

**Annual Report
Golf Committee
Year 2007-2008
April 1, 2008**

1. Committee Members

- a. Tom Elliott, Chairperson
- b. Bill Kasdorf (replacing Jesse Branch at the January meeting)
- c. Larry Siler
- d. Paula Heney
- e. Carrie Thomsen
- f. Tom Gavos
- g. Neal Vinyard
- h. Bill Garrison
- i. Bill Behan
- j. Jim Arnold, Ex Officio (added at the January meeting)

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. Golf cart trails impacting Ponce, Isabella, Granada and Magellan courses
- c. Chelsea computer software issues and progress
- d. Restricting number of golf carts to two per foursome
- e. Various course discussions with participation from the course superintendents
- f. Adding a 30-day cart fee
- g. Number of balls dispensed in range ball machines
- h. Potential of adding youth fees and 9 hole visitor rates to fee schedule
- i. Consolidation of gift card monies to POA card
- j. Participated in the Standing Committee review process
- k. Local rules process and definition
- l. Issues dealing with cart restrictions on courses
- m. Bunker conditions
- n. Cortez Renovation
- o. Pace of Play
- p. Erosion control from new home sites
- q. Potential of an annual range pass
- r. Consistency of 100, 150 and 200 yard poles
- s. Cortez restaurant questions
- t. The painting or non-painting of sprinkler head locations
- u. POA budget and Golf Department subsidy

- v. Liability issues for injured players
- w. Cooperation with leagues on slow play issue
- x. Course markings
- y. Balboa Club review
- z. Worked with the ACC to prepare a definition of a "golf cart trailer"

3. Recommendations made

- a. The Trails subcommittee was abolished as it had come to a conclusion submitted to the POA board.
- b. The Computer Software subcommittee was abolished since the system was stable. Any changes will be part of the Director of Golf's report.
- c. Subcommittee Assignments
- d. Created a Balboa Renovation subcommittee to keep members posted on progress
- e. Created a Policies subcommittee to handle operational policy issues as requested by the Director of Golf
- f. Created a Cortez Tours subcommittee to develop and manage member and non-member tours of the Cortez golf course during the summer of 2008
- g. Approved changes made to all formal documents impacting the Golf Committee
- h. Changed the agenda sequence to enable visitors the chance to provide comments prior to Old Business. This provides them two opportunities to comment.
- i. Recommended 2008 fee structure for submission to the POA board
- j. Recommended participation on PGA / USGA "Patriots Day" program
- k. Approved the 2008 Tournament schedule
- l. Created an Education Public Forum subcommittee to determine how to better educate the community on golf related issues
- m. Made a change to the make up of "The Golf Handicap Committee". Having such a committee is a requirement of the USGA. This committee now will consist of the two golf professionals, a member of the Golf Committee and members of each sanctioned league.

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 and attended. The fees approach this year was handled differently than years

in the past. Rather than dealing with each type of fee and discussing a variety of new sources of revenue we followed the lead of the Board of Directors. They had decided on a review process that focused on any fee increase of 6% or more. We found that by increasing our fees across the board by 5.75% we were essentially able to cover the budget requirements. In those few cases where a fee needed to be increased by a specific amount and the result was to initiate a fee equal to or greater than 6% they were submitted to the board for their approval. All pros and cons required two meetings. At the end of the 2nd meeting it was obvious that all members agreed on the approach and the numbers. The subcommittee meeting was adjourned and a special meeting of the Golf Committee was opened. The only item on the agenda was the approval of the fee recommendation to the Board. This allowed the fee recommendation to be submitted to the Board immediately rather than waiting until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Golf Committee. We anticipate the same process this year.

Subcommittee: Physically Challenged Golfers

Members: Tom Gavos (Chair), Paula Heney, Bill Kasdorf (Replacing Jesse Branch), Larry Siler

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 first outing was attended by six participants and the same number of volunteers. Each month thereafter we assisted golfers ranging from numbers of three to as many as seven. A number of golfers played several holes after chipping and putting. Because of the heat during July and August attendance is down but we do have a few golfers at each session. On the last outing Dennis Faulk and his wife Emily prepared cake and punch for the players and volunteers and they will be doing the same in the coming year. A chipping and putting contest is held and the winners were presented prizes. This program should be advertised more to enable more property owners to take advantage.

Subcommittee: Cortez Renovation

Members: Larry Siler (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 March through October with John Paul, Director of Golf, and Tom Clark, course architect when available, to review the status and progress of the renovation. 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 renovation is completed with the exception of reseeding #15, 16 & 18 fairways and some of the bunker reworks and some cart path paving. The subcommittee will resume reviewing renovation status and reporting to the golf committee in the spring when the reseeding of the three fairways commences. The Golf Committee and subcommittee will be conducting course tours for HSV Property Owners before re-opening which is scheduled around Labor Day.

Subcommittee: Newcomers

Members: Carrie Thomsen (Chair), Neal Vinyard, Bill Kasdorf (replacing Jesse Branch)

The purpose of this subcommittee is to provide information to 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. Prior to our two minute timed speech, there is a short slide show that correlates to what Dave Johnston addresses to the newcomers. We then address the newcomers and answer any questions they may have. Because two minutes is not long enough to elucidate all that golf has to offer, we arrive early to the meetings and 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

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: Paula Heney (Chair), Bill Behan, Tom Gavos, Tom Elliott

The purpose of this subcommittee is to periodically review all of the golf courses and make suggestions regarding improvements and problems. Initially the golf professional was to go with the subcommittee to help identify known issues to simplify the process. Later, Jim Arnold, a resident with a USGA rules and course marking knowledge was asked to be part of this process. He graciously agreed and accompanied the group on a couple of tours. Unfortunately scheduling became a problem for the golf professionals and there was some degree of frustration on the handling of results from the subcommittee. Recently the subcommittee met with John Paul and the process was changed to allow the subcommittee to tour courses without the professional. The reporting process was also changed. The subcommittee will submit a report to John Paul. 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 the get valuable input from the subcommittee but also to define important issues to get them on a calendar for correction.

Subcommittee: Education

Members: Bill Garrison (Chair), Carrie Thomsen, Bill Behan, Larry Siler

The educational subcommittee was formed in 2007 to chair a variety of topics of interest to the village golfers. Our initial topics were Local Rules, Handicaps, Pace of Play, Rule of play and golf etiquette. Additional topics may be added if appropriate. We have invited the golf leagues to participate in our education process. The subcommittee published a series of articles for our golfers that were published in the "Village Voice". The series published were as follows:

1. Pace of Play – 4 articles
2. Handicap – 5 articles
3. Rules of golf – 5 articles
4. Golf Etiquette – 1 article

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

We have not held any public meetings at the current time due to lack of interest.