

Hunters Ridge Community Association Golf Committee
November 24, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

Present were: Chairman, Rich Berry; Members Joe Engler, Laurie Cascarano, Pat Wirsbinski, Tom Malone, Gary Tinkel and Madolyn Mumma, secretary. Also present were Association Board Member Frank Schmitt, Director of Golf Rob Harpster and Golf Course Superintendent Tony Duncan.

Mr. Berry called the meeting to order.

Mr. Berry asked for the committee's recommendation on the placement of tee markers. Committee unanimously agreed that placing the tee markers parallel to the cart path was the best option. Tony said he would make the changes immediately.

When asked about the decision to require cart paths only every other day Tony said it was the only way to keep the turf from being compacted and dying. Rob said the course superintendent determines if and when this restriction is necessary in order to maintain the course in the best possible condition. We are unable to protect the fairways with a 90-degree rule, so the every other day restriction is the only other option. In addition, we have been unable to restrict blue flag golfers from driving wherever they wish.

Tony said by placing restrictions now we should be in relatively good shape throughout the season.

Mr. Tinkel asked Tony about the mowing height of the fairways. He said the fairways are so dimpled that it can be difficult to play in them and they are not as attractive as they could be. He asked if lowering the mowers would create more stress for the grass. He also asked about keeping the roughs higher than the fairways, which would more clearly define the fairways. Tony replied that the mowers are set to mow both fairways and roughs to .7 inch. He said he has four mowers, but currently only two of them are operational. He wants to keep them both at the same level so that he has back up if one of the two breaks down. He said he currently mows the fairways once a week and the roughs less often. In order to lower the height of the grass he would have to do it slowly over a period of weeks in order to protect the grass from shock. It would require two mowings a week in the fairways, which would mean additional labor and gasoline costs. Tony said he would look into the situation and perhaps do a couple of fairways as an experiment which, if successful, could be fully implemented next summer.

He also said he would also look into purchasing a more finely tuned aerator which would help prevent the dimpling.

The committee agreed our goal is to get two different lengths—one for fairways and one for roughs.

Tony said algae on the green has caused the bare spots on #9 green. It is a problem because it does not get enough sunlight this time of year when the sun is lower in the sky.

Mr. Engler moved and Mr. Tinkel seconded that the club move from 5 pin designations to 3. This gives the grounds keeper more flexibility, eliminates the needs for the diagrams on the scorecards and the charts on windshields. The committee unanimously adopted the motion. There will be different colored flags for each of the 3 locations—probably red, black and yellow checked flags.

Rob described the changes he was considering for the scorecards. He said it is time for him to place an order for 10,000 cards. Because it will not be necessary to include pin diagrams, it will give him room to add a third line for scores, giving a total of six lines for scores. He will also add a faint diagonal line in each box so that it will be possible to write both gross and net scores in each box. Mr. Tinkel asked if he

would investigate the possibility of altering the cards so names could show for both the front and back 9 holes. Rob said he would look into this and decide whether such a change would be financially feasible.

Rob announced the nine-hole men's league would start the first of the year.

Mr. Berry said he felt the committee should begin discussions about the number of golfing memberships permitted under the Hunters Ridge Master Declaration. He expressed concern that the current limitation of 425 golfing members was too high, and that in future years we could be faced with the possibility of being restricted on the number of times members could play in a week. He pointed out we were currently short of our goal for golfing memberships and we needed to continue to encourage people to join, but that could change as new, younger people purchase property here. He said it is the golf committee's responsibility to consider long-range issues and address them with the Board. After some discussion, the committee members agreed to talk with others in the community and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss the issue in more detail.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.