6.1*

*Dec., 4.6*

*Jan. 10.8*

*Feb. 15.9*

*The golf committee does not consider this to be excessive and does not feel the subject demands any further attention.*

*The committee then addressed the letter from a member outlining his concerns.*

*In response to the request that the debris created when growth is cut down in the reserve areas be removed, Tony reported this did not come under his jurisdiction. It was the responsibility of the community association. No action required by the golf committee.*

*A member suggested the course become nonsmoking. Rob reported that a couple of years ago was the first time the course had enforced a more stringent nonsmoking policy. That was because of extreme drought conditions that year. He recommended we continue to enforce nonsmoking only if weather conditions made it necessary. Committee agreed. No action required.*

*A member suggested we be more proactive on pond maintenance. Tony reported the ponds are on a regular maintenance program. Algae may form, but it is kept to a minimum. No action needed.*

*A member does not think traps receive enough attention. Sand traps are raked about 5 or 6 times per week, almost once a day. Committee agreed this was sufficient. No action needed.*

*A member suggested cosmetic improvement along the cart path between Holes No. 16 and 17. Tony said there is hedge row that hasn't grown up. Tony said they had done quite a bit of work and needed to continue to keep track of their results. He is not sure what else he can do at this time.*

*A member suggested that on Hole #6 the out of bound stakes were high on the east side of the pond and this area should be declared not a part of the golf course and be blocked off. The committee said there were several areas on the course that were similar to this: left of the pond on #5, right of the pond on #9 and #13. If a golfer is in the hazard but not out of bounds the ball is playable. No action suggested.*

*In response to a member's suggestion that bricks be buried along the paths where carts continuously run off the path, Tony agreed there some areas that needed attention. Suggestion made to vary height of bricks to create a washboard effect.*

*At 4:30 p.m. Mr. Tinkel said the committee would have to adjourn in order for the 5:00 p.m. board meeting could begin on time. The balance of this member's concerns would be reviewed at the next meeting.*

*Motion made to adjourn seconded and approved.*