

## 2011 Green Committee Archives

# Green Committee Minutes

## Feb 8, 2011

**Attendees:** Jan Urban, Ruth Bott, and Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### **December 2010, and January 2011 Accomplishments**

- ½ inch deep tined blue heron greens 1-7 and 14-18, did not finish because of weather
- Finished pruning back ornamental grasses
- Pruned crepe myrtles around clubhouse and some on the course
- Blue Heron, majority of clubhouse grounds, and six holes on the Blackheath pre and post emergence spray is completed
- Made directional signs to get back to clubhouse for Blue Heron
- Cleaned and re-stained tee markers and directional cart signs for Blackheath and Blue Heron
- Made, stained, and painted more cart directional signs
- Made new 150 yard poles for Marsh Hawk. Savings of \$45 per pole.
- Remove dead and damaged trees and stump ground throughout the courses
- Removed silt from holding pond after first bridge on Marsh Hawk #13

#### **Goals for February**

- Finish spraying pre and post emergence on Marsh Hawk, Blackheath (12 holes), around putting greens, and driving range
- Continue with stump grinding
- Fix water cooler stand that goes on Blue Heron #4
- Work on some DI's (catch basins) on Blackheath and Blue Heron
- Depending on weather conditions spray for Poa annua seed head suppression on Blackheath and Blue Heron greens
- Continue with fixing, cleaning, and staining cart signs for Marsh Hawk
- Work on Ball Washers. None on Blue at this time.
- Look into fixing Marsh Hawk #4 silver tee and Fixing Marsh Hawk fwy bunkers

#### **Old Business**

- **Course Signage:** The new signage has been prepared and ready to go out to the appropriate areas when the golf season kicks off later this quarter.
- **Rough Cut:** Rough cut changes have been put on permanent hold. No action to be taken. Rough height to remain the same for second cut, ie. , 1 ¾ inches.

## **New Business**

- **Maintenance:** No changes of note have been indicated for the upcoming season with regard to current club chapter 11 process.
- **Course Closings:**
  - Blue to be open through mid March
  - Marsh to be closed for a couple of weeks
  - Black to be closed after Marsh opens in a couple of week
  - All courses open in Mid Marsh

## **Open Discussion**

The Divot program will be run again this year. John Zivica will again head up this program.

On Steve Schmidt's project todo list some course changes in the coming weeks will be addressed. The two areas are: the bunkers on the corner of 16 Marsh and the silver tees on 4 Marsh. Golf course architect, David Johnson will advise on course of action.

## **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday Mar. 3 at **3:00 p.m.** at maintenance facility

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair

Bill Burke

Ruth Bott

Jan Urban

Warren Wright

CCMA liaison (John Tinker)

# Green Committee Minutes

## Mar 3, 2011

**Attendees:** Jan Urban, Ruth Bott, Bill Burke and Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### February

- Finished bulk spraying pre and post emergence throughout the property
- Stump ground work on Blue Heron
- Put up Clubhouse directional signs on Blue Heron
- Worked on a DI on Blackheath #7
- Backfilled DI's throughout Blackheath
- Installed new 150 poles on Marsh Hawk
- Plugged thin and/or damage areas on greens
- Met with architect talk about some renovations

#### **Goals for March**

- Spot spray missed areas from our pre and post emergence applications
- Fix water cooler stand that goes on Blue Heron #4
- Bring up our irrigation system
- Spray for Poa annua seed head suppression on Blackheath and Blue Heron greens
- Aerify, roll, top-dress, and fertilize greens
- Work on Ball Washers
- Implement some of David Johnston recommendations

## **Course Change Recommendations on Problem areas by David Johnson**

### **Marsh Hawk Course**

#### #4

The existing front tee is in a challenging location and is undersized. Rebuild and enlarge the tee by shifting it to the right (down the slope slightly) and outside the tree drip line. The new tee can be approximately 2' lower than the existing tee and should be 900-1,000 square feet in size (approximately 40' long x 25' wide). To improve the view of the green from this new tee location it is recommended that the two weeping willows along the right side of the pond bank be removed.

#### #11

The corrugated pipe running between the gold and silver tees is failing. Remove the pipe and re-grade the area as a surface swale. There should be plenty of elevation change to make this work without needing to re-install pipe. If erosion becomes a problem from water coming from #1 Blue Heron pipe can be installed at a later date.

#### #16

The fairway bunkers here have always been problematic as they hug the inside of the turn too closely and battle tree issues. Fill both bunkers and rebuild a new bunker (approx. 1,200 Ft<sup>2</sup>) that juts into the edge of the existing fairway as flagged. Make sure that the area leading into the new bunker is low and that you build enough backside support for the new bunker to ensure that the sand is very visible from the tees. With the new bunker pinching an already narrow fairway at the dogleg, this is the perfect time to widen the fairway (and improve turf conditions) on the outer edge of the turn. Remove the four trees left of the landing area and expand the turf area to the cart path. You can use the material from the mound in front of these trees for backside support of the new bunker.

### **Blue Heron Course**

#### #17

To give the new greenside bunker a little more character, break up the rounded sand line along the back edge.

#### #18

As discussed, the first fairway bunker on the left has little value on the hole and can be filled. The bunker is practically hidden from the tee and presents a double hazard to players who hit in it (in sand and behind trees). The bunker also suffers from tree roots and is very hard to maintain a clean edge.

If you would like any assistance or another set of eyes when these projects are undertaken please let me know. I would enjoy helping see them through. I know things are in flux right now, but if you get to a point where you would like assistance mapping out and prioritizing future improvements to the courses, I would enjoy helping out. Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

- David Johnson

### **Old Business**

- **Course Signage:** The new signage has been put out to the appropriate areas especially for guiding unfamiliar guests back to the clubhouse.
- **Course Openings:** All courses will be open by end of month. Weather permitting all courses will open on the weekends

### **New Business**

- **Maintenance:** No changes in equipment. Equipment is currently renovated and fixed over winter months. Steve stated the currently there is not an equipment issue. At some point a turnover program will have to be addressed. Only the utility carts are upgraded by lease agreements.
  - **Staff: Will increase to 10 full time Mar 14<sup>th</sup> and to 30 later.**
  - **Equipment:** For the second year in a row, there was no new equipment lease/purchased to replace old equipment that might have normally been scheduled for replacement due to age. However, preventive maintenance was performed on all our equipment over the winter months. Given the type of equipment we have on inventory, this should see us through the next year or so without any major problems. Eventually, we need to get back on an equipment replacement cycle or face some major expenses in the out years.

### **Open Discussion**

Lot of discussion on status of the bunkers. The situation is that bunker care is a huge maintenance issue and rebuilding is a huge capital investment which is not going to happen at this time. Typically bunker maintenance is more than green care. Raking and redistributing the sand is pretty much the course of action for the foreseeable future.

Steve reviewed the consultation with Dave Johnson (course architect) and the actions are part of this report. Steve Schmidt will begin working on a couple of

these this month, refer to details above. No changes should effect course ratings. CCMA will review changes and discuss with Club management.

More discussion on aeration program for 2011... essentially Marsh and Black will have new approaches this year based on smaller tines and minimal dressing as holes will be small and should not impact roll line significantly. All greens will be rolled immediately after aeration.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday Apr. 7 at **3:00 p.m.** at maintenance facility

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair  
Bill Burke  
Ruth Bott  
Jan Urban  
Warren Wright  
CCMA liaison (John Tinker)

# Green Committee Minutes

## Apr 7, 2011

**Attendees:** Jan Urban Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### March

- Brought up irrigation system
- Replaced 6" main line leak o Blue H 15 fairway
- Repaired 3" main line leak BH #9 green
- Replaced clogged drain line out of BH #9 Green
- Added high pressure valve behind Marsh Hawk #9 green
- Aerified, top-dressed, rolled and fertilized all green
- Continued plugging weak areas in greens
- Started mulching around clubhouse grounds
- Stared painting and repairing ball washers

#### **Goals for April**

- Finish ball washer work
- Increase staff by 8-10 by end of month
- Fine tune irrigation (boxes, adjust heads, etc.)
- Start mowing practices throughout the courses
- End of month aerify small tines and light top-dress Marsh and Black greens
- Reduce to one cup instead of 3 on Marsh and Black greens
- Implement some of David Johnston recommendations

## Old Business

- **Marsh Bunkers:** Discussed condition of bunkers particularly on Marsh and what to do with the lack of sand. The bunkers around greens will get added sand as a temp fix. The fairway bunkers lack sand as well but these will not be addressed at this time. Solution is to rebuild but not likely in the near future. The suggestion that will have to be addressed by HRT is to make some of these waste bunkers until they can be rebuilt.
- **Johnson Changes:** The first change that will be implemented will be silver tee on 4<sup>th</sup> Marsh.

## New Business

- **Maintenance:** The purchase order for a new roller submitted to management.

## Open Discussion

More should be done to promote course care caused by cart wear and tear, divots and ball marks. One suggestion was to have a handout on carts as a reminder. This is probably something that HRT should address with Pro shop and cart attendants.

The small tines will be continued on Marsh and Black. Feedback has been very positive.

## Next Meeting Date

Thursday May 5th at **3:00 p.m.** at maintenance facility

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair    CCMA liaison (John Tinker)  
Bill Burke  
Ruth Bott  
Jan Urban  
Warren Wright

# Green Committee Minutes

## June 2, 2011

**Attendees:** Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent), Doug Meredith (GM), Bill Burke, Warren Wright, Ruth Bott, John Tinker (CCMA)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### April and May

- Transition with Affinity Golf Management
- All courses one cup per green
- Re-grade couple areas on Blackheath #7 fwy
- Pruned and cleaned up plant material around Blackheath #9 bathroom
- Sprayed throughout courses to combat broadleaf weeds
- Aerified, top-dressed, rolled, and fertilized all greens
- Fertilized all the bermudagrass throughout country club property
- Repaired a sink hole at #9
- Planted summer annuals around clubhouse grounds
- Prepared for members Mga member guest
- Edged blue heron bunkers
- Repaired High Pressure leak Blackheath#13 fwy

#### **Goals for June**

- Prepare for LGA member guest, and Red Coat
- Mow out blue Heron Fwys back to where they were 3 yrs ago
- Mow all courses same height fwy, roughs, step cut, and etc.
- Aerify, top-dress, roll, and fertilize all greens
- Edge Marsh Hawk and Blackheath bunkers

- Having problems with equipment hope to minimize issues by end of month
- Place fans out on Blue Heron greens #2, #3, #4, and #14

### **Course Update discussion**

The weed problem was somewhat due to too early spraying. The broad leaf did not get hit and thus the wide spread broad leaf currently visible. Reapplication had to wait until Bermuda started growing. This is subsequently being hit with broadleaf herbicide and should remedy the problem.

There was an unfortunate accident on an unrepaired and unmarked sinkhole (black #9) where a person broke a leg. Hopefully the sinkhole problems will be a high priority going forward with the new ownership.

No sand for the bunkers yet.

Blue Heron will be cut similarly to the Marsh and Black going forward. The current 1 inch cut will be brought down to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and rough will go to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  as is currently for the other 2 courses.

### **Old Business**

- **Aeration Schedule**

The timing, coordination and frequency of the aerations was discussed extensively. The Blackheath aeration in May hit right before the Club's match play championships. This should not have happened! Unfortunately, tee times were mistakenly sold on Blackheath on the dates the aeration was scheduled to take place. When the work finally took place, there was insufficient time for the greens to properly recover before the tournament start date. Regularly scheduled staff meetings involving all parties should help to eliminate problems like this in the future.

- Regarding the frequency of aeration no changes are being planned. Course management went to the smaller tine this year for Marsh and Black and to get the sod replacement in the greens three aeration in the spring is equivalent to the previous larger two tine aerations. The basic response is that they are following USGA recommendation on sod replacement. After the last June aeration there will be a  $\frac{3}{8}$  tine aeration end of Aug and beginning of sept. Later in the Fall there will again be

smaller tine aeration before winter season. This current strategy is supported by Affiniti. This approach is being taken to ensure no green loss during the hot summer months. Although with the smaller tines recovery is somewhat faster and the membership is positive about that, the membership is still concerned with the limited time during the year where greens are being putted without holes, sand and track marks.

- Fairways and tees will be aerated middle of July.

- **Johnson Changes(course changes):** These have been put on hold.

## **New Business**

- **Going Forward**

- Although the new management team is in place the business plan is not complete and the earliest expectation that would start to impact the courses is not before July. The course management will continue as is. There are significant issues with staff numbers, equipment, functioning equipment, and supervision of staff, etc., that need to be addressed (a rather dismal picture was painted). The current outlook is to maintain the status quo until the plan is put in place and approved by Prudential. Patients is the key word at the moment. The good news is that a significant part of the business plan would play out on the improvement of the courses.

## **Open Discussion**

The current priorities: keep greens alive, address water system issues, and sod replacement where needed.

There appears to be no clear consensus on who is responsible for current poor condition of the ranges( maintenance and/or proshop). One of the points that was made is that there is no closure on the ranges to do any upkeep therefore the current dismal state. Designated down time will be crucial for getting ranges back.

It was brought up that the range has no water in the club washer and several ball washers are missing on the courses. There was no solution for either of these.

The cost of new ball washers is approximately \$350 and until plan gets approved these items will remain vacant. The plan for next year is to bring all washers in during winter months for upkeep and to prevent rusting and deterioration.

**Next Meeting Date**

Thursday July 7thh at **3:00 p.m.** at maintenance facility

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair    CCMA liaison (John Tinker)

Bill Burke

Ruth Bott

Jan Urban

Warren Wright

# Green Committee Minutes

## July 7, 2011

**Attendees:** Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent), Ruth Bott,

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### June Update

- Mowed out Blue Heron Fwys back to regular length
- Blue Heron rough same height as other two courses
- Installed step cut and cut out back tees
- Replaced high pressure pump in Blackheath pump house
- Low limbed throughout the courses
- Applied growth regulator on all fwy's
- Fertilized blackheath and Marsh Hawk tee tops
- Installed fans on Blue Heron #2, #3, #4, and #14
- Edged Blackheath cart paths
- Repaired electrical problem on Blue Heron #3, which effected the fan and irrigation satellite
- Made and installed black tee markers for blue heron
- Renewed our technical support for irrigation
- Edged out all sprinkler heads
- Installed irrigation drainage line into Marsh Hawk # 7 pond
- Edged blue heron and blackheath bunkers

#### **Goals for July**

- Edged Marsh Hawk bunkers
- Repair Blue Heron #11 where sewer line is being replaced

- Aerify all bermudgrass on three courses
  1. Marsh Hawk – July 11 + 12
  2. Blackheath – July 18 + 19
  3. Blue Heron – July 20-21
- Obtain quotes to replace pipes in dam on #2 Marsh Hawk
- Liquid Fertilize and apply growth regulator to fwys

### **Old Business**

- **Aeration Schedule:** Director of Golf has been in contact with an MGA representative regarding the current fairway aeration schedule. Should it impact the MGA Stroke Play Championship, an option will be to play the ball lift, clean and place
- The status of Maintenance operations has changed somewhat with additional staff and new hire allocations but the hiring of a new assistant manager and subsequent staff has been difficult and somewhat challenged by the lack of experienced applicants. Turnover of staff is a problem. Turf management schools are way down in potential applicants due to the hard hit golf industry.
- The business plan for capital investment is still in negotiation with Prudential.

### **Open Discussion**

Equipment is needed for Pond maintenance as well as manpower hours.

The Ranges are still an issue and there is a need for closer supervision of hitting areas as the turf is not properly being cared for and rotated enough to reduce damage. Sanding damaged areas is not occurring. On the up side the water cleaning container with brushes has been a added benefit.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday Aug 4 at **3:00 p.m.** at maintenance facility

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair    CCMA liaison (John Tinker)  
Bill Burke  
Ruth Bott  
Jan Urban  
Warren Wright

# Green Committee Minutes

## Sept 1, 2011

**Attendees:** Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent), Ruth Bott, Bill Burke, Warren Wright, John Tinker(CCMA) and Doug Meredith(GM)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### August Update

- Black and Marsh green were aerified, rolled, top-dressed, and fertilized
- Needle tined weak area with very tight spacing and followed up with A1-A4 seed
- Pre-emergence with barricade on all 3 courses
- Edged Marsh bunkers
- Paul Paulin hired as new assistant
- Irene cleanup

#### Sept targets:

- Aerify Blue, top dress, roll, fertilize and seed
- Tie ins with pre emergence and do clubhouse
- Bunker renovation on Black: 5,8,9,10,13 and Blue 2, 17,18
- Finish cleanup of Irene

**General Note: Steve Schmidt presented the course updates and had to leave wherein Doug Meredith remained and represented course management.**

#### **Old Business**

- **Status of Maintenance Operations post hurricane**
  - The cleanup has been the focus of operations. Approximately 265 trees came down to cause courses to be closed. Outside contractors were used for 27 holes and internal resources were used for the remainder. Cleanup continues but most of trees have been removed. Insurance will cover cost of external contractors.
- **Fairway Extensions**
  - Some work has been done on the fairway extensions to make it possible for shorter hitters who hit straight shots can make the fairway surface. Still more work needs to be done on the courses Blue and Black. The winter or

early spring is the best time do this. Coordination needs to occur with CCMA, MGA and LGA (9&18) orgs.

## **New Business**

- **Review of Capital Budgets for Course Operations**
  - Equipment lease are being addressed to be implemented this Fall. The two companies are Toro and John Deere. Once the credit issues are resolved this will pave the way to bring in all new NEEDED equipment from lease contracts.
- **Green Status**
  - The greens once more have been aerated. Blue is the remaining course to be done. Reseeding ( new seed hybrid) will be added to the process to get grass growing again. Some success has been seen on Black where the greens really took a hit this summer. This is the last planned core aeration for the year. The greens care going forward has to be looked at more closely as current processes are not working even with the multiple core aerations. The reseeding on Black is still sparse.
- **Staffing Issues**
  - Staffing continues to be a problem. On the bright side a new assistant has been hired to work Marsh. Going forward for next year management will investigate seasonal workers.
  - It was agreed that exit interviewing would be a good ideal for employees that are only working for a short time that are considered valuable to get an ideal as to better protecting trained staff to stay on the job.

## **Open Discussion**

The current practice range operations have continued to show improvement. There still needs closer vigilance on changing the hitting zones to prevent excessive wear or total loss of turf.

An article in The Met Golfer titled ' Firm, Fast and Fun' by Robin McMillan was introduced which expresses a new approach to maintaining golf courses and supported and encouraged by the USGA. This approach offers several changes that can be adopted by all course that will conserve water, reduce costs and make the courses more fun to play and yet maintain levels of challenge and difficulty that all good courses possess. A must read for all management and concerned members. Link to article: <http://www.metgolferdigital.com/issue/39577/35>

### **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday Oct 6 at **3:00 p.m.** at clubhouse executive conference room

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair    CCMA liaison (John Tinker)  
Bill Burke  
Ruth Bott  
Jan Urban  
Warren Wright

# Green Committee Minutes

## Oct 6, 2011

**Attendees:** Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent), Paul Paulin (Assistant), Ruth Bott, Bill Burke, John Tinker(CCMA), Steve Willy (Affinity) and Doug Meredith(GM)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### September Update

- Aerified, top-dressed, rolled, and seeded Blue Heron greens
- Several light top-dressing on all greens
- Continued with cleanup of Irene
- Mulched club house grounds
- Put out new flag poles, cups, and flags on all courses
- Fixed high pressure and main line leak on Blue Heron #7
- Edged all bunkers
- Applied another ½ lb of granular nitrogen fertilizer to all greens
- Oversaw completion of bunker renovations on Blackheath #5, #6, #7, #8, and #13.
- Blackheath #9 turf was re-established between the two greenside bunkers
- Started bunker renovation Blue Heron #2, #16, #17, and #18
- Raised heights on fairways and tees from 500 to 600 of an inch (prepare bermudagrass for the cooler seasons)

#### **Goals for October**

- Start plugging weaker areas in greens
- Remove dead and damage trees
- Overhaul stump grinder and stump grind stumps left behind
- Prepare equipment for leaves
- Backfill and sod driving range new concrete pad

- Lightly top-dress greens
- Granular feed greens
- Fix irrigation issues throughout the courses (thank goodness for the rain)

Bunker renovations Blue Heron #4, #14, and #9

## **Old Business**

- **Status of Maintenance Operations – Management perspective**
  - Management feels in general that the efforts of revitalization are moving forward as indicated by the progresses to date (bunkers (blue and black) , course restrooms, etc.). The cart issue is still under negotiations but progress is being made. The down side is that we are more likely stuck with the carts that we have for another year. Equipment leases are close to being settled and that will pave the way for upgrade in equipment and reduce repair costs which we are doing now.
- **Bunker Maintenance**
  - It was agreed and commented on the improvement in bunker conditions throughout the courses. More oversight should continue to ensure that the bunkers are correctly groomed, etc. The sand that was taken from the old bunkers should be reviewed for recycling into bunkers deficient in sand. This would necessitate sifting old sand to remove unwanted parts. Maintenance will investigate options.

## **New Business**

- **Review of Capital Budgets for Course Operations**
  - Capital budgets are being addressed for next year and are expected to be aggressive to maintain the momentum for bringing back the courses.
- **Strategy for next year**

- Some greens or parts of greens will be aerated and top dressed again this fall where needed, ie., where greens did not catch sufficiently. For next year the aeration program will be reduced by one core aeration. The schedule is for March, May and Sept. All aeration for the three courses will be done on a tight schedule with in a week's period to reduce down time and green recovery over an extended period. Although the membership understands the need for aerations to preserve greens the number of aerations is still an issue. The disruption of a core aeration on putting lasts minimally for three weeks effectively removing that part of the game in a prime part of the golfing season.
- There was extensive discussion on the fairways and course playability. The issue is not the look and appearance but he lack of roll and softness of fairways. What to do to firm up the fairways to make them play to a 6300 yard courses. Thatching, cutting were two options addressed but no solutions decided upon. The wet season of course has added to the thickness and softness of the fairways. One option that was not discussed but offered here is less watering to firm up the turf which the USGA advocates. Maintenance will review options, however, thatching in not an option until summer as bermuda cannot handle the stress at other times.
- Mulching will be addressed for the course garden areas next spring as the current application of mulch would most likely be wasted at the time of the year when the blowers have to be brought out to keep the leaves clear of the course.
- Drainage and irrigation are continuing efforts and the major areas (like Black #4 will be done this year at end of active season.
- Leaf disposal will continue to be a problem as no added plan seems feasible. Cost a factor for removing. Blowing and mower grinding was the only option offered. This process has not been an acceptable option for the membership. Some new ideas need to be proposed such as collection, mulching and converting to compost.

- **Staffing Issues end of year and Winter months**

- Additional staffing will be maintained following the active golfing season into the winter months to better maintain the courses over this period.

## **Open Discussion**

### **Affinity rating the progress to date:**

Steve Willy spoke to this question and felt that they were on target with the courses . There have been a couple of exceptions of like the lease contracts for equipment and carts but offered that these will be settled shortly. Continued monies and efforts will be ongoing next year as budgets are put together going forward.

### **Challenges Going Forward:**

Looking at the big picture and our present state of golf course conditioning there was general agreement that the golf courses are in remarkably good shape compared to what the course conditions were in the summer months. Kudos's to all the hard work by staff and management that has brought us to the current state. Yes, our greens and fairways still have a ways to go but the improvement and playability is there. Sorry about the no roll. However, the big challenge will be to maintain this state not just for Sept ,Oct and Nov but for the other 9 months.

## **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday November 3 at **3:00 p.m.** at clubhouse conference room

The 2011 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Jeff Canon – Chair    CCMA liaison (John Tinker)  
Bill Burke  
Ruth Bott  
Jan Urban  
Warren Wright

# Green Committee Minutes

## Dec 8, 2011

**Attendees:** Jeff Canon (chair), Steve Schmidt (Superintendent), Matt (Assistant), Bill Burke, Jan Urban, Warren Wright, John Tinker(CCMA) , Barry Golliday, Dan Elliot (Dir of Golf) and Bruce Szafran (Affiniti GM)

### **Course Updates (presented by Steve Schmidt)**

#### Oct./ Nov Update

- Blue Heron #8 storm damage, we had to run new irrigation tubes to all heads on the hole and fix electric issue
- Replaced 4 inch gate valve on main line Blue Heron #15
- Plug work on greens throughout the courses
- Mulched bathroom around the courses
- Low limb work on Black and Marsh
- Worked with Medalist Golf to renovate Marsh #11 right side fairway bunker
- Removed dead and/or dying trees throughout the courses
- Stump grinding and removing stumps from trees taken down or damaged during Irene
- Cleaned out old plant material between Marsh #2 and #7 and back behind Marsh Hawk #2
- Worked on cleaning and reorganize beds throughout the courses
- Needle tine all the greens second week of Nov
- Having equipment overhauled starting with rough units , tee mowers, fairway mowers, etc.

## Goals for December

- Continue to plug weak areas in greens
- Continue to remove dead and damaged trees
- Start pruning back ornamental grasses
- Marsh #2-#7 dam/pipe replaced
- Black #4 repair/replace 400ft of pipe

## **Old Business**

- **Off Season Staffing Plan**
  - This winter's staffing plan looks very encouraging as compared to last winter. There will be 6 32 hr. staff, 6 20 hr staff and two full time mechanics. This is an increase of almost 3 times the labor force from the last few years.
- **Equipment status**
  - New equipment is continuing to be added. A new tractor will be added over the winter. A new roller has been added as well as other equipment such as attachment to tractor for pond brush clearance.
- **Bunker Maintenance**
  - Bunkers continue to be rebuilt. 20 bunkers were done in 2011. This will continue into 2012 depending on budget being approved shortly and the main targets will be Marsh Hawk bunkers. There will be sand added on some of the really bad bunkers on Marsh this winter and also the bunker on the lower driving range.

## **New Business**

- **Major projects over the Winter**
  - Although winter is not a real active time outside of the usual upkeep of equipment but there will be emphasis on the failing drainage , sink holes and irrigation system specifically on Black #4. There will be more emphasis on winter spraying and weed management as in past springs the weed issue has been a major distraction on our courses.
- **Change over of GC Chair**
  - Jeff Canon will be stepping down after two years as GC Chair. Barry Golliday will be taking over as new GC Chair. Thanks to all on GC and the course staff for great progress over the last six months and continued success in the coming year.

## **Open Discussion**

A request from Two Rivers was discussed with Dan Elliot for access to play at FCCC while the Two Rivers Course is shutdown next year beginning in the summer. The current request for outlet play for minimum cost was presented to FCCC without any reciprocal arrangements. This in itself was somewhat shortsighted by Two Rivers and Dan is holding any decision at this time in lieu of further discussion with counterparts at Two Rivers.

### **Misc Notes:**

- Thanks to Affinity staff Dan Elliot and Bruce Szafran for their participation and support of GC interests in continuing to grow and bring back our courses at Ford's Colony.
- Ball washers will be pulled from the courses and stored for the winter safe keeping.

## **Next Meeting Date**

Thursday Jan 5 at **3:00 p.m.** at clubhouse conference room

The 2012 Green Committee consists of the following members.

Barry Golliday – Chair	CCMA liaison (John Tinker)
Bill Burke	
Ruth Bott	
Jan Urban	