

GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4/2/25

April 2, 2025 / 5:30 PM

ATTENDEES

X	<u>Mitch Greenwald</u> - Chair	X	<u>Jon Barleycorn</u> - Chair		<u>Darrin Reeb</u>
X	<u>Lesley Kurtzahn</u> - Women's Chair	X	<i>Sara Colton</i>	X	<u>Jake Didion</u> - Junior Chair
	<u>Ryan Horace</u>		<i>Karen Beaty</i>	X	<u>Steve Snyder</u> – Vice Chair
X	<i>Alex Bork</i> - Secretary	X	<i>Aron Rolsen</i>	X	Nate Curtis - Golf Pro
X	<i>Tyler Klava</i>		Josh Bryant- Superintendent		Anthony - Asst Pro

Italics - New Members Underline - 1-2 Years Left

NorthStar Golf Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

- Approval of previous meeting minutes (if applicable).

✓ **Approved.**

2. NorthStar Leadership Update / Feedback

Presented by Nate

- **Membership & Clubhouse Updates**

✓ **Furniture still arriving, overall feedback has been very positive.**

✓ **Getting the golf course open went smooth. Staff adjusting to changes are going well.**

✓ **Still a few weeks away from getting the new path installed, weather dependent, probably 5/1 for path and landscaping.**

- **Feedback from the initial opening:**

- Will towels be provided in the locker rooms? Will they be regularly stocked and monitored for cleanliness and supplies?

✓ **Yes, towels will be here by the end of the week. We have full-time cleaning people that will keep tabs on this. Not a locker room attendant per se but will have this kept cleaned and stocked.**

- Timing on locker key distribution.

✓ **Keys are ready and being distributed.**

- Noticed more staff wearing name tags — will standardized uniforms with name tags be required moving forward?

✓ **Bar staff will have black staff polos, staff and others will have consistent clothing and tags.**

- Will there be a formal dress code established for members?

✓ **Nate would like to make sure whatever is decided to be forward looking and keeping in mind fashion trends, etc. All agreed no jeans on course, must have a golf shirt while on course. For the clubhouse, the expectation is “business casual” attire for men and ladies, nice jeans are permitted in the clubhouse for dining/events, etc.**

- Bar Hours – Will weekend hours be extended beyond 9 PM, as they were previously? This is of particular interest in the golf simulator area.
 - ✓ Per Nate, Kerri said they will extend hours after 4/28 to 10PM. Will inquire if staff can be prepared to stay till 11 Thursday – Saturday depending on the attendance.
 - ✓ Clubhouse would like simulator bays to shut down at 8PM each evening. Sim bar would be closed as well, will advise players to use the restaurant bar after 8PM.

3. Committee Topics & Member Requests

- **By-Laws Update**
 - Confirm adjustments aligning with new committee chair roles.
- **Member Feedback / Requests:**
 - Sand bottles: Suggest placing sand containers/vessels with the seed at all tee boxes (not just Blue/Green tees). This way members will use the proper sand/seed mixture vs the sand from the bottles on the cart when on various tees.
 - ✓ The sand that's in the tee box container isn't the same as the golf cart sand though it's okay to use golf cart sand on those par 3s. Cart sand is better than no sand when repairing tee box divots.
 - Walkers: Will there be a spot for walkers to pick up sand?
 - ✓ Yes, they are on the way.
 - Water station: Request to place a water jug near the bridge to the first tee. One was there earlier in the season but has since been removed. Compliments: Members have appreciated how well the staff is keeping water stations stocked — great job and thank you!
 - ✓ Nate is good with this idea; it will help avoid unnecessary traffic going to the bar for water. Under the covered patio might make sense for practice green and bridge accessibility.
 - New simulators: Will there be a way to view real-time availability or reservation schedule, especially for walk-ins after a round?
 - ✓ There isn't a way for members to view reservations/simulator tee sheets as it's a different POS system to reserve than what we see on the course tee sheets generated by Club Caddy. Clubhouse will keep third bay open for lessons, fitting and walk ups.
 - Blind spot on #10 green: Any updates from discussions with Josh?
 - ✓ Confirmed with Josh we will not bring back tall flag as it damages the green during high winds, not sure what we can do given limitations of the GPS cart location functions, nor do we want a loud bell. Maybe a "blind spot warning/confirm green is clear" message in the carts when in fairway of #10.

4. Course Maintenance & Enhancements

- Update on current and upcoming maintenance projects
 - ✓ Look to finish the pond/marsh project on #16 pending dry weather. Over the last few years, 15 of 41 bunkers have been replaced, next is hole #11 right hand bunker, and left green bunker, these typically get flooded.
- Status of practice area improvements
 - ✓ June 1 practice greens will open, will then redesign old putting green.
- Timeline for completion of blacktop installation outside the new clubhouse
 - ✓ Weather pending, will likely be first week of May when this is completed.

5. Communications

- Newsletter schedule and content planning (Mitch to provide update)
 - ✓ Newsletter: Lauren is almost done with it, should be able to send out within the next month per Mitch. Will post on the website once it's complete.
- Will the "News" section on the website be updated?
 - ✓ Clubhouse will work on refreshing this.

- Will the “Events” link be updated with NorthStar events on the website
 - Currently not up to date.
 - ✓ **Mitch will investigate plug-in options for event calendars.**

6. Tournaments & Events

- Open discussion on upcoming or proposed events

7. Open Discussion

- Additional topics or concerns from committee members
 - Are there more beautification efforts such as replacing front entrance sign, or a pedestal clock by new starter station/practice green?
 - ✓ **Lauren is looking into signage Alex will investigate clock options and prices, will submit findings back to clubhouse.**
 - Feedback from a member via email: Public urination on the course is out of hand that the residents must witness, what can be done about this?
 - ✓ **Members will be reminded to respect area residents and to use restrooms on course via pop up announcement on the golf carts, if caught they will be warned.**
- General member feedback on club experience and operations
 - Chef locks freezer up, prohibiting dietary needs can't be met if freezer is locked.
 - ✓ **Nate will pass this along to Food & Beverage.**
 - Can we store clubs this year?
 - ✓ **Yes, at some point once storage room capacity opens after construction settles down.**
 - Will we have water buckets for club/towels on #1 and #10?
 - ✓ **Yes, we will have those placed out there.**
 - Will the parking lot get repaved at the end of construction?
 - ✓ **Yes, that is Nate's expectation.**
 - Is there a plan to do cart path maintenance – It's bad on the back 9.
 - ✓ **Nate acknowledged it's bad, but not sure when we can get equipment without damaging the bridge which is what happened to the new bridge on #16. Will table as a future project to investigate.**
 - Divots: Alarming number of divots this early in the season.
 - ✓ **Clubhouse will remind players on the carts that when its cart path only to take bottle to fairway. Starter will confirm walkers have sand.**
 - League night: Will we have subs?
 - ✓ **If someone can't make it, clubhouse can help match up with another team who lost a player. Or person who can't make it can seek a replacement as well to fill in. Currently 5 men on wait list for league play.**
 - Will course get a new slope rating due to the new white markers appearing on certain front 9 holes?
 - ✓ **Nate will work on having it externally evaluated due to white tees along #5.**
- Set next meeting date and identify discussion points
 - ✓ **Did not get to this, time expired. Will confirm via email.**