

Albuquerque Municipal Golf Advisory Board Report to LAGA, July 15, 2015

Last month's meeting of the MGAB was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the Los Altos Golf Course Restaurant.

Highlights:

- Through May 2015, fiscal YTD total rounds were down over 3%, from 202,500 to 196,000, and revenue was down 1.5%. This is an improvement from earlier in the year. Ladera continues to run ahead of the FY 2014 pace, the other 3 courses are behind.
- Personnel: The job of head greenskeeper at Los Altos has been offered to Loisel Sotella. The posting for a maintenance worker job for Los Altos has closed and interviews will be conducted. There are currently seven permanent staff and two temps assigned to Los Altos.
- A subcommittee of the MGAB, course managers and city personnel has been meeting to come up with and discuss ideas for increasing play at the city courses. Among the ideas discussed are seasonal rates and new pass and membership programs. Progress has been halted (temporarily) at the request of city administration while they hire a consultant to assist in the process.
- The Los Altos irrigation well has been rendered inoperable. As of the date of this meeting, it was unknown whether the cause is compromised casing or the well having gone dry.
- The cart paths and other driving areas at Ladera are extremely rough in some places resulting in golf cart damage.
- Elaine DeLand, the LAWGA representative, requested that the water hazards be marked better and that the mowers stop while players are coming through. Several instances of mowing close to golfers during shots and running over balls were cited.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, at 3:00 PM at the Arroyo Del Oso Golf Course banquet room. These meetings are open to the public and there is a public comment period.

Submitted by Gerry Quinlan, July 15, 2015