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MEMORANDUM FOR President, Golf Advisory Council, The Links at Redstone,
Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898

SUBJECT: The Links at Redstone Golf Advisory Council Meeting Minutes –
13 April 2023

1. The enclosed subject minutes are approved/disapproved.
2. My point of contact is Mr. Ed Nunn, Chief, Business Operations Division, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 256-842-0876 or eddie.w.nunn.naf@army.mil.

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MARTIN J. TRAYLOR
Deputy to the Garrison Commander



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MEMORANDUM THRU Director, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, (AMIM-REW/Mr. Derrick Gould), 4488 Martin Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

FOR Deputy to the Garrison Commander, (Mr. Martin Traylor/AMIM-REG-ZB), 4488 Martin Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

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1. The Golf Advisory Council held its meeting, 13 April 2023, The Links at Redstone.
2. The agenda for the meeting is at enclosure 1.
3. The following members/representatives were present:

Mr. Tom Small – President/Handicap Committee Chair
Ms. Ellen Neffgen – Secretary/Member at Large
Ms. Kathleen Stirling – Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association (RSALGA)
Mr. Tim Starostanko – Member at Large
Ms. Dee Thonus – Member at Large
Mr. Gary Haught – Golf Manager, The Links at Redstone
Ms Mary Russell – Member at Large

4. Opening Remarks: Mr. Small opened the meeting at 1209 and welcomed the board members to the first meeting of the 2023 season. Ms. Ellen Neffgen was introduced as a new council member. Ms. Neffgen volunteered to fill the vacant secretary position with the board members approval. The members were advised that a current list of the Golf Advisory Council Board members and their contact information will soon be posted. This will allow individuals an opportunity to communicate their concerns, comments, or recommendations to a board member.

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5. Golf Operations: Mr. Haught provided a report on golf operations.

a. Mr. Haught reported that the work has finally been completed on the pond and sink hole. The edges on the east side of the pond have been raised five feet. Several trees were also removed to allow access to heavy equipment that was used on the pump house. The well on hole number 10 is currently under repair.

b. Course Maintenance. The spraying for the Spring pre-emergent has been completed.

c. Tee Times will change 17 April. Weekday times will begin at 0800 and weekend times will begin at 0730.

d. Tournaments. Mr. Haught provided a listing of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) sponsored tournaments currently scheduled (encl 2).

e. The Links at Redstone will have new scorecards with updated course ratings arriving soon. There are minor changes which will have a minimal effect on the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN).

f. Mr. Haught reported they will be replacing the current gas golf carts. They have ordered 54 new golf carts and 25 will be delivered in June and the remaining 29 will be delivered in December.

g. Mr. Haught mentioned they have added a new greens roller to the maintenance equipment.

h. The course is very short on personnel in both the kitchen and maintenance areas. The jobs have been posted and hopefully some of these vacancies will be filled soon.

i. Benches on the course are being refurbished by Mr. Frank Thonus. A recent count has the total number of benches on the course at 55.

6. Handicap Committee Report: Mr. Small read the mission statement of the Handicap Committee. The items included in the mission statement are no longer being done due to changes to the GHIN and the way the Club Championships are operated. He indicated that there has been no input to the Golf Advisory Council in some time because of these reasons. He recommended that the Handicap Committee be abolished and that future agendas be updated to reflect this. There was no objection from the council members on this recommendation.

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7. Volunteer Committee Report: Ms. Stirling reported that the garden areas are being well maintained. She requested that the green tee markers be painted a brighter green so they may be more easily located on the course. Mr. Haught indicated that they could paint the markers a brighter green. He also stated that some of the green tee markers may be moved closer to the cart path to help when it was cart path only.

8. Ladies Golf Report: Ms. Stirling reported that the Welcome Coffee was a success. They had 24 members sign up, including three new ladies. They will be having a special play day once a month. Tee times will change in May from 1000 to 0900, on Wednesdays.

9. Representatives/Individual Report/Open Discussion:

a. Ms. Thonus again asked about the protocol for scheduling tee times for singles and doubles on the course. The concern is pace of play with single and double players pushing foursomes, especially on weekend play. Mr. Haught mentioned that individuals are grouped into foursomes when possible to maintain pace of play.

b. Ms. Stirling inquired what should be done if a player is observed displaying disturbing behavior or playing extremely loud music on the course. Mr. Haught suggested getting a cart number and/or calling the pro shop to report the offense. He also stated a player should not confront anyone directly.

c. Mr. Starostanko mentioned that some tee markers have been moved to different locations due to the condition of the original tee location.

d. Ms. Russell asked about a cut through for the walkers between Warrior 6 and 7. Mr. Haught stated that the carts would then use that path instead of the cart path which would damage the carts.

e. Mr. Small asked about poa annua grass that is cropping up on the greens and what is being done to take care of the problem. Mr. Haught stated they had already treated the greens but they will increase the current amount of herbicide to address the problem.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1312.

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11. The next Golf Advisory Council Meeting will take place Thursday, 4 May 2023,
1200, The Links at Redstone.

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THOMAS SMALL
Golf Council President

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**The Links at Redstone
Golf Advisory Council Meeting
13 April 2023**

1200 – 1205	Opening Remarks	Tom Small
1205 – 1225	Golf Course Report	Gary Haught
1225 – 1230	Handicap Committee Report	Tom Small
1230 – 1240	Volunteer Committee Report	Kathleen Stirling
1240 – 1245	Ladies Golf Report	Kathleen Stirling
1245 – 1310	Representatives Individual Reports	
1312	Closure and Adjourn	

Next Golf Advisory Council Meeting is 4 May 2023

The Links at Redstone
Tournaments and Events

15 April	Spring Kick-Off
22 April	Demo Day
15-18 June	Aerification
1 July	Red, White and Blue 4 person scramble
5 August	Garrison Scramble
16-17 September	Club Championship
28 October	Chili Cook-Off/Superintendent Revenge
2 December	Christmas Party