

Cedar Creek Golf Club News **April 2021**

Spring is here and the course is turning green again. Conditions are superb thanks to Gary's and his staff's efforts during late-year 2020 and early this year. Greens and tees are being mowed regularly and mowing elsewhere as needed is underway soon to be more frequent. Expect a light top dressing of the greens during April.

In addition to Ted Miller, you'll surely encounter Mario Raffone and Rick Hammelbacher of Gary's crew on mowers, dressing bunkers and performing other work around the course. Give 'em a wave! Frank Beaty and Bill Hunkele are the guys cleaning up debris and digging up roots all to make the course more attractive and playable. Tell 'em thanks; they'll appreciate it.

Feel good – play The Creek!

We hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the cherry tree behind the clubhouse on the way to the 1st and 10th tees. The Yoshino Cherry was donated by residents George & Mary Patterson in 1999. An avid golfer, George has frequented the course many times over the years.



Ordinary everyday play at The Creek continues much as usual and events are scheduled taking into account COVID-19 concerns. Many precautions remain in place to which we're now accustomed, and the club appreciates observance of them by members and guests.

Plans are formed and awaiting availability of the contractor to extend the cart path at #2 a good distance up the slope toward the tees. In addition, a concrete pad will be inserted at the driving range a short distance inside the cart path upon which range mats will be installed for use during inclement weather and at other times the grassed tee areas should be closed.

Sponsored by the Aiken Junior Sports Association (<http://www.aikenjuniorsports.org>), the Cedar Creek session of the Hook A Kid on Golf clinic is scheduled for June 21-25. Although it is expected that instructors and volunteers as well as many of the juniors will have received the vaccine, some of the format may change due to continuing pandemic concerns. Volunteers are invited and signups may be entered at the hallway bulletin board at the club. There are, however, new requirements in place for volunteer instructors. See Mike D. for details.

The pro shop has a great selection of spring and summer merchandise. Check it out – there's something for everyone.

Spring also brings out the critters at The Creek. Although none of the furry kind has been sighted as yet others welcome the sun but not humankind such as snakes. Keep an eye out!

Finally, now that spring and warmer weather is with us again, it's time for reminder regarding non-golfers (residents) walking the course. In short, it is strongly and emphatically discouraged. While the "rule" has been walkers may frequent the course prior to 7:30 a.m. it is inadvisable even then as the maintenance crew must not be distracted or inhibited from performing their early morning work. Most importantly, when golfers are on the course it is not infrequent that a ball may take an unplanned and unforeseen trajectory which if it should impact an unwelcome walker it is certain to cause injury and potentially very serious injury. Be reminded also that the course incurs no responsibility whatsoever for those who put themselves in harm's way. Feel free to share this reminder with those you know who may ultimately regret being on the course when play is in progress.