

# RECREATION CENTERS OF SUN CITY, INC.

## Golf Advisory Committee

December 11, 2025

Chair Preston Kise called the meeting to order at 8:30 in Lakeview Social Hall #2

**Present:** Chair Preston Kise, Vice-Chair John Bressett; Committee Members Barry Broomham (SCMGA President); Mike Lust (South); Rich Lybolt; Cindy Aguilar (SCWGA); Dennis Meeter (Quail); Bob Brandolini (Lakes West); Harry Emerson (Willowcreek); Betty Lust (Lakes East); Doug Carlton (SCMGA); Shirley Fennell (South); Linda Sears (Riverview); Johnny Pearson (Riverview); Bill Talbert (Lakes East); Johnny Portillo (North)

**RCSC Staff:** Lead Ranger Jaye Sprague; Golf Shop Manager Chris Linam

**Guests:** Cardholders Karen Matusz, Gale McKinney

**Meeting Summary:** Summary of the November 13, 2025 meeting was accepted as presented.

**Director of Golf:** No Report.

### Pro Shop Manager:

Just a reminder for the New Club Presidents in charge for 2026, please be sure to bring in your pairings for the next week at least 6 days in advance to the starter so we get them in before the Lottery Draw 5 days in advance.

If any group has their 2027 league schedule set you are welcome to send them to us and please be sure to send it to us Via Email at [clinam@suncityaz.org](mailto:clinam@suncityaz.org) so we can get it on the calendar, and don't forget to go to the Clubs Office January 2, 2026 to book your rooms for your awards banquets and lunches.

### Key Benefits of Driving on Rye Overseed

- **Increased Wear Tolerance:** Actively growing rye grass absorbs golf cart and maintenance traffic, helping to maintain turf cover during winter months. Dormant bermudagrass is brittle and easily damaged by traffic.
- **Reduced Turf Injury:** Research shows that traffic injury to overseeded rye grass is significantly lower than on non-overseeded bermudagrass, with the rye maintaining a greater amount of green cover during the winter.
- **Aesthetic Appeal (Green Color):** Rye grass provides a lush, consistent green color and the "wow factor" that appeals to golfers, which dormant bermudagrass (which is straw-brown) cannot replicate.
- **Improved Playability (Better Lie):** The actively growing rye cover provides additional ball support, giving golfers a "fluffier" lie compared to the tight, firm lies of dormant bermudagrass, which many average-to-high handicap golfers prefer.
- **Divot Recovery:** When temperatures are conducive for rye growth, fairways with the overseed will see divot recovery that would not occur with dormant bermudagrass.

In short, the overseeded rye acts as a protective, actively growing shield that can better withstand cart traffic and provide a more desirable playing surface when the underlying bermudagrass is dormant.

And for those of you who like to get up early, we have a:

**Members & Guest's only Special "Back 9 & Breakfast"**

9 Holes of Golf, with a Breakfast Sandwich and Coffee.

Available on straight sheet days.

Available 1<sup>st</sup> 1.5 hours of tee times.

Reservations must be made with the pro shop (Not through Lottery).

Surcharge Members \$15.00 pp.

Card holders \$30.00 pp.

Resident's Guest \$35.00 pp.

Fees only valid during the time frame above and off the opposite side of 18-hole play.

Excludes Tues. & Wed. (League Day's).

Why isn't there seed in the sand for sand bottles? It was an oversight and has been corrected.

How is the bump rate? We are still following and data will be available next meeting.

Have Rangers been informed of the new cart travel procedures? Yes and it is getting better.

**SCMGA:** Ideas for discussion if any.

President Broomham mentioned that all 2025 events have been concluded. The first event for 2026 is the Extravaganza scheduled for February. His term is completed December 31, 2025, and he will be replaced by Doug Carlton.

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**SCWGA:** Ideas for discussion if any.

**9-Hole:** No Report.

**18-Hole:** President Cindy Aquilar reported starting a new season, Team Play will have a new format with 2 flights.

Membership 58 -- 109

New officers starting January 1, 2026

President Jody Ault

VP Barbara Currie

Secretary Rita Hnudsen

Treasurer Pam Dolphin

The future will include better communications, continuity, and new technologies and practices.

**Old Business:**

Quail Run's Pink Ribbon tournament raised over \$22,000 dollars.

**New Business:**

Greens Committee priorities for each golf course are given below:

**South:**

Have input on the turf reduction coming to South.

Have input on the renovation coming to South.

Be more involved in the budget and decision processes on South.

Will; add more next month.

**Willowcreek /Willowbrook:**

Continue our momentum coming out of a good overseed. We are pleased with the course conditions this year compared to those in the previous two years. We want to maintain the condition of the surrounds, greens, weed control, and set up. Setting up issues have been an issue in the past and we hope to improve in all aspects.

Increase our focus on improving the roughs left of the cart path. We have resources for an additional fertilizer application this year, and plan to punch again in the spring as it wakes up. Given the age of that Bermuda and since we don't overseed it continues to be an issue.

Expand our Adopt a Hole program as we always need more volunteers and the number of unfilled divots and non-repaired ball marks is a never ending challenge.

Ensure all of our CIF submissions for budget year 2027 are submitted into the process this year. Currently we have submitted requests for sand trap refresh on both courses and desert refresh on both courses.

Recommend increases in wages and to increase headcount because we had to back off in 2025. We have an unfilled Mechanic position going on 30 days now with the issue being our low comparative wage offerings. We are starting to slide back into the high turnover territory we all worked so hard to turn around in 2024. Headcount shortages are a similar story. We do not have enough folks to perform all the necessary tasks.

**Riverview****Maintenance & Facilities**

- Maintenance barn project is progressing; funding still needs to be secured.
- Expected project start date is 2026.

## T-Box Improvements & Recommendations

- Ensure all T markers are consistently placed in the correct positions.
- Add sand, trash, and ball-wash receptacles to the red and yellow T boxes.
- Place benches in strategic locations, especially near red/yellow T boxes to support walkers.
- Begin discussions on tree replacement, particularly around T-box areas.
- Request to have the ladies' courses re-rated and re-sloped, with emphasis on the combo orange and yellow tees.
- Install signage or indicators showing where carts should drive and park near greens.

**North:** Will report next month.

**Lakes West Lakes East:** Will report next month.

**Quail Run:** Will report next month.

## Riverview Ladies Report

### Course & Club Appreciation

- Members are very pleased with current course conditions.
- Warm appreciation for the holiday decorations in the ladies' bathrooms.

### Membership

- Overall membership is slightly down, but the league is pleased to welcome several new members.

### Course Play & Handicaps

- Productive discussion was held regarding proper T-box marker placement and its importance for accurate handicaps.
- All Tuesday Play-of-the-Day games have successfully transitioned to Golf Genius, improving accuracy of GHIN postings.

### Course Conduct & Traffic Management

- Concerns raised regarding:
  - Groups using four carts.
  - Two-wheel mobile carts are being taken into green bunkers.
- Additional signage to better guide cart traffic and protect course conditions.

### Course Ratings Discussion

- Initial conversation started about the rating and slope of the red, combo, and yellow tees.
- Noted that North yellow is currently rated slightly harder for women than combo orange.

### Branding & Amenities

- Members are pleased with the new apparel branding.
- Appreciation expressed for the updated professional menus at the grill.

Chair Kise mentioned that after the first of the year, with changes to BP#16 He will be looking for volunteers to be on a writing team to develop business cases for each request as the only item that is approved is the design part of the PIF funding.

### **Special committee assigned:**

A special committee has been set up to clarify the voting process covered in BP#17 and report back next month. Members assigned are Johnny Pearson, Linda Spears, Shirley Fennell, Johnny Portillo, and Bob Brandolini.

### **Guest Comments:**

To the special committee make sure to identify those that can vote.

Mr. Peterson submitted the following letter:

I am concerned about the number of trees that have died on the golf course the last couple of years. I also noticed that there are several trees under stress that probably will die. I brought this same subject up last Spring. So, I am wondering if anything has been done to replace the trees as well as monitor the health of other trees on the golf courses.

Doing nothing takes away from the character and the design of the original golf courses.

There are many other ways trees add to the experience of playing the golf course including providing shade and aesthetics.

What can be done to remedy this situation? It would be great to replace the missing trees this winter before the warm weather sets in. Is there somebody in the golf maintenance department that monitors the health of the trees? Does there need to be a committee to make recommendations?

Here are some of the places I believe trees need to be replaced:

#### **North Course:**

Hole #6 - par 5 - Pine trees on left side of fairway are dying

Hole #9 - Par 4 - Pine tree at the dogleg died and was removed and needs to be replaced.

Hole #10 - Par 4 - Pine tree left of 10 green is dying.

Hole #18 - Par 5 - Two large trees left of Fairway are under stress. Perhaps they can be saved with some kind of treatment.

#### **Riverview Course:**

Hole #4 - Par 3 - Trees behind green and on the next tee died. Need a backdrop here as the hole feels naked.

#### **Lakes West Course:**

Hole #12 - Par 5 - Pine tree on left side of fairway at dogleg died, was removed and needs to be replaced.

## **South Course**

Hole #12 - Par 4 - Pine tree on right side of fairway trap is dying and needs to be replaced.

These are just the trees that I recall - I am sure there are others that need attention or need to be replaced as well.

Thanks,

Charlie Peterson

**Adjournment:** The Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2026, at 8:30am – Lakeview Social Hall #2

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lybolt Secretary