

Cottonwood Palo Verde Golf Committee Meeting, March 5, 2025

Here are the highlights, in no order.

Scott Anderson reported continued concerns regarding water usage...right now we're 35-40 Ac-ft over water budget. All PHX area courses have the same problem without measurable rain since Oct 2024. Rain in Mar/Apr/May will be critical. His focus this month is the many league events in March. Rye grass will be going away March thru May. New rock on PV #14 has received positive feedback. Mike Lorimor commented that he enjoyed Scott's report on "volcano holes" and Pete Lackner asked about dry spots on rough area; e.g., PV #16 (again, due to lack of rain). A company is selected for 300 new tee markers for PV and CW, which includes spares for theft, breakage, etc. Cost is less than expected (\$10K-\$15K). He will get feedback from Golf Committee before finalizing. Markers will need some maintenance yearly but not onerous.

Jon Griglak (PV) provided information due to Joey's absence. Erin Hatcher is going for PGA certification and senior tour. PVMGA will pay his entry fee for senior tour qualifying round. He has already passed his PAT.

Jon Griglak (CW) reported that lack of rain has meant overall play has increased from previous year (200 more at PV and just as busy as last year at CW). Tee sheets are staying near full and yet not needing to bump or wait list many, and no late starts for afternoon shotguns. Speed of play good even with shotguns (goals are 4 hours for CW and 3.5 for PV). Full field Mar 8-9 with CMGA Member Guest; also busy with CMGA vs CLGA event, CLGA Club Championship, and member guests for CLGA and 9ers later this month. Demo days scheduled for Ping, Mizuno, TaylorMade, Cobra and Wilson. Due to good sales, vendors would like to book even more time than we can accommodate. Diane French commented that CMGA and CLGA are improving inter-club relationships and are helping each other with member guests and other events.

Old Business:

Golf Genius (GG): Most leagues are using GG except a few PVMGA and PVLGA players. PV Couples not really using it but will do so if game permits. CMGA and CLGA has good success with it. GG does post scores hole by hole and adjusts when a player's hole is over the max. An unexpected benefit is that Pro Shops can monitor speed of play for luncheons. Right now GG is not able to create a "League Playday Only" handicap although you can pull "Competition" scores when noted but these are not weighted.

New Golf Committee Charter was approved by HOA Board. Contact Diane if you need copies.

Local rules regarding “lift, clean and place” of ball dirty from bird droppings should be decided by Leagues. PVMGA and CLGA have decided not to institute because difficult to decide nature of dirt. CMGA, PVLGA, and PV Couples need to decide ... would be good to standardize.

New Business:

Five Year Golf Strategic Plan Action Items

- Install soil and moisture meters--Deleted because costly and awaiting technology advancements.
- Create map of lakes, pumps, irrigation—done last year for CW, PV may be completed next month.
- Evaluate limited over-seeding—Painting on par 3 fairways at CW weren't as pricey as expected (\$225/acre x 3 times). The grass held color okay although not a good test for traffic since “cart path only.” Next Scott wants to test on Par 4's and 5's at CW to determine if paint holds up to cart traffic.
- Water reduction—Test of “no over-seeding” done on Unit 20. Mixed reviews. Scott wants to continue testing, maybe at Swan Lake. We need to study options in light of possible future water restrictions.
- Bunker modification—Priorities are CW #6 and #7 have bunkers with steep lips; others need drainage. Will continue working on them but does not plan to shut down any holes this year other than Tuesday (CW) and Wednesday (PV) closures during the summer.
- Evaluate area for indoor instruction—Nothing yet.
- Reshape/Resurface greens—greens are shrinking (e.g., CW #2) so work continues.
- AGA re-rating courses after new tee boxes—scheduled for next month at PV. Rating will be from yardage plates.

Board Liaison Report:

Marty Neilson reported employee of the month is Colin Padilla. We are on budget. Audit 2024 will be done this month. Four good candidates running for 2 open HOA board positions. Seller's Fee is \$5K. Three priority goals are: 1) Improve communications, 2) Rental/Air B&B resolution, 3) Pool replacement vote (\$635 assessment).

Committee member comments:

CLGA: Asked if emails could be sent out when Leagues have special events that tie up course on extra days (e.g., CMGA's 2-day Member Guest Mar 8-9). Jon said he'll consider sending out emails although the golf calendar does show these events. Also related concern about a tripping hazard on CW #15 forward tee box where large rocks have been placed next to cart path. Scott will check.

PVLGA: Chris will do pairings for PVLGA on Sunday but many changes often need to be made before Tuesday play day,

CMGA: Bunker on CW#11 in great shape.

PVMGA: They now allow men over 85 to play forward tees if desired (blue can move up to white; white can move up to red). This may cause issues for deuce pots.

CW Lady 9ers: 87 active players. March 20 is their Member Guest. Charity is "Positive Paths" for East Valley Women.

General Managers Report: Priorities this month are upcoming elections (BOD election now-March 12; Pool and Road March 19-April 2). Can vote In person in HOA admin building Mon/Tues/Wed 2-4 pm. If voting on line you should receive a confirmation email. If not, call the HOA office.

Comments from Visitors:

Ed New: asked if we can emphasize "Ready Golf" in Pro Shop prior to shotguns (possibly but hard to police). Can we add sand to bunkers(an ongoing concern that is being worked on). USGA says rakes should never be placed in bunker (Scott says we now put inside but maybe leagues should place outside during special tournaments).

Mo England asked if we could expand the chipping area in the future (Jon says yes, it is in the 5 Year Strategic Plan).

Adjourn Meeting: Adjourned at 3:15 PM

The next meeting will be held April 2 at 2:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Room

Submitted by: Sandy Worden and Diane French, Chair