

# Transcription of Podcast Episode 386:

## Jerry Conrad, Board President

### SPEAKERS

Jerry Conrad, Phil Vigil

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#### **Jerry Conrad 00:01**

Hello neighbors. This is Jerry Conrad, the President of the Board of Directors. I've invited Phil Vigil, the Troon GM to speak about the conditions of our two courses as well as some new ideas that will help keep our courses in great shape. But first, I want to make a few comments about a couple of issues that affect every resident of Sun City Shadow Hills.

#### **Jerry Conrad 00:20**

Safety. Traffic Safety is an ongoing issue here in Sun City. Now that the community is at full capacity and the daylight savings time has arrived. We need to be mindful when we drive in our community. As a board member, I received several emails about close calls from our fellow residents each month. We all know that there are no sidewalks on our side streets, which puts people walking all too close to passing cars. Now with a light change, this becomes even more of an issue. Please slow down and be sure to stop at all stop signs. I would also suggest that walkers wear clothes that are easily seen and carry a flashlight if they are walking in the early morning or evening.

#### **Jerry Conrad 00:57**

The second item I want to talk about is the recently passed budget for next year. The increase in the budget for next year will be \$9 per month from \$337 to \$346. This is a 2.67% increase from the last budget. This board has determined not to have another large increase and I think we've done a good job. I know that there are no guarantees that this small budget increase will happen each year as unforeseen events may simply make that impossible. But with care, I believe we can control our budget increases to manageable levels.

#### **Jerry Conrad 01:31**

Finally, I want to remind all residents that the fundraiser for the Coachella Valley foster kids will be held at the putting course on November 14 starting at 10am. Please show up and support this worthy cause. And now here's Phil to discuss all things golf.

#### **Phil Vigil 01:48**

Thank you, Jerry. Well, it's a great pleasure to be here and we are very excited. The golf team has been hard at work really since summer getting the south and the north course ready for our winter oversee. That has gone very nicely and we are targeted for a great course opening south course on Friday, November the 10th. Golf team has been very busy. Edging bunkers, hedging car paths getting debris cleared, working through the landscaping areas and just generally getting everything ready for a

great season of golf. The golf team has been busy getting the golf shop up and running, restocking, training, and getting the golf department ready to go.

#### **Phil Vigil 02:34**

Specific to Friday, we wanted to remind everybody that we will have a few specials to really celebrate our opening day. From 10 to one, we will have \$2 hot dogs on the terrace. As well as we're very happy to announce we're bringing draft beer to the Shadows Terrace and we will be running a special all weekend for draft beer. But specifically on Friday, we will be running a \$2 draft beer special. So we're very excited about that. Now as well as the weekend golf shop sale, we have a lot of new merchandise out there. We want you to come on and take a look at what we put out for you. And we'll be running a 30% off special there.

#### **Phil Vigil 03:18**

As Jerry had mentioned, a lot of great care has been taken to a present what we think is an amazing golf course for the season. We have a great budget and the golf team was poised to execute a great overseed for you. We worked with GAC over the summer season, and we're going to be recommitting to a handful of initiatives that were in place in prior years. Really all of them designed to make sure that we will be able to maintain good quality coarse conditions throughout the entire season. We feel we've done an amazing job getting the golf course ready for play. It'll be in great condition opening day, but we do need the help of the golfing residents. Those systems will be now when we reopen we will be in a cart path only status for all golfers and that would be likely in play for no less than three weeks we really want to make sure that the golf course is ready and healthy and strong. For a at a time when we will go back to back to the fairways. When we go back to the fairways we will be using what we are calling a gate system simply explained the gate system is going to be a clearly defined entrance area to the fairways and an exit area from the fairways back to the cart path. So we're excited about that. Also, we are looking to refocus Back to a shared cart scenario. This is really pretty simple. All we're really asking here is that if you are using a Shadow Hills Golf Club fleet cart that we pair up and get back to two golfers sharing carts, of course, we understand there's going to be some extenuating circumstances. If that's the case, you'll simply just go into the golf shop, if you do need to take your own golf cart for a specific reason, they'll just be a simple \$10 up charge for that this would not apply if there's a threesome, the charge of charge would not apply there. Again, this is really in an effort to see if we can minimize the amount of cart traffic out on the golf course. Specifically speaking about the south course at this moment in time. Another initiative that has been in place in prior years that we will recommit to, is a cart limit of two carts in the fairway at any one time. And again, this will be after we go back to back to the fairways after our cart path only restriction is all we're asking for here is that we only have two carts in the fairway at any one given time. And of course, using the gate system, what we have seen in prior seasons and specifically last season is for carts Be it a mix of private carts or fleet carts and for golf carts in the fairway. Again, here we're looking just to minimize the amount of current traffic on the turf and the play areas so that we can sustain great course conditions all year long. A new kind of process, and guideline this year is going to be a trail fee up charge. This is pretty really pretty simple. If you have paid your trail fee for the year, and you have your 2024 sticker, then that allows you to use your private cart, if you are a single trail fee, that is for the use of that private cart during your play. If you for whatever reason want to park that golf cart, and take a fleet cart for the day, you can certainly do that, that will come with a \$10 upcharge. To do so. The only difference would be is if you

are a couple's trail fee participant. And on the same day, if one of the two couples chooses to take a fleet cart, they are able to do that because they have paid a couple's price. Again, all of these initiatives, we know that some may be new, some are revisitation of some guidelines that have been in place in prior seasons, all of them are set in place so that we can sustain great golf course conditions for the summer.

**Phil Vigil 07:55**

I do want to remind everybody that when we open for season on the south course on Friday, due to the scheduling of overseed on the driving range, we will be using the south end of the driving range for what will likely be a couple of weeks as the main driving range T box grows in so that will be approximately for two weeks. And we just asked that you be careful as you're driving down the fairways. And then we will use a Marshall and starter system so that you know when your tee time is.

**Phil Vigil 08:36**

We're very excited. Again we do have some new menus coming out. Shadows terrace in addition to draft beer. We will have a new menu coming out on Friday. As well as Chef John is presenting a new menu. In shadows restaurant that's going to be a new breakfast menu, a new lunch and a new dinner menu. Additionally new this year you will see a frame menu boards out on the golf course one on hole number nine one on hole number 17. This will have kind of a quick grab and go menu where you'll be able to call into the tariff snack bar and order in advance so your food is either hot and ready or fresh and ready for pickup as you make the turn.

**Phil Vigil 09:24**

Again, we hope you have an amazing season. We're very excited. And as always if you have any questions whatsoever, please stop in the golf shop and grab either myself or one of the golf team members who won't be happy to explain these guidelines to you and wish you well for a great season. Thank you Jerry.

**Jerry Conrad 09:43**

Thank you Phil. And also I want to say both Phil and I want to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.