Golf Committee
Annual Report

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Foreword

The Golf Committee is comprised of nine members representing the membership of Hot Springs Village. The committee members provide their observations and input for the various golf organizations and comments from the Village membership, to the HSV Golf Department. This interchange has brought about programs such as Junior Golf, Physically Challenged Golf, and Adopt-A-Hole. These programs are ongoing and are supported by the Golf Committee each year. Also, on a monthly basis, inputs are given as to specific course conditions that have been observed by committee members or that the general membership has brought to our attention. All comments and observations are given to the Golf Department for their information and action as appropriate.

The 2014-2015 committee activities have focused on reemphasis of Adopt-A-Hole Program, Support of the HSV Junior Golf Program, and support of Physically Challenged Golf and support of Junior Golf. The current activity of the 5-year plan outlines the current renovation plans and suggested schedules for other course needs. The plan centers on the availability of funds and the improvement in number of rounds and revenue going forward.

In July 2014, Hot Spring Village took a dramatic step forward in establishing a relationship with Troon Golf and Travel Inc. The prospects provided by this program are unlimited. It will be an opportunity for the Golf committee to define an interface that will contribute the success of this relationship between the POA management and Troon Golf.


**Adopt-A-Hole**

The Adopt-A-Hole program has been in place for approx. 5 years. The program has waned over the past few years. As the focus of the golf committee moved in a different direction, the Adopt-A-Hole lacked emphasis and support. This year with the changing of the management structure of the golf department, the alliance with Troon Golf, and budget restrains curtailing the renovation of Balboa Golf Course the committee had ample time to review and revitalize the program. The initial effort, which began in October, was to determine the value of the program and the level of interest of the participants. It was somewhat surprising that the volunteers were still providing the care and maintenance that were the basic elements of the program. With little recognition and support they were still performing their elected chores on their adopted golf holes. The Committee assigned a course to each member to champion the efforts of the course volunteers. The first public showing of this effort was at the recent Golf and Recreation Expo we signed up 20+ new volunteers bringing the total to 180. We know this force will have a tremendous impact on the condition of the HSV Golf Courses. We are planning programs that will support and provide recognition to the Volunteer Network.

**Junior Golf Association**

The Junior Golf Association will begin its 17th year this spring. Bill Veal and Jack Barry both who were serving on the Golf Committee at the inception of the program and are still the driving force behind Junior Golf. They also organize and conduct an Adult Golf Clinic to raise awareness of golf in the Village. Jack Barry rejoined the Golf Committee for another term.

The purpose of the Junior Golf Association is to foster and promote junior golf activities for young golfers between the ages of 8 and 18. Membership in the program is open to all Junior Golfers.

A major program for the Association is College Scholarship Program. These Scholarships are for $2000 paid out at $500 per year for 4 years. Since 2005, 37 Scholarships have been awarded to junior golfers.

**Physically Challenged Golf**

This program was founded by Dennis Faulk while a member of the Golf Committee. He continues to be a major sponsor of the Program. The Coronado is the resident course for the program. During the spring and summer, weather permitting, two play days are set for those who want to participate. There are several volunteers that support the special needs of each of the participants. The special carts are housed at the Coronado Golf Course and can be reserved by individuals (who have had some training on the proper use of the cart). The carts can be 'trailerred' to other village courses. At present we have two carts available.
Desoto Renovation

This program began in 2013 with the course closing in early May 2013. The course scheduled to reopen in April 2014, however due to weather and etc. May 22, 2014 was opening day. The winter had taken its toll on the course and more so-on the facilities. The Temporary Pro Shop, while adequate, does not add to the golfing experience. The course opened with mixed reviews and has not generated the iconic venue that had been anticipated.