

VAIL PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
d/b/a VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 10, 2013
Town of Vail, Council Chambers
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input of Items not on the Agenda
3. 2013 Vail Golf Club Punch Card and Season Pass Usage
4. Executive Director Input
5. Board Member Input
6. Adjournment

2013 VAIL GOLF CLUB PUNCH CARD AND SEASON PASS USAGE

1. VRD 10 Round Punch Cards – 74 sold - 736 uses – 4 punches outstanding
2. VRD 20 9 Hole Punch Cards – 109 sold – 1837 uses – 423 punches outstanding
3. VRD 10 Round Punch Cards with CART – 12 sold – all punches used

Silver Pass -

Sold 76

Refund of \$50 per pass – total of \$3,800

Refund of \$75 per pass – total of \$5,700

Refund of \$100 per pass – total of \$7,600

Gold Pass –

Sold 8

Refund of \$50 per pass - \$400

Refund of \$75 per pass - \$600

Refund of \$100 per pass - \$800

VAIL RECREATION DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT

October 10, 2013

GOLF MAINTENANCE

- Grading work nearing completion on #18, despite loss of 2 days due to rain/snow since project commenced and loss of 10/4 and 10/5 likely as new storm approaches. Next week I expect we will see installation of drainage and irrigation begin.
- Play on par-3, hole #19 and par-5 #12 has been an evolution of logistical adjustments to make it go as smoothly as possible. Additions of multiple signs and Alice's staff giving instructions at multiple locations have assisted. Actual design and playability of the 19th hole has been positive on my end. Forward placement of all tee markers on #11 for safety of golfers exiting #17 via the service has been an issue, as the long hitters can hit into groups near the 11th green and 19th back tee area. Alice and I will discuss possible solutions for rest of this season and next spring.
- We will begin play off the back nine from now through season end. Advantages are earlier frost burn-off on 10-12 than 1-3, and golfers have better experience finishing on un-disturbed front nine. This policy will likely be continued next spring.
- Continuing to transplant trees from Ford Park. As of today, we have placed 20 trees, including between #1 tee/practice greens area, between #2 and #8 by ponds, behind new alternate #15 green and right side of #12 fairway, left of #16 green by #17 tees, replacement of the dead tree behind #12 tees, and on #17 to screen the new back tee on #18.
- Blowing out irrigation system starting 10/2. Will take longer than normal, as a smaller compressor was delivered to us, due to the larger compressor we reserved being used on the front range to repair extensive flood damage.
- Gore Creek still flowing in the 40+ cfs range, high for the date. Low flows no longer a concern since we are no longer irrigating. Ended up with only 1 day of watering restrictions in effect thanks to our August and September rains. We received 3.97" of rain for the month, a record for September going back at least 8 years.
- Aeration of tees and fairways now complete. We will aerate and sand topdress the greens on Monday and Tuesday next week, 10/7, 8. Seeding of fairways is almost half complete as of today, and our first snowmold fungicide application to greens was done yesterday. Still have additional fungicide applications to complete on greens, tees, and fairways, as well as our dormant fertilization of the entire golf course.
- September weather wrap-up: Avg. high=68.3, Avg. Low=38.3, Highest temp=80, Lowest temp=24

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Course has continued to be busy. We had 124 golfers on Wednesday, Oct. 2. We are on track to have 24,000 rounds this season. The course will be closed on Monday Oct. 7 for Green Aerification. The Driving Range and Pro Shop will be open on Monday.
- Staff plans to attend the Fall Denver Merchandise show Oct 14-16, as well as attend the PGA Section Meeting.
- Transportation from Hole #17 has been modified. We are now transporting push cart walkers who finish on 18 with an additional cart to allow for safer transport of our locals and guests. Golfers will ride in the people mover and staff will load their push cart in a different cart.
- Our three remaining PGA interns will be finished with their internship mid-October. Ryan Poserina returned to Vail GC the third week in September after spending time in Pennsylvania. Bob Teklits and Ryan Poserina will head to Arizona for another position in the golf business. Dillon Bailey will be returning to Ferris State.
- Dillon Bailey passed his Playing Ability Test for the PGA PGM Program last week.
- Staff met with Adidas, Nike and Mizuno sales reps and have many additional appointments with clothing and hard goods companies in the next two weeks.

- Dillon Bailey (PGM Intern) is building more permanent structures for the Red Trash Can Targets on the range. He will start building these on Friday. The targets were well received by all on the driving range this year.
- Total Rounds through Oct 3 = 24,080

SPORTS REPORT

- Beth presented a recap of the Kids Adventure Race to the Commission on Special Events. They were extremely pleased with the event, with comments including "Homerun, Seamless and Exceptional." They are encouraging us to add another day of competition
- Fall Youth soccer will wrap up in a few week. Following that we will kickoff High Country Hoops for youth in grades 1-5 and also offer a volleyball program for youth grades 3-8 in conjunction with the Vail Volleyball Club. Both these programs take place in the Aux Gym at Homestake Peak School.
- Staff continues to work hard producing event recaps and setting up meeting with all our partners from this past summers' activities.
- Adult co-ed Volleyball League will start the middle of October on Wednesdays and Open gym volleyball is on Friday evenings at Red Sandstone. Open gym basketball has also started for the winter on Monday evenings, indoor soccer will start with the beginning of the ski season.
- Continue to meet with Town staff and neighboring communities on how to keep tournaments and camps seamless for next summer.
- VRD produced a trail run at Wild West Days to support the public elementary schools, with 100 runners participating.
- VRD will be partnering with Eagle Vail and FBLA out of BMHS to put on a Zombie Run on Sept. 19.

MARKETING

- Working on ad buys for winter season and prepping for 2014.
- Worked with Sports on CSE Recap, presented by Beth Oct. 3. Kuddos given by CSE as event continues to grow.
- Working on fall adult programming and school programming.
- Researching Community Open House for Imagination Station for both general community and ski and snowboard school instructors.
- Website maintenance underway to clean up summer and work on continual updates to improve functionality. Will look at website tracking for the year in December.
- Continuing to work with Town of Vail on 18th hole reconfiguration.
- Working with Tony in Parks Maintenance on info about Ford Park work.

GYMNASTICS

- Classes are going strong with many full or at capacity.
- We start our USAG compulsory girls season this Saturday with a practice meet here at the Vail Gymnastics Center
- Thomas Turilli qualified for regionals in Utah for Future Stars. He competes Saturday, Oct. 5.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Community Programming

- Traffic at Imagination Station is slowed down. We generally have about 3 to 5 families visit Imagination Station every day. Some do not stay long; therefore choose not to pay. Others have young children that are free.
- Children's Art and Paint Your Own Pottery have been slow. We have about three families per week between the three days of opportunity to paint or do art.
- Morning yoga classes have slowed down with summer residents moving away now that summer is over: Monday evening yoga has 1 to 3, Tuesday and Thursday morning yoga has 1 to 4. TRX continues with regular numbers: Tuesday has 2 to 4 and Thursday 3 to 5.

- We are looking to increase fitness offerings over the winter. I have hired one new yoga instructor that will teach Vinyasa and Children's yoga. Please help recruit Pilates (mat), Zumba and other instructors.

KidZone

- Bookings are up with people getting their schedules settled, getting back to work, etc.

Other

- Rose Pruzinsky will begin with the VRD on Thursday 10/10 as F/T hourly.
- Trick or Treat Trot is coming up on October 31.
- We are considering not partnering with Highline to offer Santa's Workshop as part of their Holidayze. Instead, we would offer 1 to 2 Santa's Workshops on our own, and not stack them in Christmas week.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Vail Golf Course

- Hole 18
 - Links has nearly completed shaping of bunkers, tees and greens
 - Materials from Ford Park and #13 is complete
 - Area once occupied with fill material on #13 no ready for grading and reveg
 - Additional top soil material may come from construction project on Ptarmigan lane
 - Hole #19 is now in play, additional signage is helpful for players
 - South end of parking lot is now construction staging, outdoor staff is managing parking
- Driving Range Net Project
 - Engineering revisions now complete, net is now in a linear system
 - Utilities have been identified and will not be included in construction docs, VRD will try to get this resolved prior to contractor starting work on pole installation
 - VRD staff has been working on a plan to straighten the line poles on the northeast side of range to increase width, discussing impacts to #10
 - VRD will submit changes to approved plan to DRB
 - VRD will complete SWMP for project
 - VRD will purchase the poles to ensure project can commence ASAP
 - VRD will submit for bldg permit to keep the project moving forward in a timely manner
- Tree relocation is underway now complete with additional trees installed for new #18 hole.

Vail Golf Club House

- Swamp coolers scheduled to be winterized.
- Winter punch list being drafted and prep for transition to Nordic has begun

Ford Park and Athletic Fields Renovation

- ACC has stripped top soil and has begun grading the field on the south side
- DRB approved change from natural grass to synthetic turf of center strip of land between center field and west field

Dobson

- Staff has been investigating the installation of a surveillance system to monitor the ice. Staff is recommending that this be seriously considered due to a number of incidents that have occurred on ice.
- Dobson Concessions Renovation needs to be revisited for "long term" solutions
- Dobson water leaks are being addressed on the west side of bldg that resulted in significant water infiltration in mechanical areas of Dobson

Tennis Center & Parks

- Contractor hired to install 4' fence extension on south side of courts 1 & 2 to help with issues regarding balls being lost.

PARKS MAINTENANCE

- Ford Park the construction is moving along nicely considering the weather in the last two weeks. ACC is still taking soil off site as they get down to rough grade. This more undesirable soil is being brought to the golf course #18 project as well as Bald Mountain berm in East Vail. One of the biggest changes in the past week here is that the ¾" screen that cleans our topsoil from larger rocks and other debris was not allowing enough soil and beneficial organic material to pass through hence resulting in an enormous soil loss. Thus, the screen size has been changed from ¾" to 1.5" minus meaning that material equal to or lesser than 1.5" in size will pass through the screening process. Consequently the screening process is faster and is yielding more organic material.
- The Tennis Center is shut down for the year. We are in the process of taking down the windscreens around the courts as well as blowing out the irrigation. The property has been mowed for the final time this year. A final fall fertilization application will be done sometime next week.
- The Athletic Field is in excellent shape for this weekend's soccer tournament. This property will have its irrigation system winterized today (10/3/13). In addition, 2 of the 3 sand volleyball courts remain open and available for play. The one sand volleyball court that remains closed for the season is holding the bleachers that previously sat on Ford Park. They will remain there until next spring most likely. The sand volleyball courts will come down sometime after Oct 15th.
- Red Sandstone Elementary is also in great condition. The irrigation system will be blown out sometime next week.
- Donovan hosts two fields currently. One is a micro soccer field that gets play on Saturdays and the other is a temporary flag football field in lieu of this weekend's soccer tournament taking field space at its normal location at the stadium field in Eagle Vail.
- Homestake Peak School is also in great condition. This field hosts middle school football on a weekly basis. On Mondays we have our 8v8 league play which goes until late October. Also, we have a larger soccer field painted on this field for this weekend's tournament. And finally in addition (but not in use this weekend) is the flag football field which has been moved to Donovan Park. This brings the total amount of different sports fields on this one property to 4 and is consequently our most used facility in the fall.