

Golf Committee - Annual Report
Year 2008-2009
April 1, 2009

1. Committee Members
 - a. Larry Siler, Chairperson
 - b. Bill Kasdorf
 - c. Tom Elliott
 - d. Paula Heney
 - e. Carrie Thomsen
 - f. Tom Gavos
 - g. Neal Vinyard
 - h. Bill Garrison
 - i. Jim Arnold
2. Discussions with no recommendations
 - a. Most of the discussions were part of the subcommittee reports. For more information, see the Subcommittee Accomplishments below.
 - b. Director Linam and Director Atkins made a presentation on their proposal for changes to Golf fee methodology to John Paul, Stephanie Stone, Terry Jackson, Tom Elliott and Larry Siler. They were invited to make their presentation to the Golf Finance subcommittee.
 - c. Reviewed all revised documents with the golf committee
 - d. Various course discussions with the Director of Golf
 - e. Number of balls dispensed in range ball machines
 - f. Participated in the Standing Committee review process
 - g. Local rules process and definition
 - h. Issues dealing with cart restrictions on courses
 - i. Bunker conditions
 - j. Pace of Play
 - k. Potential of an annual range pass
 - l. Potential of instituting a golf course program "Adopt A Hole" to better monitor course conditions
 - m. Discussed recognition program for "Adopt A Hole" volunteers
 - n. Terrace on the Green restaurant questions
 - o. The Terry Masot issues
 - p. Cooperation with leagues on slow play issue
 - q. Course markings
3. Recommendations made

- a. The Cortez Renovation subcommittee was abolished as it had come to a conclusion with the re-opening of the course in August.
- b. The Cortez tours subcommittee was abolished as it came to a conclusion.
- c. The Balboa Renovation subcommittee was abolished since the Renovation was postponed at least a year by the Board of Directors
- d. Subcommittee Assignments
- e. Recommended 2009 fee structure for submission to the POA board
- f. Recommended participation on PGA / USGA 2009 "Patriots Day" program
- g. Approved the 2009 Tournament schedule

4. Subcommittee Accomplishments

Subcommittee: Finance

Members: Tom Elliott (Chair) and all golf committee members. The reason for having all members of the committee on the subcommittee was to make sure all ideas were heard and discussed. This also made the required approval process easier.

As in the past the meeting of this subcommittee meeting was held in a private home and the press was notified. Recommendation of 2009 fees were governed by three parameters forwarded by the board of directors: (1) use a revenue target of \$8,000,000, (2) base revenue on a conservative estimate of rounds for 2009 and (3) the surcharge revenue can be used as a source of revenue. With that in mind we held 3 meetings. The first meeting was to make sure we all understood the parameters and to review some very preliminary numbers. That meeting also had two board members present an option for fees for POA and private carts for our consideration. The second meeting we discussed the cart proposal submitted in the first meeting as well as comments by guests made at Golf Committee meetings. We reviewed some options and raised some more questions. The last meeting we rejected the cart proposal as a little too radical. We decided to base our projections on 340,000 rounds. That will probably be a good number with the Balboa course open for the full year. We concluded the meeting with a special meeting of the Golf Committee and passed the final recommendation. The fees were submitted to the board for their approval. In a subsequent regular board session the recommendation was modified.

Subcommittee: Physically Challenged Golfers

Members: Tom Gavos (Chair), Paula Heney, Jim Arnold, Bill Garrison

The program began in April and ran through October for persons with physical disabilities and is held at the Coronado golf course. It is headed up by Dennis Faulk. Two golf carts specifically designed for physically disabled golfers are available for their use and are housed at this facility. The Physically Challenged Golf Program in 2008 was another successful event. There were days when attendance was down due to either heat or rain. Very good use was made of the two special built golf carts. Participation ranged from as low as four to as many as seven golfers. We were fortunate to have so many volunteers this year. Each outing was staffed by enough people to provide each participant with assistance. Our program has twelve members having gained three new members this year. It is our hope that the article written by Mel Melcher, which appeared in The Village Voice, will generate interest in our program and gain more members. Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers that give of their time and talents to these physically challenged golfers. Hopefully 2009 will be a banner year for this program.

Subcommittee: Cortez Renovation

Members: Paula Heney (Chair), Neal Vinyard, Tom Gavos

The purpose of the Sub-committee is to work with the Director of Golf to provide input as needed to the design changes; monitor renovation progress and provide feed back to the golf committee and as necessary assist in providing correct information to owners and input to the staff on changes and status. The sub-committee made monthly tours of the course May through August with John Paul, Director of Golf, to review the status and progress of the renovation completion. Pictures of the changes and progress were taken and slide shows were shown to the Golf Committee to keep them informed of the renovation progress. The primary activity reported on during this period was the reseeding and grow in of holes #15, 16 & 18 fairways, completion of the bunker rework and paving of all cart paths. The Golf Committee participated in the grand opening of the course in late August. The Subcommittee was abolished after the course opening Labor Day weekend.

Subcommittee: Cortez Tours

Members: Tom Elliott (Chair), Paula Heney, Bill Kasdorf.

As part of the renovation of the Cortez golf course, the Golf Committee held tours of the progress during the summer of 2008. Tours were scheduled for two weekends; June 14 and 15 and June 28 and 29. Bad weather on the first day caused it to be cancelled. Tour guides were volunteers from the Men's 9 Hole Golf Association and the Women's Golf Association. A training session was held for all volunteers the day prior to the first scheduled tour. Persons wanting to sign up for tours could do so via the hsvgolf.com web site. Tours were schedule each day in 30 minute intervals from 8:00 am through 3:30 pm. Each tour lasted about an hour and 15 minutes. Turnout was great and virtually all time slots allotted were filled. A total of about 40 volunteers were able to show over 450 participants the entire course. Reports back were very positive and the improvements that were pointed out were given very high marks.

Subcommittee: Newcomers

Members: Carrie Thomsen (Chair), Bill Kasdorf, Jim Arnold, Paula Heney

The purpose of this subcommittee is to participate in the Newcomers Coffee and provide information to property owners and acquaint them with the privileges and all that it has to offer in our golfing community. We meet the last Thursday of each month, in an informal atmosphere, at the Woodlands Center. After the introduction of Dave Johnston, the meeting is opened by introducing the Newcomers and giving them time to tell something of themselves. This is followed by a slide show showing the different clubs, golf courses, and particulars of the Village. The meeting begins at 9:00 am and is over at 11:00am. Arriving early gives us the opportunity to meet with newcomers, individually, so that we might be able to answer any questions or respond to input they may have.

Subcommittee: Junior and Adult golf

Members; Neal Vinyard (Chair), Tom Elliott, Carrie Thomsen, Bill Kasdorf

2007 was the 10th year anniversary of Hot Springs Village Junior Golf Program. There were 286 Junior Golfers signed up and 234 volunteers. The main events included:

- 1) March: A two day adult clinic to promote and instruct new and intermediate golfers. Held annually, it is a major fund raiser for the scholarship fund.
- 2) June & July: Junior Golf instruction each Wednesday at Magellan and Granada with a play day each Thursday at Coronado. During 2007 we had a PGA Professional assist with instruction at Magellan and Granada.
- 3) July 25 & 26: The last Wednesday and Thursday of the month, a tournament was held for Junior Golfers at Coronado. Afterwards there was a celebration and picnic with prizes and awards at the Balboa Pavilion.
- 4) August 20: A play day was held at Diamante for the volunteers and village golfers. It was an additional fundraiser for Jr. Golf expenses and scholarship funds.

5) Scholarships: There are currently seven past Junior Golfer participants on scholarships of \$2000 each. Three applications have been mailed to 2008 graduating Junior Golfers. The 2008 activities will remain the same as 2007 except the final play day/fundraiser. We are seeking a new location for that activity. We anticipate another good year for 2008.

Subcommittee: Course Operations

Members: Bill Garrison (Chair), Tom Gavos, Tom Elliott, Paula Heney

The purpose of this subcommittee is to periodically review all of the golf courses and make suggestions regarding improvements and problems. The subcommittee is to tour each course without the professional and create a report that will be presented to John Paul about the condition and other suggested areas that need attention. John will have a chance to talk with the course superintendents and the golf professional to get feedback on each item. At the next available Golf Committee meeting the subcommittee report with Golf Department feedback will be presented for discussion. This process enables the Golf Department not only to get valuable input from the subcommittee but also to define important issues to get them on a calendar for correction.

An "Adopt-A-Hole" program was created and will be kicked off in January 2009. It is a formal process to get more POA members involved in beauty and maintenance of our golf courses. As the members of the program discover areas that need attention on their adopted hole, they can forward that information to the course superintendents for solutions.

Subcommittee: Education

Members: Bill Kasdorf (Chair), Carrie Thomsen, Bill Garrison, Jim Arnold

The education subcommittee was formed in 2007 to address a variety of topics of interest to the village golfers. The subcommittee published a series of articles for our golfers that were published in the "Village Voice".

1. Pace of Play – February 2008
2. Golf Handicapping – February 2008
3. Golf Etiquette – March 2008
4. Getting a Tee Time in the Village – July 2008
5. The Rules of Golf – July thru December 2008
6. Tutorial on using the Chelsea on-line Tee Time System – December 2008

We have included a series of animated video on the hsvgolf.com website for Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette.