



**AGENDA**

**SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019, 6:00PM**

**City Council Chambers  
100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente CA**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE TIME AND LOCATION\*\***

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FOR ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: If you wish to address the Committee, please identify yourself to the Secretary and you will be permitted to speak at the appropriate time.  
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- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 7, 2019
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT**

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*Members of the audience who wish to address the Committee on matters of public interest pertaining to the City that are not on the agenda may stand, state their name and the City in which they reside, and make their presentation. Please limit presentations to three minutes. Since the Committee cannot discuss or take action on matters not on the agenda, items of concern which are not urgent in nature can be resolved more expeditiously by completing and submitting a written request to the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Department or Golf Division. For matters on the agenda, public comments will be received at the time the Committee considers the agenda item.*  
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- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Update on Golf and Wedgewood Projects
  - B. Proposed project from Men’s Club regarding options to display obsolete plaques
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Greens Sub Committee Report
  - B. Date change for July 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. Presentation of any comments from public to staff since last meeting
- 7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**
  - A. Monthly Report
- 8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the Regular Golf Course Committee meeting to be held Thursday, July 4, 2019 at the San Clemente City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA.

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## CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Golf Course Committee of the City of San Clemente was called to order on Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the City of San Clemente Council Chambers, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Nick Azzollini, Rick Divel, Chris Eldridge, Darlyn Regan, Parker Steel, Dick Veale, Tim Kiernan arrived at 6:03 pm during item 3.

Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager  
Maile Stivers, Administrative Assistant

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 3, 2019

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER STEEL, AND CARRIED 5-0-1 WITH COMMITTEE MEMBER VEALE ABSTAINING, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2019.

#### 3. PUBLIC INPUT

Ryan Divel, stated there are leaning flags on the course; opined this is problematic with new golf rules allowing for putting with the flag in place to speed up play; presented information regarding potential replacement flags and cups; opined an investment should be made to replace all flags and cups to prevent leaning flags and facilitate putting with the flag in place; opined a Men's Club divot showdown should be organized; and noted there are missing sand bottles on the carts.

Kurt Luebke, Men's Club President, stated weather permitting, the Men's Club is planning to fill divots on Monday, March 11 during aerification activities.

Mandy Hamilton, Women's Club President, opined the course looks great; opined the silver tees are moving closer to the greens; and requested an update on leveling the silver tee on #14.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Update on Golf and Wedgewood Projects

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding golf and Wedgewood projects and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposed project from Men's Club regarding seat wall near 1<sup>st</sup> tee to place historical plaques currently in storage

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding a proposed seat wall project near 1<sup>st</sup> tee and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Committee Members discussed the possibility opening up space for new plaque donations, locations for plaque installations, working with the Men's and Women's Clubs on donations, and sizing and cost of plaques.

Consensus was reached to table discussion to the next Golf Committee meeting and direct staff to research details regarding the possibility of including existing and new plaques on the wall near the driving range.

B. Consideration of fee increase as recommended by the Golf Revenue Subcommittee

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the contents of the administrative report regarding recommended fee increases by the Golf Revenue Subcommittee and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER VEALE, AND CARRIED 7-0, to recommend the City Council approve the previously recommended greens fee changes proposed by the Golf Revenue Subcommittee.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, summarized the communications from the public detailed in the administrative report.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager, discussed financial and maintenance activity at the course since the last meeting including placement and maintenance of cups and flags on the course, upcoming tree maintenance, wet weather reducing rounds and revenue, reduction in watering costs, and aerification activities.

**8. ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee Members discussed course operations and maintenance activities including City Council discussions about City Committees and Commissions, missing courtesy card placards from carts, utility box painting project, missing sand bottle holders on carts, form 700 due date, and a deflection device on #17.

Consensus was reached to draft a letter from the Golf Course Committee Chair to send to the City Council regarding the Golf Course Committee.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER AZZOLLINI, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER DIVEL, AND CARRIED 7-0, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. to a regular meeting to be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of San Clemente Council Chambers located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA.

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Tim Kiernan, Golf Course Committee Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: May 2, 2019

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**Department:** Beaches, Parks & Recreation  
**Prepared By:** Gus Nelson, Golf Course Manager

**Subject:** *Agenda Item 4A: Update on Golf and Wedgewood Projects*

**Discussion:** Wedgewood office addition is still under review in Planning Dept. but making progress. Golf course cart path repair project will begin Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and is expected to take six to eight weeks to complete.

**Subject:** *Agenda item 4B: Proposed Project from Men's Club*

**Discussion:** The Men's Club has suggested that a low seat wall be constructed adjacent to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box to serve as a permanent home to historical plaques that are currently in storage. The plaques had been previously on donated benches. This item was continued from the March meeting.

The location we were tasked to look at is the retaining wall below the first tee, specifically at the end of it (beginning of hole #1 fairway). At the meeting our collective recollection of that spot was that the wall was higher there, but on further review, it is not. It is actually the same height as the rest of the wall and probably will not work for this application.

I believe this item requires some further deliberation. It is a nice idea to do something with the plaques but we were reminded at the meeting why the memorial bench program was stopped in the first place. Further memorializing the plaques is not consistent with why the program was stopped.

**Subject:** *Agenda Item 5A: Greens Sub Committee Report*

**Discussion:** The Greens Sub Committee met on April 18<sup>th</sup> to tour the course. Their report is attached.

**Subject:** *Agenda Item 5B: Date change for July meeting*

**Discussion:** The committee meeting for July falls on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. If the committee would like to change the date, the council chambers are available on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Subject:** *Agenda Item 6: Communications*

**Discussion:** Formal communications to the Golf Manager since the last meeting:

- There was a complaint regarding material dumped on the golf course property
- There was a complaint regarding removed trees (trees were dead)
- There was a complaint regarding customer double billed on credit card
- There was a complaint regarding golf balls damaging neighboring business
- There was a complaint regarding dog feces on the golf course

**Subject:** ***Agenda Item 7: Staff Report***

**Discussion:** Spring has sprung and the course and crew are busier than ever. It seems the kikuyu has come back with a vengeance about a month earlier than usual, and in the process hampering our annual Spring maintenance activities with all the additional mowing we are doing.

Our second greens aerification of Spring will take place Monday and Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be using our own machine and will do nine holes each day. Tees have been aerified and will continue to aerified every 4-6 weeks for the duration of the summer. Fairways will be aerified the week of greens aerification. We have already begun spraying fairways with growth regulator and will continue with the program for the remainder of the summer. We have purchased quite a few replacement trees so look for them to be planted soon. The new silver tee on hole 14 has been marked out and we will get on that ASAP. The path project will no doubt affect our ability to get things done but we will figure out a way. In all the course is looking terrific so get out and enjoy the Spring weather.

Rounds and Revenue information will be brought and discussed at the meeting.

## SAN CLEMENTE GOLF COURSE TOUR REVIEW

Thursday April 18, 2019

Rick Divel, Tim Kiernan Gus Nelson and Dick Veale met at the Muni at 6:30 AM today to perform the quarterly San Clemente Golf Committee greens sub-committee golf course review.

We started with looking over the driving range. There appears to be a few yellow/brown spots showing up on the range lately. This is due to the dying out of the Poa Ana grass that has really moved in on the range and elsewhere on the course. Gus plans to have his staff dig up some of the worst areas and put down extra Bermuda grass. Interesting, there have not been many complaints about balls coming over the fence from long-hitting players on the driving range. Perhaps the trees in the range have grown high enough to curb balls being hit out of the range.

We then went over to hole #8. Gus reported that he had received some complaints about trees being removed, while nothing seemed to be replanted in those areas. He said that he has bought 25 trees and 10 more are coming, and HE IS putting trees in. They are mostly small cheaper trees, but some 24 inch boxes, and nothing will be huge. He plans to put some around the #7 green, around the #14 green, and behind the #1 green. Holes 1 through 10 has lost some trees and others such as the big EUK between 4 and 5 may not last. He plans to replace that area with Flat Line Oaks.

With all the rain we have had, the course is plush. Gus expects the grass to continue growing and by next month they will be in full-mode of almost doing nothing else except cutting grass. He mentioned that at a golf course auction they bought a package of used golf course equipment that included a special mower. This new mower, that had only 1,000 hours on it, costs \$75,000.00 new but he bought it for \$25,000.00. He says they actually need two of these to be efficient. Evidently, the new mover puts out clumps of grass trimmings, while the old gang mowers just cut it

so fine and throw it out the back spread out that it just disappears. In the meantime, they will start using the old gang mowers, as more mowing is needed. They normally mow two times a week during the winter months, but they are now mowing three times a week already. Gus reports that the heavy mowing takes a bite out of their diesel fuel costs (needing more) and also the maintenance guy has tons of work keeping the mower blades sharp.

#7 green. They will be putting in two trees between the #7 green and the #8 tee box, but they will be placed so that they do not take away from the ocean views on the green. The view of the apartments will be blocked. A cottonwood tree in the hollow will be taken out and that area will be replaced with another tree. On the #7 rough areas, new trees that will be smaller trees in case the EUKs go down.

#17 green - This area will also have some deciduous trees plants and these will not obscure the ocean view but complement the views.

Someone brought up the Palm tree frons that keep falling off. Gus says they do not have a maintenance plan to trim the palm trees, but it seems these palm trees clean themselves and so his crew just picks them up as they fall off. There is one palm tree behind the #16 green that Rod's Tree service did trim. As a sideline, Rod's Tree Service had their contract extended until December this year by the city.

#14 - green - In back of that green, there will be one or two new trees planted that are not too close to the green that it would take water from the green.

There is a project over in the skeet shooting range area outside and across the street from the #13 green. This is one of the two wells that the city has on the golf course to get drinking water that does not come from the Colorado River. The other is adjacent to the #12 tee. The well at the skeet range is being fixed and they have to pump out a gazillion gallons of water (no one knows how much, but a lot), so there is a 12 inch pipe running from the pump to our maintenance area pond that we use to feed the pumps to the golf course. Gus and the pump people



have no idea how much water will be piped up, but he will have to send a lot of water out on the golf course. This will be started around April 22nd and hopefully is done and the course dries back out before the cart path people come on the course starting April 29<sup>th</sup>. Interesting, the sump pump you see to the right of the #13 cart path is an all-water pipe system. It can take reclaimed water, raw water or fresh water and pumps it all up to the pond by the maintenance shed - then that water is gravity fed back down to the pumps for the golf course.

Also, regarding water, the new 1.6 billion gallon reservoir being built out in Talega is going to help with the handling of reclaimed water. When there is plenty of water, the reservoir will be used to store the excess water, and that water will be used I the dry times of year. Also, water will settle through the soil into the aquifer below ground where our well water originates.

Talking about the art path renewal program, you can see the white marks on the paths where they are going to replace areas of the cart paths. They have a plan for diverting carts down to the green on #15.

Back to trees. On #14 - you can see up by the green near the street where pine cones are prevalent in the trees that is an indication of the tree starting to die. Gus plans to put in Carrot Wood trees that will not be so big and will not block views. These will be tiered to appear to give them more height. Again, the trees will not be planted near the green so that it will not take water from the green.

Gus notes that the Stone Pine trees did well a few years ago, but all are not doing well today. Evidently, there are beetles that get into the trees under the bark and eventually the trees die. Also, the salts - chloride and boron - do not do well for the trees.

#4 tee - Gus will put in a utility tree.

#5 - He will be putting in deciduous - Yellow Flower tree. 4 or 5 of them are just starting to branch out. There will be no more trees planted near the #5 green and bathroom.

#6 - Pines on the left 150 yards out from the green - those pines are dead and have to come out. One is actually leaning over into the houses. We need trees all along that fence line for a buffer for the houses. He will put in some Iron Bark Euks.

On May 6 and 7 Gus and crew will be aerefyng, and this time they will use heavier and deeper tines, but more holes in this next treatment.

Gus will be treating the grass fairways and roughs with chemical for the GRAY GOOSE grass problem.

They will aerify the fairways starting next week. It will not be deep and will take no cores.

Basically, Gus and crew need to complete their projects by mid-May as they will be focused on grass cutting the rest of the summer.

There was a rumor that the city Water Department would be redoing the water purification plant next to the bathroom on #13 tee. Supposedly, this expansion would completely block out the access to the women's tee on #13, but evidently that is not the case right now.

The crew will begin cutting out a GRAY tee box area on #14 soon. It will be put in an area that is kind of flat up on the left side of the rough below the ladies tee. This will be about 206 yards from the green

Dick Veale