

Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee  
April 20, 2011

Present were: Chairman Floyd Hann; Members Jim Scott, Gary Tinkel, Sabra Cicilline Richard Berry and Laurie Cascarano. Madolyn Mumma served as secretary.

Also present were Board Representative Don Wirsbinski, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.

Mr. Hann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hann recognized the members in the audience and stated their participation was encouraged.

Tony outlined the calendar for the summer maintenance program, a copy of which was distributed to the members. He pointed out they will begin in May by core aerifying the greens. Along with the usual Monday course closings beginning June 6 through Oct. 3, they will be closing nine holes at a time at three different periods throughout the summer for the tee, fairway and rough cultural practices. Mr. Franklin, who was in the audience, asked if it would be possible to leave some areas of the course open. He suggested the putting greens or the practice chipping area as examples. Tony agreed he would attempt to do this, but there might be a few hours on certain days where that might not be possible.

Mr. Hann asked for any suggestions the committee members might have for improvements in the golf course that could be considered for the summer. Tony said there was nothing big on his agenda. He said they would be replacing the bushes between the driving range and the parking lot once the dry season is over. In response to question regarding the lack of grass growing on tee #1 and portions of tee #4, Tony said it would improve following aeration. Mr. Hann said he felt the greens had been especially beautiful this year. The committee agreed.

Tony said the thick grass around the greens has been encroaching on the greens. He had attempted to cut the thick grass shorter, but it had not worked. During the summer he would kill the thick grass around the greens and reseed during the second aeration.

The committee voted to approve the schedule for summer maintenance.

There was a question regarding the materials left in the preserves following cutting and trimming in those areas that could create a fire hazard. Tony said that was the responsibility of the Association's maintenance and not the responsibility of the golf course maintenance crew. Mr. Hann said he would pass the concern along to the appropriate person.

Mr. Hann said there had been a significant decrease in the participation in the men's Member/Guest event this year, reduced from 48 in 2010 to 32 in 2011. Rob said he would like to move to a 3-day event on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This would enable him to reduce the entry fee and also free up the the golf course for other members. He also suggested that the Saturday night dinner charge be for the member and his guest. If the member and/or his guest wished to include other guests, i.e. spouses or friends, that charge would be ala carte. There was a discussion about insuring that the event continue to be a premier event, leaving guests with a fine impression of Hunters Ridge. Rob said he felt certain this would continue even with the changes he suggested.

In response to a question about whether a social member could participate in the Member/Guest as a guest of a golf member, the committee voted that a golf member could invite a social member to be his

or her guest at the Member/Guest event. The vote was 6 Yes and 1 No. This applies to both the Men's and Women's Member/Guest events.

Mr. Hann said he wished to compliment the golf shop crew for their enthusiastic participation and support for all the activities on the golf course. Everyone on the committee agreed.

Rob said the Play with the Pro ended Saturday, April 16. Next season there will be a Stracka flight and a Harpster flight. Sign-up sheets will go up Oct. 1, 2011. Players may sign up for either flight or both flights, but only once until a to-be-specified date is established. After that date players may sign up for available times in each flight.

Rob also said he asked the FSGA to rerate the course this summer. Handicap allocation would be up to the FSGA. There will be no cost to the Club for the course rating except for lunch and a round of golf for the rating committee.

Mr. Hann asked the committee to submit any suggestions member might have for possible questions to be included in the annual member survey. Suggestions could be E Mailed to him or conveyed in some manner by June 1.

Mr. Hann said a golf member had inquired about the possibility of Social members being permitted to move from being limited to one golf game per month for the 6 months of the season from Nov. 1 to April 30 to 6 golf games to be played at any time during the season. It would enable Social members to play golf several times during a shorter period of time, i.e. during the visit of their families or guests. Mr. Hann said if he were a Social member he would be interested in that. Social members could combine the play to use all of their 6 times into a shorter period of time. He said, on the other hand, golf member were not interested in giving social members any more golf privileges for fear that we have some golf member who do not play often and this might entice them to drop their golf membership.

Mr. Zimmer, who was in the audience and is chairman of the finance committee, said this was a matter of money and the finance committee would be reluctant to recommend this proposal. Twenty to forty members could drop their golf memberships, creating a financial hardship to the club.

The golf committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the board to leave the current once-a-month golf privilege during the season as it currently stands. Our board representative, Mr. Wirbinski, was asked to notify the HRCA of our committee's decision.

Mr. Hann said the board had asked the golf committee to look at its long range replacement plan. The finance committee has a replacement schedule for tees, greens, fairways, bulkheads and equipment for the golf course through the year 2025. Mr. Hann has seen their plan and is impressed with it. Committee members were asked to be thinking of additions to the plan.

In the past year \$96,000 has been placed in reserve to be used for these replacements. These funds have come from money collected from outside play. In addition new equity golf member funds are being put into the reserves. We will still be approximately \$1 million short in 2019 when these replacements will probably be needed. It was suggested that Rob considered raising the cost of outside play from its current \$70 to perhaps \$75 or \$80 per round. Rob said he felt it would be possible to raise it somewhat, but he did not want to discourage outside play with too high fees. He would look into the possibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.