

Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee  
October 26, 2011

Present were: Chairman Floyd Hann; Members Jim Scott, Gary Tinkel, Sabra Cicilline Richard Berry and Laurie Cascarano. Madolyn Mumma served as secretary.

Also present were Board Representative Don Wirsbinski, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.

Mr. Hann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hann recognized the members in the audience and stated their participation was encouraged.

Mr. Hann said he had asked Mrs. Mumma to continue as secretary for the upcoming year. There were no objections, and Mrs. Mumma agreed to continue this responsibility.

Mr. Hann asked Tony to report on the activities of the grounds crew over the summer.

Tony said the greens were still recovering from the ripping out of the encroachment grass. Top dressing had been completed on the greens and they are currently being kept at .14 inches, which is an acceptable length. Fairways, approaches and tees are cut to .60 inches. In addition, several fairways have been widened, creating wider landing areas. The back of Number 15 tee has been extended.

They are going to experiment with wildflowers beside Number 2 tee box.

The greens have been aerated four times this year; next summer it will be done three times.

The crew has done a considerable amount of irrigation work and this will continue over the next two summers. South Florida water management is urging golf courses to conserve water, and these irrigation changes will help. Tony said it had been a very busy summer for the crew.

Mr. Hann complimented Tony and the grounds crew for the great job they had done. He said he had heard many comments about how beautiful the course was. The entire committee agreed.

Rob said one of the members thought it would be better for rake handles to out of the sand traps so they did not get wet. He said the USGA recommended that rakes be completely out of the bunkers, but there were differing opinions on this issue. Rob said he thought it might be difficult for members to put rake handles partially out of the bunkers. Tony said rakes out of the bunkers would slow down mowers because they would have to stop the mower, move the rakes and then replace the rake after mowing. Mr. Hann and the committee agreed it would slow down the mowers. Committee voted to maintain the current rule, which is to place the rakes in the bunkers.

Rob reported that the Florida State Golf Assn. had come to Hunters Ridge at his request and rated the course. The Golf Assn. handles ratings in Florida for USPGA. The last rating was done in 2007. There were only a few changes and the current system of deducting two strokes from the pink and green handicaps when golfers competed against golfers playing red, gold or white were unaffected. The slope changes were most noticeable for the pink tees, which meant that pink tee slopes were very similar in difficulty to red tee slopes.

Rob said there would be three pros participating in the Play with the Pro e events this year. Trip, Mark and he would each have a flight made up of 8 events. There would be a winner in each flight, based upon 1 gross score and 1 net score. The three teams will not be pitted against each other. Signups will be limited to one per team until October 31. After that date, teams can sign up for multiple times if there are still openings.

He said the Hole in One Club runs from Feb. 1 through Jan. 31 each year. There is a \$5 per person entry fee paid by cash at the pro shop. All those who have signed up and have a hole in one will split the pot at the end of the year. He reported about 150 members normally sign up.

Mr. Hann reported that Jim Zimmer, chairman of the finance committee, asked the golf committee to consider potential beautification projects and perhaps a certain amount of money could be set aside from the budget for projects of that type. Mr. Hann said he had asked Mrs. Cascarano to chair a subcommittee to report to the golf committee its recommendations.

After some discussion, the committee agreed a subcommittee was not necessary at this time. The committee felt it was small enough and accessible enough that if members had suggestions they would come forward. They also felt Tony and Rob were doing an excellent job and were responsive to any concerns. The committee also agreed to include any beautification suggestions in the spring of 2012 wrap up.

Mr. Tinkel asked Tony about the bushes along #12 green. Tony said this was no longer considered a conservation area and he agreed to look at ways to remove the bushes and plant grass, eliminating the potential of lost golf balls in that area.

Rob reported the format for the ladies and men's member/guest would be the same. However, the men's event will be 3 days and the cost for the Saturday night dinner will be for one person. If a guest or a member wants to bring a guest there will be an additional charge. He said so far there are 20 teams signed up to play.

Mr. Tinkel asked if the coquina cart paths needed to be raked quite so often because some members preferred it to be tamped down, both because they felt it was easier to hit out of and it eliminated the tracking of the coquina into golf carts. He said this was particularly true when the coquina was near the greens as on numbers 12. Tony agreed to give it some thought.

Mr. Hann said the next meeting would be sometime in February.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.