



Fore You... May 2026

Highlights from the Golf Committee meeting April 16, 2026

Rounds of Golf. Golf continues to grow in the Village! 19,400 rounds were played in March 2026 compared to 18,323 in March of 2025. Year to date through March 8th 326 more rounds were played in 2026 than in 2025. There were 10 more playable days through March 2026 compared to the same period in 2025. Recent rains have helped to green up the courses, but we need much more for summer watering needs.

Outside Play. Come and Play revenue for 2026 is still being processed as new software is implemented but the demand has been outstanding. Year to date through March 2026, there have been 1,614 Come and Play rounds played which accounts for 4% of total rounds played which was the same percentage in 2025. These numbers will increase significantly during the next few months. Since member fees were not increased for 2026, this outside revenue is critical to enable the Golf Department to maintain the courses within its financial budget.

Golf Groups. Members have many ways to get involved with Golf in the Village. Many groups exist to satisfy the blend of competition and social experience so check out the groups' websites or contact the coordinator to learn more about that group's focus. The Village Voice has a list of the organizations, website and coordinator contact information in the paper each week. The POA website also contains additional information.

One of the newest golf groups is [HSV Tuesday Scramblers](#), the former Cortez Scramble group. This is a social league and is open to POA member singles and couples and their guests. They play nine holes with a 4 pm shotgun start at various Village courses. Check out their page on Facebook at HSV Tuesday Scramblers.

Maintenance. After performing significant emergency repairs at DeSoto, maintenance crews are beginning to focus on typical springtime maintenance issues. The work on holes 6-8 is impressive and should prevent further drainage damage for years to come.

Most of the planned renovations at Magellan have been completed. The bridge on hole 10 was removed, creek reshaped and the cart path was rerouted. One bunker will be rebuilt using a new rubber liner that the POA maintenance crews can install themselves. Once these new test bunkers have been observed and performance verified, this system will be considered for future use in other bunker renovations both at Magellan and at the other courses.

Major renovations at Balboa are finished and the course will be added back to the tee time lottery system in June.

Player Assistant. The Marshal program has been rebranded as the Players Assistant program to align with the goal of improving all players' experience on the course. Player Assistants have completed training in the past few weeks. Golf committee members also attended these training sessions and were impressed by the content and direction of this program. Written Player Assistant training materials are now available and will be used on an ongoing basis. This will not only ensure uniformity of rules and enforcement but will also allow Player Assistants to easily move between courses as needed.

Please remember that the Player Assistant is there to improve our experience on the course. Please treat them with respect. Any disagreements should be addressed with the Pro Shop managers or course professionals after play. A few remaining spots for new Player Assistants are available. Please contact the Pro Shop at your desired course for additional information.

As was discussed in the most recent Village Digest, body cameras will now be worn by all Player Assistants at all courses. This will help document on course encounters with players that become aggressive, and will be a useful tool to train staff on how to handle and diffuse aggressive behavior. The cameras will also aid players that believe they have been inappropriately treated.

Adopt-a-Hole Volunteer Program. WE STILL NEED YOU! Join over 100 volunteers who help keep our courses in great shape. On a regular basis throughout the year, our Adopt-a-Hole volunteers sand divots, repair ball marks, pick up trash, and other important tasks on holes at each golf course. If you live on or near a hole on one of our courses, and would like to help keep it looking great, please call the Golf Committee to find out more information.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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