

Golf & Greens Committee Meeting  
July 3, 2007

Committee: Grant Morris, Becky Spears, Rachel Wadsworth, Steve McKim (co-chair), Marian Dyer (co-chair), Mark Evans (absent), Jeff Hunter, John Lewis, Jason Rouk.

Golf Course Update

- Sprinkler head yardage project: The tool for etching has been ordered and should arrive soon. Target completion date is August 15, 2007.
- Short Game Facility opening:
  - Scheduled for July 14 at 3pm.
  - Drainage issues at the entrance are being worked on as of 7/3 and should be completed by the opening.
  - Leakage from the grease trap at the rear of club has killed some turf on the northwest side of the facility and will need attention for recovery.
  - Jeff Hunter will coordinate an email to the members informing them the entrance to the facility is from the parking lot and not from the pathway by the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
  - The curb on the parking lot side will be painted green and labeled “golf cart parking only”. Employees that have been parking there will need to park by the Kid’s Club to avoid potential damage from errant balls.
- Bunker Renovation Project Update:
  - We are roughly a month behind schedule due to excessive rain. Consequently, work on Saturday will begin to try and recoup lost time.
  - Holes 2 and 3 are complete. Next holes will be 6 and 7.
  - The quality of the work has been excellent. For example, hole 3 “weathered” the heavy rains very well and did not to have water pumped from them and had minimal sand washout around the edges of the bunkers.
- Greens Update:
  - Our greens have shown a great deal of recovery, but would still benefit from more sun and warm weather.
  - North Greens were verticut for the first time on July 1. The desired schedule is to verticut every other week and to top-dress every week. We have had too much rain following aerification to appropriately top-dress.
  - Mowing height is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch.
  - We continue to roll greens on Wed, Fri, and Sat if we have no rain.
- The fertilization schedule was reviewed. Greens are fertilized once a week, usually Wednesday and/or Thursday. The courses “tee to green” are fertilized every other month with a granular product. In addition, the fertigation system fertilizes with every sprinkler system watering.
- Greens are also treated every other week for various insects and other conditions such as worms, chinch bugs, and the “fairy ring” on some greens that is the result of a high concentration of organic matter that can occur for a variety of reasons.

- The leveling of the following tees are still on the list for completion – Red tees on North #1 and 5, and the men’s tees on #6 and 10.
- A dead tree near the forward tee on South #5 was noted as needing removal.
- Grounds/Course staffing issues:
  - A horticulturist (Gary Tupa) has been hired to address all the areas around the clubhouse and tennis/fitness facilities. Gary comes to us from the Hyatt Hill Country Resort.
  - Current course staffing levels range from 34-44 people. Unfortunately, one long-term employee recently passed away.
  - The committee requested that staff be given T-shirts so that it was easier to detect who is working for the club rather than wondering if certain individuals belong on the grounds or not.
- The committee requested the gate in the fence near the South Course first tee be welded shut to limit access by non-members from the commercial property at the Blanco/1604 intersection. The gate was never authorized by club management when the fence was installed.
- A discussion was held about whether the aerification cores could be used in bare areas on the South Course. This has been cumbersome this year because the cores are mud piles. Jason recommends using the cores in bare areas on the South Course, but use sod on the North Course’s bare areas. Sod would be used on the South Course once that course has been renovated.

#### Golf Shop Update

- Jeff Hunter announced a new “Member Privilege Program”. Members will be allowed to have guests Tuesday through Thursday for a flat fee of \$49 that will cover cart, green fee, and lunch. The member’s lunch will be free.
- Windshields that had been removed from the club’s carts are in the process of being reinstalled at members’ request.
- Various handicap questions/issues were discussed as follows:
  - The club is under contract to use the GHIN system until the end of the year. There are currently no plans to change handicap systems, but APGM will likely evaluate alternatives due to the high expense of the GHIN system (\$14,000 per year).
  - There will not be a staff person hired in the pro shop to enter scores.
  - Pros and cons of posting hole by hole scores were briefly discussed, but tabled as this is currently not being advanced.
  - The Board will likely consider the MGA’s request to establish a Handicap Committee in the near future. The Golf & Greens Committee discussed alternatives that it believes are sufficient to handle handicap issues – which include an SWGA Handicap Chairperson (already in place), an MGA Handicap Chair (already in place), Committees for Tournaments (largely already in place), and the pro shop in consultation with these positions and tournament committees to resolve issues of concern.

### SWGA Update

- Rain has significantly interrupted much of the play schedule including a rainout of the second day of the Eclectic Partnership.
- The Hill Country Stableford Cup host day at Sonterra will occur on August 7 on the North Course. The rain date will be August 21. The Sonterra team is currently in third place, only 4 points from first place. The winning club will keep a traveling trophy for a year. The clubs in the competition are Sonterra, Fair Oaks, Dominion, Cordillera Ranch, Tapatío Springs, Oak Hills, Comanche Trace, River Crossing, and River Hill.
- Both the North and South teams are in good shape in the Interclub Team event net score competition with the North team currently in first place and the South Team in second place.

### MGA Update

- July 14 will be a member-member best ball tournament (shotgun start) and a meeting.
- The MGA and SWGA Boards will have a joint “social” hour meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Jeff Hunter has proposed a new tournament for the September/October timeframe. The format would be pro/member with prize money for the pros. The tournament will likely occur on a Friday.