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To Whom It May Concern,

I served on both the Master Plan Committee and Greens Committee for the Tonto Verde Golf Club. During my six-year tenure on these committees, I got to know Mike Gogel well. What I really enjoyed about working with Mike was that the opinion of the membership truly mattered. Mike's care and concern for not only the men's perspective but also how the course played for its women members. For example, he wanted to know where our longer hitting ladies "went for it" on par-5s, or concerns for our shorter hitters and the need for additional shorter tee boxes mattered to Mike.

Mike was onsite frequently, guiding the shaping of the bunkers to his high level of satisfaction, overseeing our concerns, incorporate the washes, and anything else the membership wanted to address. He attended every public meeting we had when presenting our plan to our membership and answered every question. Our membership is absolutely thrilled with the changes to our golf courses. The task to him was to make the bunkers more senior friendly but not make the courses necessarily easier, make the bunkers easier to maintain and address our ongoing drainage issues. The costs he quoted us came in on or under budget and we were able to do a few additional things as well.

In the beginning of our planning meetings, we sat down as a committee with Mike numerous weeks, and went through his plans hole-by-hole for all 36 holes. Every bunker removal, addition, or change was discussed at length by the committee with Mike. Every concern or question was answered to our complete satisfaction. We could not have had a more satisfying experience. I am proud to have my name be associated with the changes at our course. We have Mike Gogel to thank for that.

Sincerely,
Kathie Sankey
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