



Fore You... **October 2026**

*Highlights from the Golf Committee
meeting September 2026*

Rounds of Golf. Rounds played in August 2026 decreased by 1,996 from August 2025, but total rounds played in 2026 continue to reflect a healthy growth in Village golf of 15,870 rounds. There were 28 more playable days through August 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. The following is a breakdown of rounds played year-to-date through August 2026 compared to August 2025.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Member	122,978	116,934
Non-Property Owner	8,939	6,551
Come & Play	19,115	13,040
Accompanied Member Guest	8,269	7,466
Family	1,227	1,815
Other	<u>4,187</u>	<u>3,039</u>
TOTAL YTD =>	164,715	148,845

Outside Play. Demand for **Come and Play** packages will hit its high in October! Total revenue from these packages is expected to hit \$3 million by the end of the year. Bookings through August 2026 totaled \$2,036,174, which is an increase of \$768,857 over the same period in 2025. These rounds represented 12% of total rounds through August 2026.

Maintenance. Routine Fall maintenance has begun in preparation for the cooler weather. Pre-emergent is being applied to the turf at all courses. Special maintenance tasks included:

=>Installation of the new granite course name signage at Ponce.

=>Redesign of the practice bunker at Ponce using a new liner that can be installed by in-house resources and is comprised of rubber strips. If this bunker holds up well, this material will be used on other bunker renovations throughout the Village.

=>Provide additional fans, as they are available, on greens that show signs of stress. Henry also stated that they were paying particular attention to the following greens:

Nina: Holes 3 and 7; Pinta: Holes 1 and 2

Ponce: Holes 3, 7, 10 and 17

In addition, all courses now have at least one device that measures the temperature and moisture content of the green which assists in determining the need for watering the green! Finally, aerification of the Bent Grass greens is scheduled for September.

Player Assistants. These volunteers are vital, though their efforts often challenging, to the success of improving our Pace of Play and creating a positive experience for both members and visiting golfers. Our golf professionals are consistently training our volunteers, both now, and throughout the off-season, to be even more effective in 2027. Our golf committee members also volunteer their time to observe, and assist, the Player Assistants and provide valuable feedback to continue strengthening the program.

Tip: *Playing the appropriate tees helps keep the pace of play down and leads to a more enjoyable round!*

Please treat all Player Assistants with respect. Remember, they are village members as well, and you may also see them off the course. Any disagreements should be addressed with the Pro Shop managers or course professionals after play.

Adopt-a-Hole Volunteer Program. Exciting news is coming **VERY** soon! Don't be surprised when you begin to hear "**Friends of the Fairway**" in conversations regarding those volunteers who regularly give attention to holes on each of our golf courses. The Golf Committee is working with the Marketing department to rollout an enhanced program that will encourage participation and develop community pride in our course quality.

*If you are already taking care of a hole, THANK YOU...
if you want more information, give us a call!*

Memorial plaques. A new program has been developed to memorialize a special someone on our courses. A customized plaque will now be placed on the back of the new granite course name signage at each course. Lori Haight, our Marketing Director, provided a mockup of the new plaque design, which was approved by the Committee.

Board of Director Updates. Larry Siener, our Golf Committee Board Liaison, reiterated that golf continues to outpace its 2026 financial goals. The 2027 budgeting process is far along, and fee schedules and preliminary budgets were reviewed by the Finance and Planning Committee. Their comments and concerns were provided to each department. Final Fee schedules and budgets are expected in October or November.

Board Director, Bruce Caverly, and staff member Makenzi Gale, introduced the new Community Engagement Committee. They discussed a new initiative that involves recognition of each POA committee, and communicating each committee's activities to other committees, the Board, and the community.

*Collaboration between POA committees is growing...
join a committee today and be part of growing our community!*

Junior Golf. Committee member, Okey Bess, discussed the Junior Golf program and the number of volunteers involved in the program each year! It is estimated that total volunteer hours exceeded 4,225 hours this season – June 1 through July 31.

A big THANK YOU to those who are part of developing our Junior golfers every year!

If you ever have any questions, please let us know.

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