

Landscape Committee Report to Board of Directors May 14, 2015

New Irrigation clock installed. Irrigation wet check completed. Various sprinklers adjusted to reduce over spray. Malfunctioning heads, rotors and/or pop up replaced. Additional sprinkler heads placed.

Three (3) Geiger trees (orange) were placed along Saratoga boarder on the Celeste Dr. side. A Date Palm was placed at right end of Saratoga Dr. pool entrance (where damaged Washingtonian Palms were removed).

Spring plantings completed.

After reviewing the lakes side beds plan and grasses with John Jensen and Bill Penney, the beds were expanded including placing Spartina, Fakahatchee grasses, and Dombeya plants. Mulch will be placed.

As mention in the April report, the Muhly grass in the elevated beds has not performed well. The grasses will be hard pruned and mulch will be placed. Although this has not been a good year for Muhly in general, after hard pruning and summer rains, if the Muhly grass does not improve, the landscape committee will seek alternatives in the fall.

John Jensen appointed Bill Penney as Board of Director landscape liaison. John also appointed Bill to replace Bobby Kelley to perform the task of Summer Landscape Liaison to our landscape contractor.

Thank you to residents Rich Wilhelm, Linda Smart, Stan Mohn, Bobby Kelley, Bill Penney, Bob Bauerle, Mohamed Poufar, and Pat & Walter Gill, who volunteered to water daily the new plantings at specific areas. New plantings require daily watering for at least 15 days.

Thank you to all Saratoga volunteers for your work in making Saratoga a special place. Have a good summer.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kelly and John Ruscito