

## **Advisory Greens Committee Meeting**

May 25, 2022 3:30pm (via Zoom)

Bill Marsden

**Members Present:** Steve Argo (Outgoing Touchstone Reg. Mgr.), James Birchall (Incoming Touchstone Reg. Mgr.), Stan Korich (Shoreline GM), Dave Tuttle (Assistant Shoreline GM), Randy Perea (Head Greenskeeper), Douglas Cookerly (Michaels), Teru Harada (Men's Club), Bill Marsden (Senior's Club), Robby Gray (Women's Club), Mark Diamond (Member at Large and Men's Club), Brady Ruebusch (City of Mountain View Parks & Rec), Brenda Sylvia (Assistant Community Service Dir.)

### **Golf Operations (Stan)**

- Steve Argo is leaving Touchstone to work for Pasatiempo. James Birchall (former GM at Shoreline) is taking his place.
- Bridge path to 1st Tee will be closed to all traffic until the city engineers determine a suitable temporary safety fix. The temporary fix applied a few months ago has failed. New bridges to #1 and #5 will be the permanent fixes when installed in the fall. There was some discussion (started by Robbie) on using #10 to start the round until the bridge issue can be corrected. Stan indicated that this could affect sales to Michaels, as fewer items would be purchased between nines. Never-the-less, this will be looked into.
- Driving Range –
  - Five app/GPS-connected Target yardage signs in use. Course App use has grown to 680 registered users.
  - On Memorial Day, the range will begin expanded evening hours to 9pm (buckets sold/available until 8PM)
  - Will operate on the grass tee platform for Memorial Day Monday.
  - Grass Tee Platform has been in use every weekend since April 2 and will continue into the Fall

### **Michael's Restaurant (Stan for Doug)**

- New Banquet Event Sales & Marketing Director, Whitney Katsanes, started May 2.
- Hosted a successful Mother's Day Brunch for 100 guests from St. James Church.
- The Michaels Café also served over 125 Mothers' Day lunch guests.
- Private banquet event bookings are in full swing.
- Just e-blasted BBQ menu specials, beer-tasting, and live music planned for Father's Day.
- A car show based special event is in the early planning stages for August or September.
- Panic-hardware on doors to Café patio, including doors themselves, need adjustment.

### **Course Maintenance (Randy)**

- Green-side bunkers at #1 are to be lined with Klingstone drain resin during upcoming surround refurbishment. Capillary concrete, as used on #18, can be too heavy in places built on landfill. We are still testing the best way to rebuild traps.
- Management will employ a Course Irrigation Plan that is compliant with pending Stage 2 water restrictions now being finalized by the City's Water Division
- Greens Roller repaired again and in current use.
- Course fencing was improved on Hole #4 to left and forward of green.
- Driving Range will be over-seeded in July.
- Barley bales have been floated in detention lakes for algae prevention. Some algaecides may be used.
- Irrigation auto-fill valve is not working and replacement materials are several weeks out. Superintendent must fill lakes manually.
- Door locks on Course Restroom doors still need to be changed. Replacement has been ordered with City. Temporary fixes are in place.

- Seven tee signposts are being replaced with shorter posts. Several have warped and are no longer plumb/straight.

### Projects (Brady)

- Architectural designs, including drainage and irrigation plans, for re-design and USGA spec construction of #2 and #12 Green Complexes have **not** been sent out to bid. Current contractor availability (6-7 months out) is the current issue. Brady indicates that 1) this is a small job for most contractors, which makes it difficult to get contractors to do the job. 2) The turf we want to use for the greens is in short supply. 3) The fact that we are still looking at bunker alternatives. Brady thinks we are 7-8 months out from starting this project. Club reps expressed skepticism.
- The two new bridges to Holes #1 and #5 are still planned to be installed sometime later this Fall.

### Open Forum

- Teru commented that sand is needed in a number of greenside bunkers, and he is concerned that some of the other bunker work will make it hard to correct this problem. Randy indicated he will correct.
- Robby commented that some members of the Ladies Club do not like the change to the Waterfowl fencing local rule (changed from a temporary immovable obstruction to a permanent immovable obstruction and loss of the ability to gain free relief). Bill indicated that rule was changed per a suggestion from the NCGA, and others discussed the fact that a more permanent fence is, in fact, being used on #4. Bill also indicated that there have been members from the Seniors Club that feel the same way as the Ladies. Mark and others indicated that the individual clubs **can** adopt a rule, local to their club, that resembles the old local course rule, but that the new local rule was discussed and agreed to at the time it was changed. One of the problems is that the rule was changed last July, but the new score cards were not published on the new scorecards until January.

**Next meeting is July 27 at 3:30pm.** Meetings are every other month. This meeting will be headed by James Birchall.