

Transcription of Podcast Episode 376: Jerry Conrad, Board President

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Jerry Conrad 00:00

Hello, Sun City, this is Jerry Conrad, the President of the Board of Directors. I'm here to deliver the latest information on the two golf courses. Troon sent out an e-blast earlier with much of this information, but there are many who do not use the e-blast system.

Jerry Conrad 00:14

The North Course will open starting this Monday. Over 80 trees were knocked down. So, there may be some workers continuing the job of cleanup. Cart path only as a must as the grass is still soft. It is imperative for your safety and the healing of the course that the carts always stay on the path.

Jerry Conrad 00:31

The South Course will continue to stay closed until the course is playable. Troon will assess the conditions on Monday and hopefully have a better idea as to when the course can open up again. Troon and the HOA will communicate to the residents via e-blast. Again, another reason why you should get on board and sign up for the e-blast program. Phil Vigil, Troon GM, and Tom Johnson, Troon Superintendent, took a group of golfers out to the course for a detailed view of what the conditions are on the South Course. The Golf Advisory Committee was represented as well as the president of the men's club. The entire Board of Directors was also there to listen to what Tom and Phil had to say.

Jerry Conrad 01:09

The issue that is most troubling is the pump room that is located between holes #3 and #4. The pond next to the tee box of #4 is the lowest point of the golf course and all the water funnels through to this pond. Unfortunately, a large amount of water flooded the pump room, therefore no pumping can occur. While the pump is down irrigation on the front nine of this course will not work. This is problematic at best. IID inspected and made sure the electricity was off in the pump room, and now we need to wait for the water to be absorbed by the ground over time. Once the room is dry, a subcontractor will be able to come out and see what the damage is. A portable pump would not work as there's too much water to pump and any water we pumped to the street will simply come back into the pond as it is still the lowest point of the course.

Jerry Conrad 01:56

So how long will this take? I don't have a solid answer yet. In the meantime, Troon will hire a watering vehicle to surgically water all the greens. The course which was just getting into great shape may be in danger of browning out again, but there literally is nothing that can be done to prevent this from



happening if the pump is not able to be fixed in a reasonable timeframe. Your board of directors has made an emergency procurement of over \$40,000 to clean up all the trees that were down to take out all the stumps. We will be working to find solutions to these problems, but please be patient as solutions of this magnitude take time. We are not alone in this challenge. Be aware that several courses across the Coachella Valley are struggling with the same issues.

Jerry Conrad 02:41

I would like to give you better news on the South Course, but we will fix the problems as soon as possible. I want to thank the staff and management for the many hours that they have put in to start the process of getting the course back to normal. Thank you.