

## Course News January 2021

We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and extend best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2021. 2020 was remarkable in ways we least expected soon after we rang in the New Year. Difficult in some ways, we're nevertheless grateful that golf at Cedar Creek continued much as usual albeit with some minor inconveniences to which we became accustomed. 2021 will be better for sure!

Except for occasional greens mowing and bunker dressing regular course maintenance is pretty much at a standstill leaving Gary and his staff time to clear summer growth brush and perform other cleanup as well as some work around the exterior of the clubhouse. We ask again that members and guests give attention to ball marks on the greens and fill divots on the tees and fairways with soil mix.

### Feel good – play The Creek!

Huge thanks to all who contributed to the Cedar Creek employee Christmas fund! The staff and maintenance guys are truly grateful and wish you many good rounds at both Cedar Creek and Aiken Golf Club in 2021.

If you haven't renewed your membership and handicap service now is a good time to do so. It is important that your handicap service be renewed as soon as you can and preferably before the end of January. Both daily and annual membership rates were announced earlier and are available at the pro shop counter. Legacy memberships for Cedar Creek patrons remain available also. Mike D. and the pro shop staff are there to help.

Couples events are increasingly popular at The Creek, and planning for 2021 competitions will take that into account. Hopefully we'll get beyond the pandemic and more can be arranged.

If you're only an occasional golfer the Range Plan (Players Membership) may be for you. It allows two rounds per month not including cart fees at either Cedar Creek or Aiken Golf Club which may be carried forward during the year, but must be used by year end, and unlimited use of the practice facility. Current rates are \$85/month discounted to \$969 if paid annual. Family members may be included for \$50/month or \$570 annual each. Part-year rates are pro-rated.

The new World Handicap System introduced in January 2020 has undergone a couple of refinements and another is scheduled for this month. A GHIN software upgrade will occur requiring creation of a digital profile consisting of an email address and personal password in order to log in to the desktop dashboard (GHIN.com) or smartphone apps both iOS and Android. If a handicap service member does not establish a digital profile the only place for him or her to post scores, review score history, etc. will be at the club's posting kiosk. Smartphone apps will evidently be updated and will need to be downloaded and re-installed. In addition, it will not be legal for the GHIN system to store email addresses for members under the age of 13. Rather it will require a guardian or multiple guardians, e.g., parent(s), be added to the underage member's handicap account. We anticipate further word from the Carolinas Golf Association regarding the upgrade.