Golf Committee Annual Report

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Summary

The Hot Spring Village Golf Committee has nine members dedicated to the golfing experience of the eight village courses. This annual reporting period, beginning March through February 2015-2016.

The first full year of the Troon Management affiliation has brought positive and productive change to HSV Village Golf.

Troon Management Services is responsible for the operations of Village Golf Courses. They provide guidance and direction for Golf Operations, Agronomy, Sales and Marketing and Procurement.

This year saw a decrease in the number of rounds and revenues year over year. Primary factors impacting this result was an unusual rain laden spring, February through May, decreasing play by over 14,000 rounds. Yet rounds for the remainder of the year (June – December) were equal to last year, which was a compliment to the membership programs and marketing promotions that were in place once the weather got back to normal.

A comprehensive study and report by the Troon Agronomy Department's regional agronomist contributed to improved golf course conditions with higher standards in a more efficient manner.

Adopt-A-Hole

While the weather did not corporate with the efforts to improve golfing rounds at the start of the year, the spirit of the Adopt-A-Hole Volunteers were undaunted, when the weather cleared they renewed their efforts. The following is the call to arms for the volunteers presented on the tee time web page:

ADOPT-A-HOLE Program

Let’s show our Village pride in our golf courses and Adopt-a-Hole!

There are no prizes or rewards, just pride in the quality, caliber and appearance of our golf courses. All you need to do is pick up broken tees, pick up other debris, sand divots, and repair ball marks on your adopted hole; not just your divots, tees, debris and ball marks, but any you see! Get your playing partners to do the same whenever you play that hole; your efforts will make a difference!

You may fill out the sign up form at the bottom of the page at the following website: http://hsypoa.org/golf/adopt-a-hole

Please help maintain our greatest assets, by “adopting a hole.”

Adopt-A-Hole program has been in place for approx. 6 years. This year starting with the Golf and Recreation Expo in 2015 and ending with the 2016 Expo. The numbers of volunteers has grown to over 200.

Each member of the Golf committee communicates with their course volunteers with the Golf Department monthly report.
This year we will congratulate our volunteers and thank them for a job well done, with a Barbeque & Picnic at the Balboa Pavilion on March 30 at 4 pm. We are looking forward to another successful Adopt-A-Hole Year!

**Junior Golf Association**

For 18 years the Junior Golf Association has served the youth of Hot Spring Village and surrounding communities. Bill Veal and Jack Barry have contributed their time and effort to an outstanding program. They also bring a great value to the HSV members with the Adult Golf Clinic. The Clinic not only raises awareness for golf in the village but the monies raised goes to support the many activities for Junior Golf. Jack Barry continues to serve and contribute time to the Village Golf Committee.

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.

**Goal of the Program:**
- Teach the Fundamentals of the golf swing.
- Provide opportunities for development of social, physical and mental skills.
- Teach the rules, etiquette and sportsmanship of Golf.
- Provide instructional practices, playing privileges, and other concessions
- Develop a lifelong golfer who will continue to enjoy the game for years to come.

This year 228 junior golf members and 230 adult volunteers participated in the program.

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, 42 Scholarships have been awarded to junior golfers. There are currently 17 receiving scholarships.

**Physically Challenged Golf**

The Coronado Golf Club is the resident course for the program. During the spring and summer, weather permitting, two play days are set each month 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). They can also trailer the carts to other village courses. At present we have two carts available.

**Closing:**
This has been a challenging year for the Golf Committee, with adapting to the new management style of Troon. The spring rains along with the untimely rains on holidays had unavoidable impact on the golf revenues. The lack of funding due to budget restraints, and curtailment of needed course infrastructure upgrades did not provide the opportunity for the committee to function at full capacity. However, each member of the committee has acted in a collected and professional manner and for their efforts; a well deserved "Thank You".