



## HGRD Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 ~ 2:00 PM in Card Room C & Zoom

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	PRESENT	SUPERVISORS/OTHERS	PRESENT
Jon Edinger	x	Peter Overs, Board Liaison	x
Bob Herbstritt – Vice-Chair	x	J.B. Belknap, General Manager	x
Bruce Johnson - Chair	x	Bruce Harris, Head Golf Pro	x
Wendy Murray	Absent	Tim Kortanek, Director of Agronomy	x
Robert Regnier	x		
Karen Sullivan	x		
Richard Weinberger	x		
Alternate – Rich Morea	x	# of Residents	

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Chair, Bruce Johnson

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 3, 2025, committee meeting were approved.

**Golf Course Maintenance Report** - Tim Kortanek addressed the recent frost conditions stating that there have been 6 days in the 30’s. He also addressed the issues with a broadcast herbicide spreader that caused damage to fairways and explained that the spreader was calibrated correctly but the wheel was slipping, causing uneven distribution of the pre-emergent herbicide resulting in trails of damaged turf. To prevent future issues, they are considering purchasing a new spreader for next fiscal year and implementing additional testing methods, including using sand to test calibration on a small area before full applications. While the vendor offered discounts on recovery fertilizer, there was no liability for the damage. Remedial actions are underway.

- Tim discussed the recent growth in greens due to favorable weather conditions and is adjusting the mowing and growth regulator practices accordingly. He also discussed their ongoing nematode control efforts, including the recent application of a new nematocide and plans for further testing next week. Additionally, they completed a perimeter treatment for fire ant and mole cricket control around the greens.
- New superintendent, Ryan Richards, will endeavor to send out more frequent and detailed golf course maintenance reports, including pictures and important updates, via email.
- The GCM team plans to: 1) Replace leaking ball washers as needed, using appropriate caps, and will continue to monitor/replace as issues arise; 2) Rotate and replace driving range mats as needed, consider ordering new AstroTurf strips, and monitor for damage; 3) Address fairway bunker on #9 where sand has washed away by adding sand as needed; Consider overseeding driving range tee for next season to allow more days open, pending further review.

**Golf Shop Report** – Bruce Harris discussed the recent member guest tournament, which hosted 104 teams and brought in over \$50,000 in sales to the District. Upcoming events include the match play finals, club championship, couples championship, and the Heron's Glen Masters Tournament.

- Bruce addressed concerns about overflow tee times and outside play policies, clarifying that outside tee times are only accepted when the tee sheet is not fully booked with members.
- The group also addressed concerns about a locked box at a sandbox on #4 that contained alcohol and money, confirming it was built by members and noting it violates District policy regarding alcohol on property. The box will be removed.

### Old Business

- **#17 Bulkhead & Range Restrooms:** GM Belknap updated the committee on the status of both projects. The bulkhead variance application has been deemed sufficient by the county, though official approval is still pending,

Bowen engineering is working on the process. The driving range restrooms project required revisions due to flood zone concerns, with Denmark Construction now addressing potential electrical issues with the engineering team. The GM stated the engineers are continuing working with Lee County officials on obtaining the required permits and variances to proceed with the projects.

- **OB Stakes:** The pro shop staff will reset and monitor the out-of-bounds (OB) stakes as needed, and address any moved stakes reported by members or staff.
- **Adopt-A-Hole Program:** Bob Regnier stated that the "Adopt a Hole" program showed strong progress with 2,460 divots filled and 447 ball marks repaired in February alone, bringing the total since November to 10,942 divots and 1,190 ball marks repaired.
- **#9 Tee:** Tim is meeting with a Clark Construction representative to coordinate a meeting next Tuesday to finalize location and size for new tee.
- **Golf Survey:** Staff will collate and prepare survey responses by early April for committee review.

### **New Business**

- **Committee Volunteer Form for next year:** Bruce Johnson reminded the committee that they must re-submit their names to continue being on the committee.
- **Dress Code:** The committee debated changing the dress code to allow denim, but ultimately voted unanimously to maintain the current policy prohibiting denim.
- **New Secretary Position:** - The committee discussed adding an official Secretary position to the Golf Committee, though no volunteer came forward to take on the role. The committee plans on electing a new Secretary at or after May 1st meeting.
- **Hole in One Change:** The committee agreed with a modified hole-in-one club policy, allowing \$400 gift cards to be issue to members in the HIO club for making an "ace" to be used at either the Pro Shop or restaurant, with the ability to split amounts between locations.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** The committee has decided to move future meetings from Wednesdays to Monday afternoons, with the exact timing to be determined, considering Board and other meetings typically occur on Monday mornings. They agreed to hold a meeting in late April or early May to discuss golf rates ahead of the Board's June budget meetings.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 13, 2026, at 2:00 PM in Card Room C

**Adjournment:** 3:16 pm.