

**Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee  
April 23, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.**

***Present were: Chairman Floyd Hann; Members Gary Tinkel, Laurie Cascarano, Rich Berry, Jim Scott, Sabra Cicilline and Madolyn Mumma, Secretary. Also present were Association Board Member Don Wirsbinski, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.***

***Mr. Hann called the meeting to order. Tony said the summer maintenance program should include back-to-back week-long closings for each nine holes. Because the course is already closed on Mondays June through September, he proposed closing the front nine from Monday through the following Monday. This would enable the crew to aerate and verticut the fairways and tees. He would then close the back nine and repeat the process. The committee agreed with Tony's plan because it kept nine holes open for play during the process.***

***Tony said the revamped practice putting green would increase its size from 2500 square feet to between 3200 and 4000 sq. feet and also include some undulation. He estimated it will take 3 months from the planting before it will be ready for use.***

***Drop area on Hole #12 is on the side of the pond, not in front of it.***

***Drop area on Hole #13 is in front of the red tee. Hole No. 17's drop area is beside the shrub.***

***Discussion about painting a circle in the grass because players have been seen moving the drop area signs. Tony replied he could do that, but he felt the white circles were unattractive. Committee agreed it was up to the members to police the movement of the drop area signs.***

***Rob emphasized that the drop area on Hole #17 is for balls that have gone into the shrub. It is not a drop area for balls that have gone into the water.***

***Rob said several members have requested yellow stakes on both sides of the fairways, particularly on Nos. 7, 9, 12 and 18. In response to a question from the committee, Rob said if a player had a blue flag he or she could go past the yellow stake if necessary. Although it is hoped this will be the exception rather than the rule, he did not want people with blue flags to feel as if they could not play***

*because they were unable to walk the distance required. He also said yellow stakes would probably be moved nearer the holes during the rainy season.*

*The committee suggested the out of bound stakes be made more permanent by inserting sleeves into the ground similar to the ones used for the green poles indicating 150 yards, There was some discussion about the precise location of out of bounds on some holes. Tony, Don Huprich and Rob will determine where these markers should be and begin using the sleeves.*

*Tony said he would continue working on the tee boxes this summer. Budget constraints might delay some work. What he sees:*

*Tee Box 4 – White tee—create more open shot to the green*

*6 – Needs to be leveled and regressed*

*7 – Pink tee needs work*

*8 – Lower it*

*9 – Flatten the white tee*

*10 – Extend green tee back*

*12 – Possible new pink tee*

*13 – Redo green and white tees and redo the slope*

*15 – Green tee needs work*

*17 – Gold/White tees*

*18 – Lower the tee box*

*Committee discussed several options for putting a continuous cart path from the tee to the pond on Hole 18 and agreed to continue considering possible solutions.*

*Mr. Scott asked if it would be possible to install a sand trap along the left side of #5 green. Tony replied it would require a wall to hold the trap in place. In addition, there is a water main in that area that would have to be considered. Committee agreed a sand trap would alleviate balls rolling into the water off the side of the green, but it is not an option at this time. Mr. Scott also asked about a similar sand trap on the west side of No. 9. Committee agreed it was another possibility to consider at a later date.*

*There is poison ivy behind #13 white tee and to the left of #17 white tee.*

*Mrs. Cicilline said she was concerned about the format for the women's club championship and asked if it would be possible to have several different division*

*winners. Rob said he and Mrs. Cicilline should talk further and they agreed to meet.*

*Regarding ladies handicaps, the committee agreed it was important to continue the monitoring and the posting of all scores so that handicaps truly reflect the ability of the player. There continues to be concern that not all low scores are recorded, thereby artificially increasing handicaps. The committee agreed to pursue this issue once more, but also agreed peer review was an important ingredient.*

*The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.*