

Green Committee Annual Report 2010

All golf courses require constant care. The Green Committee constantly strives to improve the course by working collaboratively with the Valley Crest Maintenance Group, the Men's Club, the Women's Club, the Tuesday Work Group, the Canyon Lake Property Owner's Association (Operations Department and POA Liaison), the Director of Golf, and any other interested people. The Green Committee appreciates the assistance and input and from all these groups.

The new United States Golf Association booklet on the function of the Green Committee is a valuable guide. We already follow a number of its suggestions and we should pursue a number of its other suggestions. A need for on-going training, a need to in-service new Green Committee members and regular communication with the golfing and non-golfing community are some of the areas that we should emphasize. This is especially critical because of our roll in the development of a golf course master plan, which is also suggested by the USGA. I recommend the POA support the on-going training of Green Committee members.

With the support of the Property Owner's Association, a Master Plan sub-committee, headed by Dudley Thompson, is in the process of developing an on-going maintenance and development plan for the golf course that will generate cost savings in water usage and hopefully a long range decrease in maintenance costs. Ever since the sand bunkers were refurbished last year a group of about twenty people have been working on this project. Members of this group visited other golf courses in the process of selecting a golf course architect and since then have meet several times to provide input to the architect as part of the planning process. This is a complex process. As we become more and more aware of the complexity of golf courses, the cost of water, effective maintenance procedures, drought tolerant landscapes and plants, it is clear that a golf course master plan is complex but absolutely necessary for Canyon Lake as I suspect it is necessary for other aspects of Canyon Lake.

There was a change in course Superintendents this year and the Valley Crest management did an excellent job in recruiting a new Superintendent of Golf, Mark Louder, for our course. It really feels like the seamless continuum we all look for when we have changes in personnel. Valley Crest and the Superintendent(s) have taken a proactive approach in the care and maintenance of the course. I believe then have done an outstanding job. The condition of the greens has continued to be very good. The fairways did not green up as quickly as we would have liked, due to the somewhat cool spring. The condition of the fairways seems to be the major concern for most of our golfers. Drainage on the golf course still remains to be an issue and the irrigation system is in need of constant repair due to its age.

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Green Committee Chairman 2010

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