

**LLCC Greens Committee Meeting MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2022 (1:30 PM – Pro Shop Café)**

ATTENDEES: Vern Duggan, Robbi Alberts, Ed Irvin, Lance Levine, Tim Magee, Nancy Milliman, Sheila Nokes, Steve Saylor  
[Excused: Jerry Nokes, Steve Saylor Gayle Wilcox]  
GUESTS: Kirk Crowell, Dean Dyson  
STAFF: Elen Gaschet DeL'isle, Javier Martinez, Roger Milliman

Vern called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Minutes:** Lance Levine moved to: **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3, 2022 GREENS COMMITTEE MEETING.** Tim Magee seconded, and the motion **PASSED.**

**Greens Report:** Javier reported May was an unusual month – hard rains, storms, not very good golfing weather. Right now, with the fertilizer application, the turf is growing like crazy. Crew is trying it's best to maintain and keep the turf cut, with an abundance of clippings! With all the changes, no mechanic and two new greenskeepers, Javier says it's been challenging for him. But they are all doing their best to keep our golf course in immaculate shape.

The crew is excited for the upcoming tournaments, and making the course tournament ready.

Things accomplished in **May:** Top-dressed fairways with 256 tons of course sand ... spread 32 tons of fine sand over the new practice chipping green site ... applied herbicide to all weed areas and landscape beds ... filled the vacant greenskeeper positions ... and did preventive maintenance on pump-house irrigation (installed new clay valve that will regulate pressure).

Things to accomplish in **June:** Mark all GUR's (ground under repair), hazards, and make sure O.B. posts are straight and not missing ... refresh all landscape beds and tree-surrounds on course and around pro shop/café ... find a mechanic that can do the job! ... keep the course tournament-ready everyday ... and edge sprinkler heads and yardage domes.

Topics to discuss:

- **Height of cut for rough** should favor keeping it healthy and green longer (only way to do that is mow rough once a week at 1¾ inch. The longer leaf blade has less chance of drying out and showing stress. It will also give more of a transition between rough and fairway, encouraging golfers to hit into fairways – you shouldn't be rewarded for hitting your ball into rough).
- **#3 Chipping area project.** It's been a tough year trying to get this project completed. Weather will determine when they can move on to the next steps (so far, the weather has not cooperated). Javier said right now his focus is on the golf course itself, and training his crew. The project will definitely be accomplished, and will be worked on with time permitting. Jason has said he wants to be involved in it as well, so you may see him out there from time to time.

The Minnihan family, which runs a large tournament here every year, has offered to donate some money to plant more trees around the course where we have had to remove some.

Someone mentioned the cups being a little high on the greens; Javier said he'd take a look and fix that.

**Pro Shop Report:** Elen said after weeks of rain, the weather has finally gotten nicer and we're getting more golfers. Sales have been down due to weather (\$33K last year, and \$23K this year for the month of May). The Pro Shop has sold \$4,448.57 in food & beverage on days the Café has been closed. We had 931 member rounds; 589 Public rounds. Plus there were 360 power cart rentals, bringing in \$4,635 in May.

A **Glow-Ball Tournament** is planned for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> (will need to start ~9:30 PM). The **Ladies Shamrock Tournament** is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The **Minnihan tournament** will be Friday afternoon & Saturday morning, August 5 & 6. The **Men's St. Andrews Open** will be Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Robbi mentioned Lake Limerick is hosting our **Ladies 9-hole Tri-Mixer** (with Alderbrook & Lake Cushman ladies) on Friday, August 5. Elen said that will be in the morning, so the Minnihan tourney shouldn't interfere.

**Golf Lessons** are now being offered. Ladies' lessons are Tuesdays & Fridays (4:30, 5:30 & 6:30 PM), and Men's lessons are Mondays at 5 PM. Until the practice chipping green is available, lessons may be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fairway and #2 Green (as well as the Putting Green).

**CAM Report:** Roger said he wants to acknowledge and thank Elen and Javier for submitting department budgets on time. His goal is to present draft HOA expense & capital budgets including assumptions during the June 18 Board meeting. He noted that 2022 fiscal YTD vs 2021 golf revenue is only down 7% (mostly due to weather).

Regarding progress of our promotional video, it's currently on hold. John Hohstein is on his third cast and can't put full weight on that leg. Plus the weather hasn't been very cooperative.

**Ongoing encroachment on Navy property:** More good news. Roger reported LLCC will receive a Navy land appraisal value for the LLCC golf course easement by next week. It is currently being reviewed by a Navy real estate contracting officer. Once received, the easement agreement will be reviewed by our attorney prior to signature.

**Marketing:** Nancy shared the Journal's recently published *Visitors Guide* contained some errors in their LLCC article.

A new coupon will be coming out in the Journal this week (\$40, weekdays only, burger with beverage – no wrap).

LLCC is still waiting to hear when we may be hosting the Chamber of Commerce's "after hours" gathering. We will have something in the Summer issue of the *Tracing the Fjord* magazine. The Pro Shop will continue to redeem the homeowners' coupons sent out earlier this year (eight were redeemed in May). In May, we continue to have golfers taking advantage of discounts for military (eleven 9-hole & 26 18-hole) and first responder (3), plus eight youth.

LLCC's Marketing budget is back up where it should be; it's been very positive in promoting the Golf Course & Café.

Volunteering is down everywhere. Nancy said they are currently seeking a new chair for the Inn Committee.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hole Tee Box/Practice Chipping area update:** Javier said they thought the project would be done by now, but the continuous rainy weather has prevented that. They hope to have the green growing in the next few weeks, then get the pad laid out. They don't want heavy trucks leaving huge tracks or getting stuck in the wet mud.

**Fundraiser:** Mark Hendricks has drafted a timeline for the Fundraising Tournament to be held on **Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. 9:30 AM Shotgun start (both 9- and 18-hole divisions) ... 1:00 PM Taco Bar at the Pro Shop (open to all golfers, spouses & other contributors) ... 2:00 PM Putting Contest ... 2:30 PM Boat Rides/Festivities w/spouses ... 4:30 PM Music in the Park, featuring one of our golfers (Carla Elliott) ... and 5:30 PM Announce winners & grand total raised.

Sponsors will pay \$100 per hole (already have 6 sponsors) ... Golfers will pay \$50 entry fee.

Details will be ironed out, and we'll begin promoting the tournament.

**Capital Projects:** Javier submitted a request for a backhoe (\$60K) [*equipment is to be shared with Water and Facilities*], irrigation telemetry faceplates (\$80K), and golf course pumphouse VFD @\$51,500. Vern led a discussion of Committee capital project needs that were added to the list: Five (5) reconditioned golf carts (\$25K), repaving #3 cart path (\$32K), and adding metal siding to our two cart storage sheds (\$3K).

Lance Levine asked if we still have a new Pro in the budget, and if we are actively looking for one?

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Survey for golf fees:** Lance Levine contacted other nearby 9-hole courses and polled them on what they currently charge for golf, trail fees, cart rental & cart storage. Courses included Delphi, Lake Cushman, Peninsula, Scott Lake, Skyridge, and Surfside. There was some discussion on how Lake Limerick rates compare to those other courses.

There was also discussion about other ways LLCC could raise money with fees or price increases (e.g., food & beverages, lake, boats, parks, etc.).

Vern suggested we look over what Lance put together and be ready to come up with any proposed increases in our golf rates.

At 2:57 PM, Sheila Nokes moved to **ADJOURN**. Ed Irvin seconded, and the motion PASSED.

NOTES BY ROBBIE

**NINE HOLE GOLF COURSE FEE SURVEY - APRIL 2022**

Golf Course	Weekday 9 Holes	Weekday 18 Holes	Weekend 9 Holes	Weekend 18 Holes	Twilight	Cart 9 Holes	Cart 18 Holes	Total Yards	Driving Range	Annual Membership
Delphi Golf Course 360-357-6437 6340 Neylon Dr., Olympia	\$18.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$27.00	\$15.00 After 3PM	\$16.00	\$24.00	1,944	NO	\$449.25
Lake Cushman Golf Course 360-877-5505 210 N. Fairway Dr. W., Hoodspout	\$22.00	\$33.00	\$24.00	\$35.00	9H: \$14 18H: \$20 After 3PM	\$11.00 Per Person	\$16.00	2,910	YES	HOA \$650+Tax PUBLIC \$825+Tax Junior (18 & under) – \$150 + tax Annual Trail Fee – \$130 + tax Annual Cart Rental – \$350 + tax Annual Shed Rental Gas Cart (or non-electric use) – \$350 + tax Annual Shed Rental Electric Cart – \$400 + tax
Lake Limerick Country Club 360-426-6290 811 E. St. Andrews Dr., Shelton	\$21.00	\$29.00	\$23.00	\$31.00		\$11.00	\$16.00	2,879	NO	HOA \$590 PUBLIC \$740 Junior \$130 Annual Trail Fee – \$90 Annual Shed Rental Gas Cart Member \$270+tax Annual Shed Rental Electric Cart Member- \$310 + tax Annual Shed Rental Gas Cart Public \$335+tax Annual Shed Rental Electric Cart Public- \$385 + tax
Penninsula Golf Course 360-642-4653 9604 Pacific Way, Long Beach	\$22.00	\$35.00	no record	no record	\$22.00 After 4PM	\$15.00	\$25.00	2,306	NO	\$950
Scott Lake Golf Course 360-352-4838 11746 Scott Creek Dr. SW, Olympia	Walking \$21.50 \$30.00	W/ Cart before 1pm \$28.00 \$45.00	Before Noon \$26.50 Afternoon \$21.50	Walking \$35.00	W/Cart before 2PM 9H: \$30 18H: \$52			2,672	NO	N/A
Skyridge Golf Course 360-683-3673 7015 Old Olympic Hwy, Sequim	\$18.00 \$25 After 2PM	\$29.00		\$30.00		\$10.00 Each	\$16.00	3,296	YES	\$175 Monthly/With cart \$235
Surfside Golf Course 360-665-4148 31508 J Place, Ocean Park	\$22.00	\$45.00				\$16.00	\$32.00	3,206	YES	7 day couples – \$1500 5 day couples – \$1200 Mon-Fri 7 day single – \$1000 5 day single – \$800 Mon-Fri
			Cart Storage – W/Storage and trail fees Electric Cart – \$450 Gas Cart – \$400 Trail Cart – \$260							