

## Cottonwood Palo Verde Golf Committee Meeting Report, February 5, 2025

*Here are the highlights, in no order.*

**Scott Anderson** reported concerns regarding water usage. With little rain in 2024 and also in January, water usage was increased. He is attempting to regulate water supply to make sure CWPV does not go above the regulated water amount from the state. Increased temps and lack of rain are creating dry spots in fairways. Increased temps and high salinity effects are also showing up on some of the greens. But, at this time, this is not a major concern. Bunkers are being worked on at both clubs along with other areas that are hard to grow grass. The ground crew will be memorializing Bill Todd on hole 7 at PV during the Masters week. Bill was a dear friend of the community and golf course Superintendent for many years. Memorial will be on display during the week of the Masters near the tee box. Pump stations are working, 1 at CW is still slow.

**Jon Griglak (in Joey's absence)** said PVMGA member/member to occur this week, the CottonVerde couples tourney on Feb 6 will be completed on the Front 9 of CW and Back 9 of PV. Pros have asked that all leagues have their board meetings on Wednesdays so Pros can attend. PVLGA will keep their meetings on Tuesdays because they're already there for league day.

**Jon Griglak** reported that overall play increased from previous year (600+ completed at CW and 400+ at PV). Tee sheets are staying near full. Wilson, Mizuno, Taylor Made, and PXG are scheduled for demo days in February. Increased use of players cards noted.

### **Old Business:**

All goals from the committees were approved, work should begin. Denise noted she added rainfall to the water section of the 5 Year Plan. Diane will send to Patti to repost on HOA website. Golf Charter was approved by HOA Board. Golf Genius is being utilized at all clubs.

### **New Business:**

Communications committee: Diane will meet with Denise Haney to assist with making the documents in Golf Book for 25/26 more concise.

**Marshal report:** Good month. 67 incidents (included groups falling behind and yellow stake reminders). Training with Marshals is on-going. Question regarding what happens if golfers are waiting; are the groups asked to play through? If these golfers are within the time limit for timely play but others are still waiting on them, what should the Marshal do? Jon stated that the Marshal should encourage teams to allow waiting teams to play through. Concerns were raised regarding an older gentleman who drove onto the green and whether handicap flags could or are distributed. There are 0 handicapped flags issued at this time. A question was raised about Marshal availability on PV course on Fridays after 3 PM when it is very busy. Could the schedule be reviewed?

Concerns regarding duck droppings. What can be done to decrease the amount? Can we perform lift, clean and place? At this time the ball can be lifted and placed, but not cleaned. Scott noted the golf

maintenance has concerns with it as well. They try to clean in the mornings where there are largest amounts. With so many birds it's difficult to maintain throughout the day. Recommendation made to ask League leaders (as a group) to consider adapting local rules to include lift, clean, and place.

### **Board Liaison Report:**

Len reported employee of the month is Estiban Figueroa, foreman at Cottonwood golf maintenance. Also following items were approved or discussed: Capital Reserve replacements approved, items include 2 Utility vehicles, emergency repairs completed on an irrigation pipe, a water heater was replaced at PV restaurant, panic door installed in the kiln room, funding for removal of eucalyptus trees to address issues with cormorants. Coming up Feb 19 will be a meeting to announce plans for the pool design and will be voted on in community. Approved : clarification of wording for updated rental policy, new members to committees (Jim Rumpler to election committee and Sandra Givens to Facilities and Grounds committee) and Golf committee's updated Charter.

### **Committee member comments:**

**CLGA:** Ladies had concerns regarding smoking in the bathrooms on the courses. Questions were raised regarding the running of mowers in the night. Scott responded staff have been mowing at night to make sure the greens were mowed prior to frost and to make sure greens look good the next day of play. Ladies happy with how the sign up on Golf Genius worked for the Partners Tournament.

**PVLGA:** Want to know why pairings cannot be posted on Sunday. Response: too many cancellations and additions.

**CMGA:** No report

**PVMGA:** Concerns expressed regarding issues between the league and food/beverage staff. Recommended that better communication within the league, food/beverage, pro shops to confirm that everyone was on the same page for activities. Each group should meet with pros and restaurant within one week of event to confirm numbers of attendees.

**PV COUPLES:** Concerns regarding duck droppings (see earlier comment re: consider a local rule.)

**CW 9ers:** Valentines Day play on Thursday. Play with CLGA will be Feb 20.

**Members at Large:** One question regarding "crowning around the hole" on the green. Normal due to the amount of people playing and is being addressed.

**General Managers Report:** Deadline to apply for election to HOA board Feb 10. Last day to vote Mar 12. Pool meeting Feb 19. He is meeting with PVMGA on Thursday of this week to address problems with member/member. Only one person from each club should communicate with restaurants and pro shops and final counts need to be made one week before luncheon so adequate food can be ordered

**Adjourn Meeting:** Adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held March 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Phoenix Room**

Submitted by: Diane French, Chair, and Sandy Worden