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**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON REDSTONE ARSENAL**  
**4488 MARTIN ROAD**  
**REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALABAMA 35898-5000**

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AMIM-REW-BOG (215-1f)

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. Robert L. Myers/AMIM-REG-ZB), 4488 Martin Road, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898

SUBJECT: The Links at Redstone Golf Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – 6 May 2021

1. The Golf Advisory Council held its meeting, 6 May 2021, The Links at Redstone.

2. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

3. The following members/representatives were present:

Mr. Tom Small – President / Handicap Committee Chair  
Ms. Kathleen Stirling – Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association (RSALGA)  
Ms. Jan Berry – Member at Large  
Ms. Frances Sullivan – Member at Large  
Ms. Dee Thonus – Member at Large  
Mr. Gary Haught – Golf Manager, The Links at Redstone

4. The following members/representatives were absent:

Ms. Kay Theodoss – Secretary / Member at Large  
Dr. Marvin Carroll – Member at Large  
Mr. Tim Starostanko – Member at Large  
Mr. Ed Nunn – Chief, Business Operations Division

5. Opening Remarks: Mr. Small opened the meeting at 1200 and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

a. Membership. Mr. Haught provided a monthly membership update:

(1) February, 152 members

(2) March, 155 members

(3) April, 159 members

b. Staffing. Mr. Haught announced Mr. Nick Bajenski has been hired as the new Assistant Golf Course Superintendent.

c. Course Maintenance.

(1) Greens. The greens are coming in slowly on Warrior. Mr. Haught mentioned some concerns he has with the transition of winter greens dying out and Bermuda grass coming in slowly on Patriot. They are deciding whether to force the transition quicker for the Bermuda grass or let nature take its course.

(2) Yellow Rope Around Greens. There are ropes being removed around some of the greens. Mr. Haught asked the council to please work with the various groups and remind them to play responsibly and respect the distance around the greens. Push carts should be kept 10 yards away from the greens and not pushed between the greens and bunkers. Cart riders should stay on cart paths near tee boxes and return to cart paths 30 yards from greens.

(3) Aeration Schedule. The Warrior greens will be aerated 17 May and Patriot greens, 1 June.

(4) Equipment. Mr. Haught mentioned they are researching the purchase of a machine to gather plugs from aeration.

d. Tournament Schedule.

(1) ARC Tournament – 7 May

(2) Free Dental Clinic – 14 May

(3) Spring Kick-off Tournament – 15 May

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7. Handicap Committee Report: Nothing to report.

8. Volunteer Committee Report: Ms. Stirling stated that Ms. Pam Bucey will not be able to manage her garden. Mr. Small asked about any upcoming projects from the other volunteer groups. Ms. Stirling reported that Mr. Frank Thonus is finishing up the last of the benches. She also stated that no other projects have been requested by the golf course and the number of volunteers have been dwindling.

9. Ladies Golf Report: Ms. Stirling noted that the group has greatly decreased due to interest, health concerns, as well as cart path rules due to weather. She continues to encourage ladies to come out to play.

10. Representatives/Individual Report/Open Discussion:

a. Ms. Thonus asked if the cart signs in the fairway were periodically moved to avoid wear in some areas. Mr. Haught stated the cart signs were moved today.

b. Mr. Small had some concerns:

(1) Poa annua seems to be growing in the fringes around the greens affecting rolling the ball through those areas. Mr. Haught reported that a product called Revolver would alleviate this issue, but it is expensive. The spraying of these chemicals would also cause the golf course to shut down the use of those greens for a week, as anyone walking through the treated areas would inadvertently harm the greens. The poa annua will die with the summer heat.

(2) Mr. Small was also concerned about the poa annua in some of the fairways. Mr. Haught explained that the same application was used in all the fairways; however, it seems to be effective in some fairways and not others.

(3) Mr. Small was curious if the same pre-emergent product was used as in previous years because he did not see blue crystals in the fairway. Mr. Haught stated it was the same; however, it was applied in a more controlled pattern to avoid excessive overlap.

(4) Mr. Small was also curious about the return of ball washers, rakes in bunkers, and donuts in holes. Mr. Haught noted that these are COVID precautions and will check with the installation on the status of returning some items. Mr. Haught mentioned that the ball washers do need repair and paint before being returned to the course.

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(5) The Cart Path Only and 90 degree rule decisions seem to not coincide with the playability of the course. Mr. Small mentioned he played prior to the meeting and noted that the course seemed dry enough to allow for free movement of carts on the fairways. Ms. Stirling added that some ladies are not able to play when it is Cart Path Only. Mr. Haught stated that the Golf Course Superintendent makes the decisions based on various factors to include compaction.

11. The next Golf Advisory Council Meeting will take place Thursday, 10 June 2021, 1200, The Links at Redstone.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Small". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

THOMAS SMALL  
Golf Council President

Encl

The Links at Redstone  
Golf Advisory Council Meeting  
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1130 – 1135 Opening Remarks	Tom Small
1135 – 1155 Golf Course Report	Gary Haught
1155 – 1200 Handicap Committee Report	Tom Small
1200 – 1210 Volunteer Committee Report	Kathleen Stirling
1210 – 1215 Ladies Golf Report	Kathleen Stirling
1215 – 1230 Representatives Individual Reports	
1230 - Closure and Adjourn	

*Next Golf Advisory Council Meeting scheduled 10 June 2021.*