

RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

Golf Advisory Committee

February 13, 2025

Chair Preston Kise called the February 13, 2025 meeting to order at 8:30am in the Lakeview SH#2.

Present: Chair Preston Kise, Co-Chair John Bressett; Committee Members Barry Broomham (SCMGA President); Mike Lust (South); Cal Frank (Riverview); Betty Lust (Lakes East); Doug Carlton (VP SCMGA); Sue Madden (Quail); Rich Lybolt; Cindy Aguilar (SCWGA); Harry Emerson (Willowbrook/Willowcreek); Shirley Fennell (South); Linda Sears (Riverview); Debi Gaines (SCWGA); Diane Hull (Lakes West); Polly Thompson (Lakes West); Linda Hardman (Willowbrook); Karen Matusz (Willowcreek); Mark Smith (Willowbrook); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Johnny Portillo (North); Bill Talbert (Lakes East)

RCSC Staff: Golf Sr. Leader Brian Duthu, Lead Ranger Jaye Sprague, Pro Shop Manager Chris Linam

Guests: Board President Tom Foster, Board Vice President Chris Nettesheim and 38 Cardholders

Review/Amend Prior Meeting Summary: The Summary from the January 9, 2025 meeting was accepted as presented.

Brian Duthu, Golf Sr. Leader Report:

Pro Shops

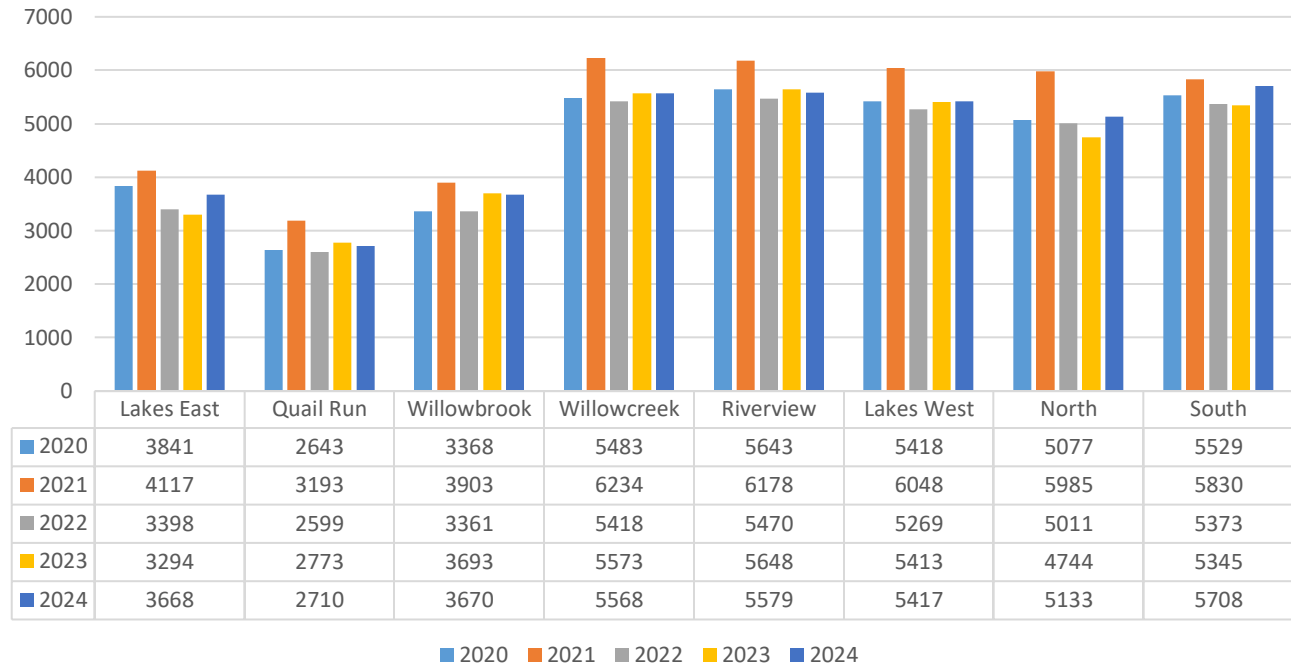
On March 6th Lakes East/Lakes West will be hosting the annual Teal Ribbon Tournament. The event is open to ladies and men and no handicap is required. It is a 9-hole event with a 9:30am shotgun start, and lunch follows play at Sundial. Proceeds benefit the University of Arizona Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer research. The entry fee is \$40.00 per person, entry forms may be picked up and turned into any pro shop.

On April 12th we will be hosting our Moonlight Madness event at Lakes East Golf Course. The entry fee is \$45.00 per person and includes dinner, use of night golf balls, night golf accessories, prizes and a \$10 donation to the Sun City Foundation. The event will be handicapped and flighted, those without official handicaps will be placed in the Callaway Flight. The deadline to sign up is April 4th, however this event fills up fast and is limited to the first 56 players to register, so sign up soon. The format is a two-person scramble, registration is 5:30pm, dinner is served at 6:30pm and play will begin at 7:30pm.

Superintendent Update (Chuck Hyppa)

The warmer weather recently has proven to be just what the courses needed. We have seen a resurgence of growth in our winter rye. All the courses have been fertilized this past week during the warmup and have shown great progress. We are very optimistic about the bermuda coming back nicely, specifically in the thin areas where the winter rye struggled to fill in. All the courses have applied pre-emergent herbicide to the non-overseeded roughs. As we enter this last phase of our Winter season, we will be putting a major emphasis on our spring transition through solid tining and light verti cutting. This not only thins out the rye canopy but allows sunlight, water and nutrients to impact our root zone, providing maximum chance of recovery to the bermuda. We appreciate everyone's continuous support of golf throughout Sun City.

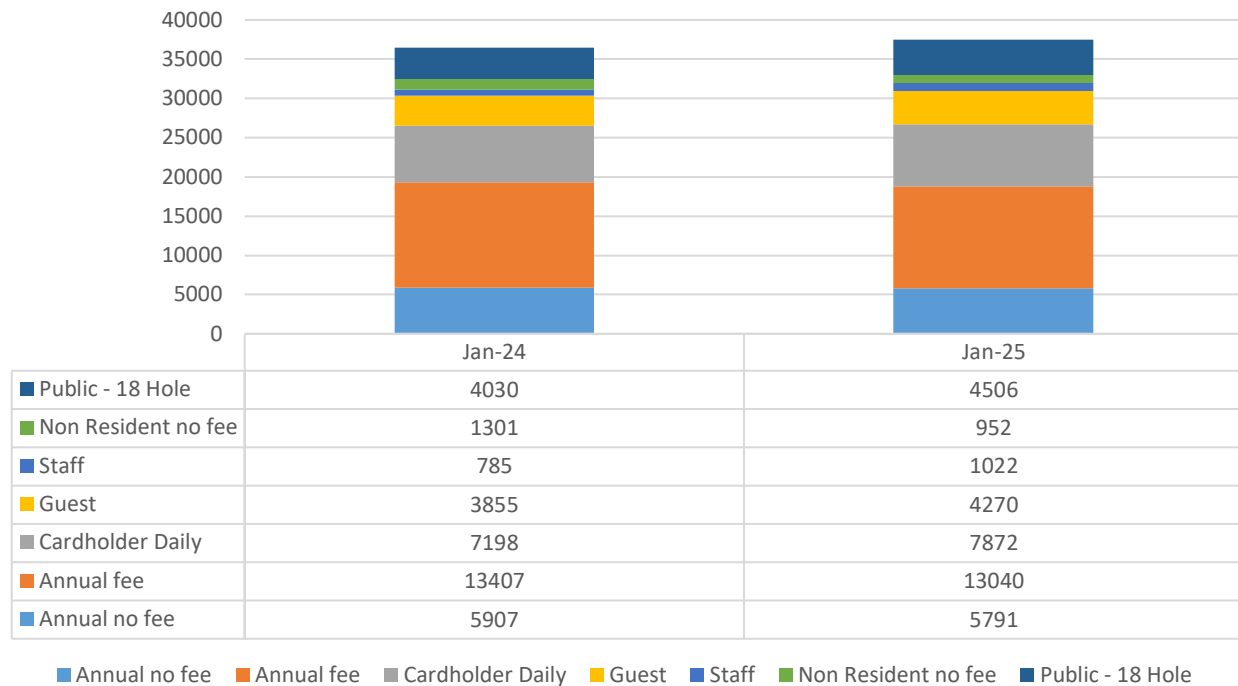
YTD Rounds Played by Course



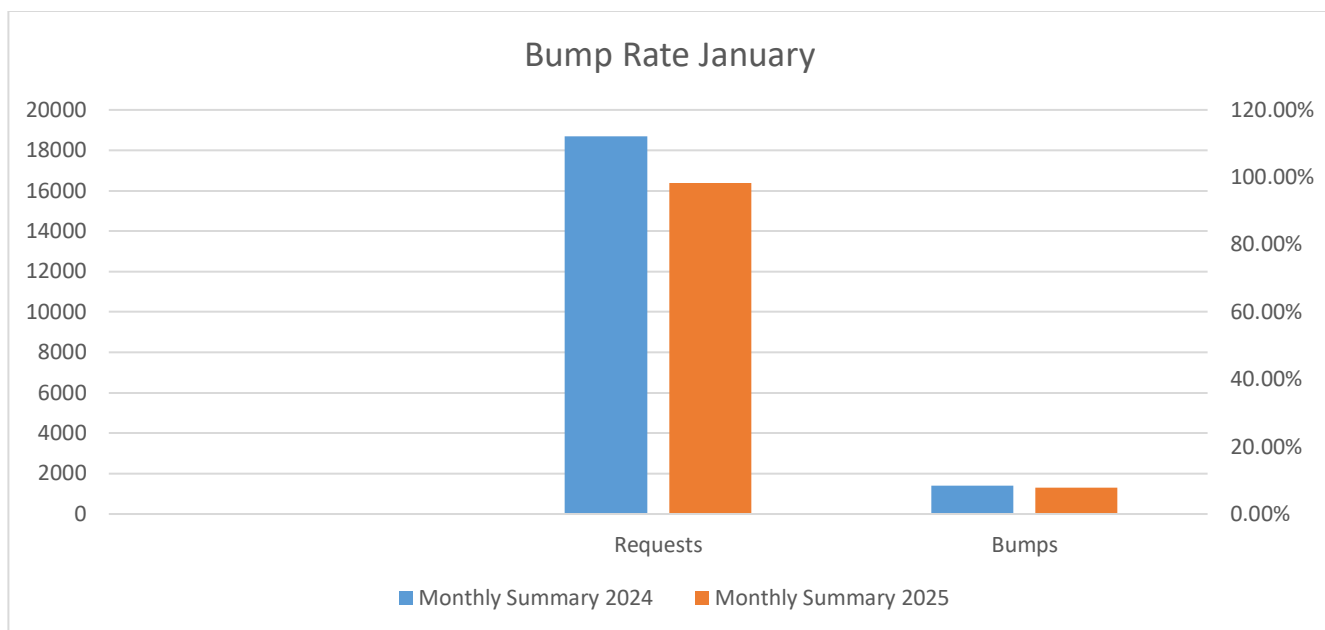
Summary

In 2024, most locations experienced either stability or slight improvements compared to 2023. Lakes East saw a recovery with an increase to 3,668 rounds, while Quail Run remained stable at 2,710 rounds, slightly down from 2023. Willowbrook showed minimal change, with a small decrease to 3,670 rounds. Willowcreek remained consistent, with 5,568 rounds, similar to 2023. Riverview experienced a slight drop to 5,579 rounds. Lakes West maintained stability with 5,417 rounds, while North showed a slight recovery to 5,133 rounds. South had the most notable increase, rising to 5,708 rounds, up from 5,345 in 2023.

YTD Rounds Comparisons



- 15.46% of total rounds played by Resident Yearly passholders, down from 16.19% last year
- 34.82% of total rounds played by Resident Surcharge passholders, down from 36.75% last year
- 21.02% of total rounds played by Resident Cardholders, up from 19.73% last year
- 2.54% of total rounds played by Non-Resident Yearly passholders, down from 3.57% last year
- 12.03% of total rounds played by Public Golfers, up from 11.05% last year
- 11.40% of total rounds played by Guests, up from 10.57% last year
- 2.73% of total rounds played by Staff, up from 2.15% last year



Summary

- Requests decreased by 12.31%, from 18,688 to 16,387
- Total bumps decreased by 82 rounds, from 1,394 to 1,312
- Overall bump increased from 7.46% to 8.01%

2025 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES

Golf Course will be Closed

Fairway Verticutting

Thu-Fri	Apr 17, 18	South
Mon-Tue	Apr 21, 22	North
Thu-Fri	April 24, 25	Lakes West
Mon-Tue	April 28, 29	Lakes East
Thu-Fri	May 1, 2	Riverview
Mon-Tue	May 5, 6	Willowcreek
Thu-Fri	May 8, 9	Willowbrook

Fairway/Green Aerification

Start	End	
June 2	June 13	South
June 9	June 20	North
June 16	June 27	Lakes West
June 23	July 4	Lakes East
June 30	July 11	Riverview
July 7	July 18	Willowcreek
July 14	July 25	Willowbrook

2024 OVERSEED SCHEDULE

Golf Course will be Closed

<u>Course</u>	<u>Overseed</u>	<u>Opens</u>	<u>Off Cart Path</u>
Willowbrook	Sept 29	Oct 17	Nov 7
Lakes East	Sept 29	Oct 17	Nov 7
South	Oct 1	Oct 20	Nov 11
Lakes West	Oct 8	Oct 27	Nov 18
North	Oct 15	Nov 3	Nov 23
Riverview	Oct 20	Nov 7	Nov 28
Willowcreek	Oct 20	Nov 7	Nov 28

As of 2-13-2025

Key Changes

- Overlapping closures to Fairway/Green Aerification to allow courses more time to recover prior to overseeding while still allowing for extended closures
- Beginning overseeding with both 18-hole executive course closed
- Staggering starts of overseed to allow for more flexibility should weather be an issue
- Staggering starts of overseed to allow for dedicated overseed crew to move from course to course to provide more consistency in process

Questions were asked of Golf SR. Leader Duthu:

Your report shows resident golf cards down slightly, is this significant? The response was that it is too early to tell but if the trend continues it may become a problem.

What is the ramification of having two courses closed at the same time? The answer was that we think it will not be a problem.

When do we receive the greatest amount of revenue from golf card sales? The answer was normally October through December.

Will there be a short fall to the budget this year for golf? There was a general discussion followed on the budget process and capital expenditures vs operating expenses and weather effect on golf in general. January had no rain and minimum frost delays helping with play.

How is the Tiff Tuf grass at north doing? The response was that we will be adjusting water schedules to see the results on reduced watering.

Why don't we move the merchandise to an area such as Willow Creek which has more traffic than Riverview? The answer was because Riverview is more central to the players and the staff is located there.

Is there a hiring freeze until March? The response was that it is more like a hiring slowdown, we are able to hire for key spots.

How is the bump rate slightly up but still under 10%, and is the penalty for no shows working? The response was Yes.

Chris Linam, Pro Shop Managers report:

Pro Shops

Tournaments are abundant this February & March. Our Sun City Men's Golf Association (SCMGA) Two-Man Extravaganza is teeing it up for week 2 this week, and what a Great turnout it is. We also have Men's Octogenarian Tournament, Ladies 9 Hole Invitational, Sun City Women's Golf Association (SCWGA) Team Play Fun Day, our ladies have their SCWGA Better Ball March 1st and are starting their Club Championships running through March looking for the best from each course to play in the Champion of Champions in April. Good luck Ladies.

We have been getting a lot of comments about ball marks on the greens. We would greatly appreciate any help we can get by reminding all the players in our groups to please spread the word about keeping your courses in great condition and fix our ball marks.

Free Golf Clinics are back at Lakes West. The dates are March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd. All clinics start at 9:30am and are conducted by our local PGA & LPGA Professionals. No sign up necessary just show up and have fun. Each Saturday, our instructors will be going over all aspects of the game from driving to putting and everything in between. So come out and enjoy the beautiful weather and the great game of Golf.

SCMGA Report: Barry Broomhand, President of the Sun City Men's Golf Association asked if the small groups, i.e. those that have been combined to meet the number of players' requirements, are being monitored to see that they play as a unit or multiple groups?

This will be reviewed and needs to change.

SCWGA Report:

Ladies 18-Hole Cindy Aguilar reported upcoming tournaments SC Open, Better Ball, Champion of Champions, and Fun Day for team play.

Avian Flu is a concern, and we need to be aware of potential problems around our Golf courses.

Men on the courses during team play is slowing down the round. Any suggestions?

Ladies 9 Hole: Debbie Gaines reported that all was going well. They had their first meeting and are preparing for the lady's octogenarian tournament. Help with the tournament is needed.

Course Reports:

North: Course is getting better. Discussed bunker updates at Greens committee and the budget process to get things done.

South: Course is in excellent shape. There are some dry and wet spots on the course, these are being addressed. Stimp meter is at 9.

Quail Run: Course is in great shape. Waiting to close. What will happen to the Wednesday men's group? They will play on Thursday at Lakes East. What will happen to the Fish in the pond? They will be moved to other ponds in Sun City

Lakes East: Course is in good shape. Some work needs to be done on greens and the Oleander bushes between hole 12 and 13.

Lakes West: Course is in bad shape seems to be suffering. Needs work.

Riverview: Course is about the same some thin spots on fairways. Lots of divots and ball marks on greens. Slow play and golfers do not follow cart driving guidelines.

Willow Creek: The course is in good shape given the overseed issues and should be fine with the Bermuda coming in. The lighting project for the outer parking lot and cart parking area is complete. The interior lot will be striped in May when the course is shut down for aeration. The area that is torn up by the maintenance shed is due to the repair of a sewer line and should be resolved shortly. The Driving Range will be on mats for approximately 30 days to give the range a rest as the bermuda starts coming and the rye can heal a bit. The biggest struggle lately is recurring set up issues: sunken plugs, cup placement errors, alignment of tee box markers etc. The staff is reviewing the set up procedures using USGA products and should be improving. If you see set up issues, feel free to email Harry Emerson. The weed prevention applications are completed, and we are hoping there is not a recurrence of the week/crabgrass issues as we have had the past two years. The course, which came out of overseed somewhat poorly, has recovered with the increased reseed and water in November and December and is as good as it is going to get. Some surrounds will not come back, and the fairways remain thin. The bermuda waking up will be a welcome event. Golf Sr. Leader Duthu pointed out that WC did have their own remote control 'geese chasing' car which was well received. He also mentioned there have been issues of dead fish showing up on the back side, which the staff is taking care of.

Willow Brook: Course is in fairly good shape. Hole number 2 has some bare spots.

Old Business: Closing a course down for the summer to help repair and improve golfing conditions was discussed with no definite decision. This will be looked at again with emphasis on a shorter time for closure.

We will be addressing budget considerations during the May and June time frame.

We will work on having better connectivity and a test time before those meetings.

Should we have beverage carts on the Courses? Some discussion but not enough info to make a good decision. Will need cost and legal input. The consensus was no.

New Business: Should Disc Golf become a part of Quail Run?

The topic was briefly explained by Chair Kise and then opened for discussion first from the guests present and then from the committee. Several guests offered their opinion on the pros and cons. With the majority being against, some were for Disc golf but not on the golf course.

The Golf advisory committee was then asked to give their opinions, and each member did so, and no one stated they were against Disc Golf, they just did not want it on a golf course.

A motion was made by Sue Madden, seconded by Bob Brandolini, "That Disc Golf does not become part of the Quail Run golf course." An amendment to the motion was made by Bill Talbert, seconded by Bob Brandolini, "That all golf courses be included". After discussion the amendment was voted on with 20 for and 0 against, amendment passed.

The amended motion was then voted on with 20 for and 0 against. Amended motion passed.

Guest Comments: No further additional comments were made.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 10:35am

Next Meeting: March 13, 2025, at 8:30am – Lakeview Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lybolt Secretary