

**Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in Room #201 on Monday, June 2, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Fred Hunter, at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: Fred Hunter, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, Scott Smith.

Absent: Mark Holod

Others Present: David Levin, Patty Kondub, Mike Durkin, John Cooper, Ellen Ehli and Eileen Hart

1. **Approval of Minutes**
The Minutes of May 5, 2014 were accepted with correction: No comma between Scott and Smith

2. **Rounds Report**
The month of May last year = 4,478
The rounds this year May = 4,463

3. **Superintendent's Report – Ryan Segrue**
Fairways look dry and brown, but he still will not water until he has to. The brown, purple patches have been sprayed for weeds. He has also sprayed for colinga on 3, 6, and 17. It thrives in wet areas.
Spraying of crab grass will be done at appropriate times.
We are on schedule, in the position we need to be, going into summer.
Not much can be done with the little stones in the bunkers. Four utility trucks full of sand have been used to fill the bunkers.
Course will be closed on Monday mornings until 8:00 AM to allow for spraying.
No divot bottles or boxes will be used at this time. Walkers predominate and wouldn't have bottles any way. Besides, typically, people do not use the divot bottles. It is more effective for people to replace their divots.
Staff will properly fill divots also. Two Staples interns are doing a good job.
Encouraging people to rake sand traps is the major thing association presidents can do.
Mike Fox said it is not scolding people to ask them to rake and replace, it is educating them. He likes the way the staff is doing the divots. He also asked about how many rakes were available. Ryan said there are 235 rakes on the course, from 1 to 5 per hole.
Patty Kondub noted that the drop zones on 12 and 13 were now on the other side of the water.

4. **Golf Professional's Report**

Comments about course are good. 266 has been the biggest day. There were 848 during Memorial Day weekend.

Experienced problems with Chelsea phones. Vice President of Chelsea visited and will make recommendations for improvement.

74% internet bookings

10 people make 34% of the calls.

John reported that he lost 5,000 balls in a month. However, the net is now up along the water.

H has tee times up until 6:00 pm now.

Tuesday nights in July will be Family Night.

A company comes in to dredge the ponds. Maintenance of water hazards are VC responsibility.

Odor from garage is not satisfactory according to Peter Eisen. He does not think Rory is doing his best.

Patty Kondub said the LWGA hosted Scwga, with 72 golfers. She commended John Cooper for his help.

Special rates for seniors on Fridays may be tried in fall.

David Levin commended John for the buy one get one free offer in the spring.

5. **Golf Association Presidents' Reports**

Women's 9 Holvers – Ellen Ehli – Numbers are up. Course is greatly improved. Still have the trash smell. Monthly newsletter promotes good practice.

LWGA Patty Kondub – LWGA changed their member/guest date to accommodate Longshore for a large party. Stuart McCarthy appreciated the cooperation from LWGA.

Scorecards are the old ones from 2011 showing incorrect handicaps and pars. New ones have been ordered. Meanwhile, LWGA has made copies for members.

LWGA – Michael Fox - Down 8 or 9%. Getting a lot of positive feedback. Tournaments are filling up.

6. **Old Business**

Cart paths will be improved on June 10. Shelves in Cliff's Place are underway.

Cleanup behind Cliff's Place is also underway.

Alcohol permit has been approved. This does not preclude people bringing their own. It will be up to GAC to decide when we get the permit.

Lease comes up in 2017. Site plans will be discussed sometime in the fall.

7. **New Business**

VC consultants spent time on the course.

Bird houses and trees will be mapped and studied in order to develop a long term plan.

There does need to be protection of the 15th tee box from errant balls from the 7th tee.

Tasks for fall and winter: look at signage and red/white/blue accuracy to the center of the green.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary