

MGA
General Membership Meeting
January 13, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.
The Minutes of the December 2014 meeting were approved.
Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 12/31/14, we have 88 members and a balance of \$1372.13 in the treasury.
Three new members signed up at the meeting.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny Evenson demonstrated how to pitch from tight lies with a sand wedge, a pitching wedge and an 8-iron. The keys: don't break your wrists and keep your weight biased toward your left foot.

Kenny also announced that the new training center building will open on March 1.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Gary Frazier and Mike D went over the plans for re-doing the course and the arrangements that will be made to accommodate the playing needs of current members.

Gary announced that work will begin on redoing the front nine on May 19, 2015. (The back nine will be done in 2016.) Plans are to change the architecture of the course in order to make it a fun place to play. Parts of the course and the greens will be re-contoured. All greens will be replaced and replanted, via sprigs, with the same grass that is on the new practice green at the driving range. New irrigation will be installed around the greens. The fairways will be re-grassed with pitgrain, which will provide a cushion under the ball and help it stand up. Some tee boxes will be redone and some new tee boxes added. All will be re-grassed. Bunkers will also be redone, with new drains added. New bunkers may be added also. More waste areas will be added in an attempt to reduce the amount of grass that has to be maintained.

Jim McNair and Gary will be doing the architectural changes and the construction work will be done by their own crew. The greens that will be re-contoured will be made flatter and more subtle. There are no plans at this time to re-do the cart paths. Gary expects the whole process to take four months and the front to reopen in September.

Mike D announced that he will handle the unavailability of the front nine for 4 months by having more shotgun starts. He said that the 9-hole course can handle a maximum of 60 people at one time. He urged residents to sign up early for dog-fights and the resident's league events. He plans to hold the Crystal Cup in September using only the back nine, so he urged members to sign up early. Mike will also modify the handicap system to have a setting for the back nine played twice as a single 18-hole score.

Mike also announced that he is working on reciprocal agreements with other local courses. Aiken Golf Club will be available to Cedar Creek Members, but Mike is also working on agreements with Hounds Lake and the Woodside courses for the 4-months of construction.

The front nine will be re-rated once construction is complete.

RULES UPDATE:

Bill Robinson went over the rules about what happens when a ball at rest moves before being struck by a club. This can be caused by the player, another player, or an outside agency.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Brace presented the results of the Gordon Lakes Tournament, results of which are posted on the website.

The Par Three tournament will be held on January 17 at Cedar Creek. Details on the website.

The February tournament will be held on February 2 at the Reserve Club. Cost is \$45. Details are on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Snug announced that this year's Par for Parkinsons Tournament will be held on June 1 at the Reserve Club.

The Grille will be closed on Sundays for the rest of the winter months, but will re-open again for brunch in the spring.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 10.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
February 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 12/31/14, we have 111 members and a balance of \$1,602.13 in the treasury.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny Evenson's tip-of-the-day was to use the pitching wedge for long bunker shots instead of trying to hit a "hard" sand wedge.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Frank Beaty gave the news that Jim McNair has purchased a bulldozer in anticipation of the coming course restoration and renovation. Jim will address the MGA membership at the March meeting and give a full overview of his plans.

There is a leak in the main irrigation line on the right side of the 9th fairway. It is currently being repaired.

So far, the courses available for reciprocal play during the Cedar Creek renovation are Hounds Lake and Aiken Golf Club.

RULES UPDATE:

The "Golden Rules of Golf" were listed in a handout by George Montgomery and given to the attendees at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next tournament is on March 30 at Hounds Lake Country Club. Entry fee is \$40 and the deadline for entry is March 26. Give checks to Terry Eckert or place in the box in the pro shop.

The updated tournament schedule is on the website.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Snug announced that the Par Fore Parkinsons Tournament will be held on June 1 at the Reserve Club.

Tony Venetz announced that Wreaths Across America will place wreaths in Aiken and the golf tournament sponsoring the wreaths will be held on June 29 at Hounds Lake.

Art Sotak announced that the Standing Up for Veterans Tournament will be held at Cedar Creek on May 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
March 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

February Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 12/31/14, we have 112 members and a balance of \$1,602.13 in the treasury. Four new members signed up at the meeting, for a total of 116 members.
- Recent expenses included paying off the the 2 free-tournament entry certificates awarded to 2 MGA members at the December meeting. Payment was for \$80. An additional \$20 of treasury funds was used to supplement the payout at the Reserve Tournament.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny Evenson's tip-of-the-day was to stay on plane and release the club.

Kenny also announced that the new training center building will open in early April.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Jim McNair gave a presentation of the renovations to the course that will begin on May 18. Dean Wood's write-up of the presentation is an addendum to these minutes.

RULES UPDATE:

There was no rules update

OLD BUSINESS:

The next tournament is on March 30 at Hounds Lake Country Club. Entry fee is \$40 and the deadline for entry is March 26. Give checks to Terry Eckert or place in the box in the pro shop.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dean Wood announced that Cedar Creek Living Magazine would be sponsoring a 4-person scramble at Cedar Creek on May 16. There will be live music on the patio and hors d'oeuvres or other food will be served. Formal announcement will be out soon.

Ken Brace reminded members that they are invited to participate in the dogfight game at Aiken Golf Club on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Walking is permitted. Entry fee is \$10 and tee-off is at 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

ADDENDUM: JIM MCNAIR'S PRESENTATION TO THE MGA MEMBERSHIP

Jim McNair's Presentation to the Men's Golf Association on Course Renovation Work

Jim McNair spoke to the regular monthly membership meeting of the Men's Golf Association on Tuesday, March 10th. (Jim also spoke to the Women's Golf Association meeting on the 5th.) The following is a summary of his presentation.

Following their joint review of the course two years ago and several since, Jim and Gary Frazier have considered many factors to bring the course back to first-class condition. Their preliminary work began in early-2013 with the removal of over 700 trees to allow better sunlight and air circulation to the playing areas of the course. There followed installation of a programmable and remotely controlled irrigation control system that permits watering when and where needed. It should be noted, too, that Jim has played the course several times to get a genuine golfer's feel for the "lay of the land."

Fast forward to the present. Course renovation work remains on track to begin on May 19th with a projected re-opening NLT mid-October. The principal objective is to shorten and "soften" the course to improve playability, which is to say make the course less penal in many respects. This will entail major work to certain parts of the course.

All greens will receive Miniverde (Ultra Dwarf) Bermuda, a much more durable and maintenance friendly greens grass. Tees and fairways will be re-grassed with TifGrand Bermuda, which is "virtually indestructible," shade tolerant and likewise maintenance friendly. Both grasses green up earlier in the spring and remain green well into autumn.

Most greens will be re-shaped and some enlarged with wider fronts to improve approaches and shot reception. In particular, #4 and #5 greens will undergo significant changes with tentative plans to build a wall fronting #5. #6 green will be widened and enlarged. More subtle changes will be made to other greens. Many tees will be rebuilt, laser-leveled and re-positioned including installation of properly built green tees. If not removed most greenside bunkers will be re-contoured to not only improve drainage but lessen the penalty of approach shots.

Hole changes include removal of the bunkers on the right side of #1 fairway in favor of a waste area. The #1 green side bunker will be shaped more to the left with another

waste area down the lower left portion of the fairway as well as a re-shaping of the right side fairway to prevent some shots from finding OB territory. The mounds on the right side of #2 will be reduced, the left side of the fairway re-sculpted and some grading of the fairway beyond the crossing cart path. Wet areas on holes #3, #4 and #6 will be addressed to promote drainage. Minor changes may be made to holes #7 and #8. At #9 the right side bunker will become a waste area.

The tree removal and grading at #5 is for the purpose of a staging area for materials. Another staging area will be built near the clubhouse. Almost all work will be accomplished with in-house resources, which will be no small feat given that the back nine must be properly maintained throughout the renovation process.

When completed – both front and back nines – course (tee) ratings and slopes should be reduced somewhat, the effect of improving the course's playability.

Looking well into the future, some cart paths not removed, re-routed or replaced during renovation of the nines will be installed with concrete.

Finally, Jim stated again that he is extremely pleased to have inherited a proud and loyal membership the continuance and growth of which will sustain his plans to return Cedar Creek to a showcase course. During the renovation process reciprocal playing privileges will be available at The Aiken Golf Club, certainly, and at other area courses to be announced later.

P.S. Look for Kenny's grand opening of the new teaching facility at the range in 2-3 weeks!

MGA
General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm by President Ken Brace.

March minutes were approved.

Ken Brace gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 12/31/14, we have 119 members and a balance of \$1,582.13 in the treasury.
- Recent expenses included paying for the new club washer that has been installed at the driving range, \$250, and purchasing the food for the opening of the Golf School at Cedar Creek, \$135.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny Evenson's tip-of-the-day was finding the club's release point at the the ball. His advice was to swing slowly on the range to find the release point and to shorten the backswing and accelerate through the ball.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Frank Beaty reported that Gary Frazier has started the prepwork for the front nine renovation that will begin on May 18. He is still searching for some hidden irrigation heads. Frank also advised everyone to fix ballmarks on the greens and to sand all divots, even ones that you didn't make.

RULES UPDATE:

Bill Robinson presented the ABCs of dropping a ball after hitting into a hazard or an unplayable lie. A. All the way back to the original lie; B. Behind the point where the ball crossed the hazard or lay unplayable; C. 2 club lengths from where the ball lies unplayable or from where it crossed a lateral water hazard.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next tournament is on April 30 at Ponderosa Country Club. Entry fee is \$35. Details are on the website. The May tournament is on the 14th at Waynesboro Country Club in Georgia. Entry fee is \$30. Give checks to Dean Wood or place in the box in the pro shop. More details are on the website.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Art Sotak announced that the Knights of Columbus Veterans Tournament will held on May 1 at Cedar Creek. Cost is \$65 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Tee-off is at 9 am.

Mike Snug announced that there are still 5 team slots left for the Par Fore Parkinsons tournament that will be held at The Reserve Club on Monday, June 1. Cost is \$100 per person.

Tony Venetz announced that the Wreaths Across America Tournament will be held on June 29 at Hounds Lake Country Club. Cost is \$65 per person. There will also be a Wreaths Across America wreath-laying ceremony at Southdown Cemetery in Aiken later this year. Check the Wreaths Across America website for updates.

Ken Brace responded to problems with speed of play by giving the following tips for speeding up play:

1. Park the cart between both players lies in the fairway
2. Take more than one club if unsure which club you need
3. Play ready golf when feasible.
4. Hit a provisional if you are unsure whether the ball is in bounds or not
5. After hitting, get in the cart with your club and put it back in the bag at the next cart stop.

Brace also encouraged all in the membership to consider becoming an officer of the association. If interested, please contact him. The MGA is planning an end-of-year event in September at the Community Center at which refreshments will be served. It will be scheduled shortly after the conclusion of the 3-day tournament.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA Membership Meeting

June 9, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Treasurer, Byron Vanier

May minutes were approved.

Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report: As of 5/30/15, MGA has 118 members and a balance of \$1,087.13. MGA made a donation of \$250.00 to the Silver Bluff Golf Team and a \$100.00 to Par Fore Parkinson's.

Tip of the Day:

Kenny Evenson gave the tip of the day to MGA members.

News from the course: Frank Beaty was absent and therefore, Dean Wood gave a report as to what was taking place on the front 9. Along with his report, Dave King presented several slides showing the work that had taken place on the greens and fairways. Also, one may go to the MGA website and find additional pictures of the course renovation.

Rules Update: George Montgomery presented slides with lies regarding snakes and unplayable conditions.

Old Business: Dean Wood presented the results of the MGA tournament at Waynesboro. Twenty two members took part in the tournament with Mike Kahl and Ron Yeskey receiving low net score. Fourteen players won prize money.

Byron Vanier read a letter from Mike Snug thanking MGA for the donation to Par Fore Parkinson's. Over \$8,000 was donated to Parkinson research.

New Business: Bill Ely gave information regarding the MGA tournament to be held at Forest Hills on June 30, 2015. The entry fee is \$40.00 with the field being broken into three flights and prize money will also be awarded to closest to the pin.

The MGA tournament at the Links at Stoney Point will be held on July 14, 2015. Information will be forthcoming.

Being there was no additional business; a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
July 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

June minutes were approved.

Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report:

As of 6/30/15, we have 124 members and a balance of \$1,147.13 in the treasury.

Recent expenses included the MGA's annual donation of \$250 to the Silver Bluff Golf Team. An anonymous donation paid for the food for the team at the recent outing with MGA members.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny's tip of the day was on how to chip from heavy grass around the green. Play it like a bunker shot, open the clubface, get the club high, and accelerate through.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Frank Beaty reported that the course renovation is going well:

Greens and fairways have been sprigged and are growing,

Stone walls have been constructed in front of the 3rd and 5th green,

Cement cart paths have been poured on holes 5 and 6,

Tee boxes have been scraped and filled. A contractor has been hired to do the final laser leveling and sodding,

Some fairways had problems with their sprigs and are being re-sprigged.

The mower that mows the rough is broken but will be repaired when the parts arrive.

OLD BUSINESS:

Results were given for the Forest Hills and Stoney Point tournaments. They are on the website.

The next tournament will be held on August 13 at Sweetwater. Cost is \$32. The format will be net scores with one blind hole on each nine in which that hole's score will be dropped from the player's total score. There will be multiple flights. Give your check to Ray Naramore. Full details are on the MGA website.

The three-day tournament will be held on September 9, 11 and 14, with prize money to be distributed at the MGA September 15 meeting to be held at the Community Center. Details are on the website.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was no new business but the following announcements:

Nominations are now open for a new slate of MGA officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The current President and the current secretary are not eligible to run for these offices again and the current treasurer is resigning, so new individuals are needed to serve in these positions. The election will be held at the meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 15 at the Community Center. Please contact Ken Brace if you are interested in serving.

The first MGA event under the new officers will be the November Match Play tournament that will be held on November 13, 14, 15, and 17.

A question was asked about whether the Crystal Cup will be played this year. The answer is yes, but the field will have to be reduced to accommodate playing on nine holes.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport Veterans to the local Veterans Administration Hospital for medical tests. Contact Earl Bennett for details.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
August 11, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

July minutes were approved.

Dave King gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 7/31/15, we have 125 members and a balance of \$1,157.13 in the treasury.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny's tip of the day was on distance control in putting. The rhythm of the stroke controls the putter head. Each stroke should be a pendulum and last one second, irrespective of the distance of the putt. When practicing, work on distance control first, then the line of the putt.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Dean Wood reported that the course renovation is going well:

- Stone walls have been constructed in front of the 3rd and 5th green, and a water cascade will be built to the left of the 5th green,
- Cement cart paths have been poured on most of the tee boxes,
- Tee boxes have been laser-leveled and sodded,
- Many bunkers have been reshaped and had their drains repaired,
- The new greens are in excellent condition,
- Fairway rolling will begin this week

THE RULE OF GOLF:

Bill Robinson explained the rules about when a player can clean a golf ball legally.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next tournament will be held on August 13 at Sweetwater. Cost is \$32. The format will be net scores with one blind hole on each nine in which that hole's score will be dropped from the player's total score. There will be multiple flights. Give your check to Ray Naramore. Full details are on the MGA website.

The three-day tournament has been postponed because of conflicts with other events. New dates will be announced at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A new slate of officers has been nominated and will be voted on at the September meeting. They are: President–Richard Stamm; Vice-President–John Moynihan; Secretary–Dean Spiro; and Treasurer–Don Kasper.

The first MGA event under the new officers will be the November Match Play tournament that will be held on November 13, 14, 15, and 17.

The Crystal Cup will be played this year on Friday, September 18. Sign up sheet is in the Pro Shop. The pairings party will be on Thursday, September 17. The MGA Memorial Service will be held at 8 am on 9/18 near the 7th green. Volunteers and videographers are needed to clean up the area and record the ceremony for the MGA website. The MGA will purchase flowers and pay for a bagpiper to play at the ceremony. Brad King or Gary Frazier may also sing as they have done in the past. We will try to get the Aiken Standard to cover the ceremony also.

After speaking with course owner, Jim McNair, President Brace proposed that the MGA purchase a “hole monument (a granite marker indicating the distance from the various tees and the par for the hole)” on the first hole of the restored front nine. Mr. McNair indicated that he would be purchasing new tee markers and granite monuments for each hole and it is felt that it would be a nice gesture for the MGA to purchase one of the monuments. A motion was made and approved to set aside \$300 for a monument.

A suggestion was made that the course go to a “pin-sheet” method of communicating pin placements when the new nine reopens.

Dean Wood made the following announcements: The course will be re-rated in October once the new nine reopens; the Cedar Creek Club Championship will be held on November 7 and 8; and the Aiken City Amateur Championship will be held at the Aiken Golf Club on September 12 and 13 with an entry fee of \$80.

The MGA also resolved to assist Mr. McNair in increasing the membership of the Cedar Creek Golf Course and will be forming a committee to take on that task.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
September 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Ken Brace.

August minutes were approved.

Byron Vanier gave the Treasurer's Report:

- As of 8/31/15, we have 131 members and a balance of \$1,199.93 in the treasury. We had an expense of \$17.70 at the Sweetwater tournament, and have upcoming expenses of \$150 in September. These are the \$75 for the bagpiper and \$75 for the flowers associated with the Memorial Service to be held at the 7th Green on 9/18.

TIP OF THE DAY:

Kenny's tip of the day was on hitting the ball from the inside and how to set up to curve the ball left or right.

NEWS FROM THE COURSE:

Frank Beaty reported on and narrated a slide show on the course renovation:

- Sodding was done on the rough parts of the second fairway,
- The new sand in the bunkers is soft and white and the bunkers are almost completed,
- Every green is ready to play and all collars have been redone,
- Fairways have been rolled once and will be rolled again. All are coming in nicely, but there are still some rough spots,
- Cart paths are still being repaved with concrete,
- New videos of the course of the renovation have been posted to the MGA website.

A question was raised as to whether the green tees will have real tee boxes. The answer is "yes," and eventually a set of par 3 tee boxes will be installed on the course also.

THE RULES OF GOLF:

Bill Robinson explained the rules about how to determine whether a player's ball is in a waste area or a bunker and how it affects the player's options should the lie be unplayable.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next MGA tournament will be the 3-day tri-course tournament. The dates and courses are: 10/28—Woodside; 10/30—Pointe South; and 11/2—Mount Vintage. The fee is \$125 per player, including the prize fund and \$95 per player for casual players. Players will play the gold tees and "lift, clean, and place" and equitable scoring will apply. Payouts for each day and overall are planned. Details are on the MGA website.

The Match Play Tournament will be held on November 13, 14, and 15 at Cedar Creek Golf Club. Current format is for 4 flites of 8 players. Prize fee will be \$15 and the MGA will pick up the cost of golf and carts for the semi-finals and finals. Details are on the website.

The Crystal Cup will be played this year on Friday, September 18. Sign up sheet is in the Pro Shop. The pairings party will be on Thursday, September 17. The MGA Memorial Service will be held at 8 am on 9/18 near the 7th green. The MGA will purchase flowers and pay for a bagpiper to play at the ceremony. Gary Frazier will sing as he has done in the past.

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Earl Bennett announced that volunteers are needed to drive a van to take local veterans to the Augusta VA Hospital. The van is picked up at the DAV in Aiken. Speak to Earl if you wish to volunteer.

The annual MGA drawing that awards a tournament entry fee (not including the prize fund or the 3-day tournament) to two MGA members was held and Tom Murphy and Bill Egge were the winners.

Outgoing President Ken Brace then made some closing remarks about his assessment of the current condition of the MGA and some of his hopes for the future. He believes that the MGA is in very good shape from a membership and financial standpoint and thanked all the members for their enthusiastic participation in helping to fix up the golf course and supporting the Silver Bluff Golf Team and other local charities. He thanked Jim McNair for all the hard work he is doing to renovate the Cedar Creek Golf Course. He also hoped that a successful Member-Guest Tournament could be held in the future along with a new tournament that would raise money for the MGA and other worthy causes. He concluded his remarks by awarding the President's Awards for 2015. The awards went to Dick Leach for his overall outstanding service and generosity to members of the MGA; and to Bill Robinson and George Montgomery for their diligent and good-humored presentations on the rules of golf to many of the MGA meetings.

A new slate of officers was nominated and the floor was opened for additional nominations. There being no additional nominations, a vote was held to approve of the new officers and they were elected unanimously by the MGA members present. They are: President–Richard Stamm; Vice-President–John Moynihan; Secretary–Dean Spiro; and Treasurer–Don Kasper. Their term in office begins on October 1, 2015.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Sabol
Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
October 13, 2015

- o Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.

- o The Tip of the Month was presented first (Kenny had a lesson to get to):
Hitting your drive / shot down the target line. The correct approach is to 'come from the inside'; that is, set up to hit the ball at the 7 o'clock position and then **release** the club. This approach may seem foreign to you initially – you should commit to it and practice it regularly to develop 'muscle memory'.

- o September minutes were approved.

- o Treasurer's Report (Don Kasper):
With 61 current members signed up, we have \$1,653.93. Last month's expenditures were: \$75.00 for the Memorial bagpiper and \$81.00 for flowers for a total of \$156.00 spent.

- o News From the Course (Frank Beaty):
The Front Nine is now open and needs everyone's loving care:
 - Repair your ball marks and any others that you may spot while you are on the new & immaculate greens.
 - Enter & exit the bunkers from the low side (do not climb up and out on the newly sodded areas – the sod still needs time to mature and take hold.
 - There are still wet areas (Number 2, etc.) so be mindful to follow existing paths to avoid damaging the fairways.
 - When you reach a cart path, stay on the cart path and do not allow your wheels to 'slide' off the concrete thereby making 'craters' along the edges.
 - Carts may be driven in waste areas, but NOT in bunkers – if you are unsure if an area is a bunker or waste area, do not drive in it and then seek clarification.The Back Nine is slated for reconstruction next year (shortly after Masters week).

- o New Business
 - Sammy Hawkins Tournament - Oct 24
 - Tri Course Tournament - Oct 28, Oct 30 & Nov 2
 - November Match Play - Nov 13, 14, 15 & 17
 - Dean Wood has proposed amending some items in the MGA Constitution. Dean went over the proposed changes and discussed the rationale behind them. We will vote (at next month's meeting) on each change individually. The changes being proposed are:

Constitution Article I Name and Purpose Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Men's Golf Association at Cedar Creek (MGA-CC). The MGA-CC derives its identity from the community of Cedar Creek and is associated with the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

Rationale: Changes the name of the club to be in conformance with the present name of the club and the association of the MGA-CC with the club from not affiliated to associated.

NOTE: The club name is also changed in Article II Membership.

Constitution Article III Organization and Meeting Section 1. The MGA-CC shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary/ Communications Director, Treasurer and Tournament Director(s) each of whose duties shall be in conformance with traditional functions performed by these officers. In the event the President is unable to complete his term the Vice President shall succeed him and will appoint a member of the MGA-CC as Vice President.

Rationale: Removes the unnecessary adjunct “Communications Director” from the title of Secretary and provides for succession of the President who may not be able to complete his term of office together with the procedure for appointment of a Vice President.

Constitution Article III Organization and Meetings Section 5. An annual meeting of the association shall be held in September at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors for the proper election of officers and conduct of other year-end business. Officers may be re-elected and succeed themselves for a term not to exceed three successive years or three years total service and may not thereafter serve as an elected officer (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) of the Association. Past officers may continue to serve as Tournament Directors.

Rationale: The original intent of Section 5 impliedly was that a person may serve as a principal board member for a total of three years thus clarifying the limitation on the term of office for President, Vice

NOTE: In regard to Don Kasper’s tenure as treasurer the change to Article III Section 5 with respect to his term of office is not affected. Since he began his current term prior to the change he is eligible to serve another three years.

Constitution Article IV Document Amendment: Change “two-thirds” to “majority”.

Rationale: Provides for conformance with Constitution Article III Section 6 and other sections specifying a vote of the membership.

By-Laws Article I Section 2. “.... and approved by the membership by a majority of members at any regular meeting.”

Rationale: Adds clarity and consistency with the following sentence of Section 2.

By-Laws Article III Section 1: Members of the MGA-CC must have a USGA certified handicap to be eligible for prize money. other than closest-to-pin awards at any tournament. MGA-CC members may play in any event without participating in the tournament competition per se by declaring same and remitting the host club cost of the event only.

Rationale: Removes eligibility of members without a USGA certified handicap from closest to pin awards and provides for participation by MGA-CC members with or without a USGA certified handicap in an event without participating in the event prize pool.

- It was recommended that we should support our home course by having a MGA tournament here. It would show our support and appreciation for both the course and the Grille.

The meeting was adjourned @ 5:45pm

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Nov 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.

Minutes for Oct 13, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

We now have 106 paid members.

After an expenditure of \$50.00 for Ron Phillips' memorial donation, we have a balance of \$2,100.93 .

News From the Course (Frank Beaty)

Damage on new Tee areas continues to be an issue.

- o – The number of divots on the par 4s & 5s are excessive.
- o – Any divots that are created on any Tee box should be immediately repaired (use a sand bottle to fill the gouge).

Damage from reckless cart navigation is occurring.

- o – The 90 degree rule must be followed: Drive down the rough until you reach the point of your ball, turn 90 degrees left or right, proceed to your ball, take your shot, repair any divot taken & return directly to the rough or cart path.
- o – When driving on a paved cart path, keep your cart completely on the pavement – do not allow the wheels to create ruts along the edge of the paved path.

If you notice anyone 'straying' from these guidelines, give them a friendly reminder or notify someone at the course so that they can take further action.

It was suggested that we create a reminder guide to be present on all carts.

The course will be getting new golf carts at the end of December.

Old Business

Each proposed Constitution amendment was discussed and then voted on:

Establish that the MGA is affiliated with the Golf Course

Passed

Establish procedure for midterm President succession

Passed

Establish a 3 year term limit (regardless of position(s) held) for MGA officers
Rejected

Change vote procedure from 2/3 to majority
Passed

Designate that members must have an established handicap in order to participate in tournament prize fund.
Passed

An addendum that defines the procedure for recognizing the passing of an MGA member was proposed and approved.

New Business

None.

General Discussion

Bill Robinson discussed the new / clarified rules of golf as introduced in the 2016 – 2019 Rules of Golf book. Most notably rule 14 – 1b which addresses the issue of anchoring clubs during a golf stroke. Bill also pointed out rules 18 – 2b, 14 - 3 & 6 – 6d as having been added or modified.

Please visit the USGA website to view pictures and diagrams that further explain 'club anchoring' – what is legal and what is not.

MGA members are encouraged to purchase the new rule book.
If you make an anchored club stroke and your ball hits an immovable object within a hazard marked with yellow stakes and then becomes embedded in a burrow hole made by a small animal, you can use the rule book to determine how to proceed!

Bill also discussed new / modified hazards on holes #1, #3, #4 & #5
Some hazards are lateral waste areas, BUT as the hazard nears the green it becomes a BUNKER. The rules of what you are allowed to do in a waste area versus a bunker are different. Be mindful of the stakes and marking lines as you play a hole. If in doubt, ask someone!

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Don Kasper announced the Tri-course winners and distributed the prize money.

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(also Starting Saturday mornings (November 14 and thereafter), Stan Selby's game known as the 'Points and Skins' game) is coming to Cedar Creek. Many 'Creekers' are familiar with this game and play in it on Thursdays @ Aiken Golf Club. Please contact Dave King for more info or if you want to play.

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Match Play Tournament is Nov 13, 14 & 15.

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Fort Gordon – Your \$45 entry fee gets you golf, cart, range balls, burger banquet and entry in to the prize fund.

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The Trifecta Tournament is scheduled for the day after Thanksgiving.

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There will be a Pro Shop sale event December 5th from 4 to 7pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please plan on attending and buy that special someone a golf gift.

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Dec 8 2015

Before the meeting was officially called to order, we gathered at the practice facility where Kenny conducted a demonstration to further explain and depict the concept of “swinging from the inside”. Two key points to remember and practice are:

- Producing a downswing where the club approaches the ball from the 7 o’clock position.
- After contact, release the club allowing the wrists and arms to roll over.

Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Nov 10 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

We now have 110 paid members.

Our balance is \$1,718.93 after payouts of:

- \$50 for Ron Philips memorial donation
- \$300 for the December 5th sale @ the ProShop / Clubhouse social gathering
- \$55 to retain our Internet domain name for 3 years

News from the Course

Frank reports that players are getting better at keeping the carts on paved cart paths and preferred pathways through the fairways.

Vigilance is always needed to:

- Repair ball marks on the green
- Fill in Tee area / Fairway divots
- Obey all cart route requirements

Old Business

Ken Brace presented the Presidents Award to George Montgomery.

Ken reminded all attendees that the Fort Gordon tournament is Thursday Dec 10 and openings are still available.

George Montgomery reviewed the hazard markings around hole #5 and how to proceed if your ball enters the hazard at the various points around the green.

New Business

The Par 3 tournament is Saturday Jan 16, 2016

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA