

Course News August 2019

The course is withstanding the heat of summer remarkably well. More frequent moisture from Mother Nature would be helpful, but Gary's regulated irrigation compensates well. The greens are as sharp as ever and being maintained now with three new walk mowers. Otherwise mowing of tees, fairways and roughs along with dressing of bunkers is the daily routine.

Barring unforeseen events, work is expected to begin on the new putting green and croquet court at the rear of the clubhouse during August. Given the scope of the project work will likely extend well into September.

Feel good – play The Creek!

September is fast approaching and with it two big events. First up will be the Aiken City Amateur Championship for its 10th anniversary which will be played September 7th and 8th at The Aiken Golf Club. The event will kick off with a social and putting challenge at TAGC on Friday, the 6th. With regular, senior and super senior men's divisions along with a women's division the tournament offers an opportunity for players at all levels to compete. While the men's divisions will be played gross the women's division will feature both gross and net competition. Registration forms containing complete details of the tournament are available at both Cedar Creek and Aiken Golf Club and must be submitted by September 3rd.



The annual Crystal Cup follows on September 19th and 20th with the Bluejackets versus the Redcoats in an 18-hole Ryder Cup style match – 6 holes modified alternate shot, 6 holes four-ball and 6 holes singles. Won in 2018 by the Redcoats led by Bob and Kathy Gilliland, the competition stands now with the Redcoats having claimed six victories and the Bluejackets four.

The pairings party will be held at the Grille from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on the 19th when the teams and team captains will be announced, and all players will enjoy appetizers and commiserate over the competition. In addition, caps and visors will be distributed to team members. Play will begin on Friday, the 20th, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Note: A select number of visors will be available for those who prefer them (instead of caps) and must be indicated at signup – first come, first get 'em with ladies having preference.

The field is limited to 80 players with equal numbers of ladies' (green and red tees) and men's (black and green tees) foursomes. Entry is \$35 plus 18-hole cart fee for those not on the cart plan which covers Thursday evening appetizers, tournament cap/visor, closest-to-pin awards and a buffet lunch following play on Friday.

Registration will soon be open at the pro shop. Sign up early to assure your place in the field!

Aiken Golf Club Players Club and Legacy members are invited to participate.

Construction of the new pavilion is well along with a completion date not yet determined.



The course is home to a den of thieves. Yes, foxes inhabiting the course have “stolen” or moved balls of golfers in play from on the greens and elsewhere. No one is likely to get close enough to them to retrieve a ball – better to let the thieves have their way. As for a ruling, rules officials advise to replace a stolen ball with another or return the ball moved as near as can be determined to the spot where the original ball laid and play on without penalty (USGA Rule 9.6).

August is a notoriously warm month. Stay cool and stay hydrated!