

## Course News February 2020

Mother Nature is being overly generous with her delivery of precipitation. The abundance of rain is an issue particularly affecting the low-lying areas of the course as well as maintenance of bunkers among other things. The good news is we're south of the snow zone or we would really be in trouble! Please observe cart travel restrictions when in effect.

### Feel good – play the Creek!

Jim's major improvements for 2020 are underway in earnest as evidenced by the work to the rear of the clubhouse and additional concrete cart paths. Delayed of necessity from last year, Gary is hard at it literally from below ground with installation of the irrigation system in preparation for grading of the area to build the new putting green and croquet court.



**Irrigation Engineers Gary & Ted**



**Master Mason Helbreth at Work on the Brick Walls**



**Cart Path 7<sup>th</sup> Tee**

Here's one for the record books. In a span of a little over three months there have been no less than 6 holes-in-one at the Creek. Rob Rosche began with his on October 11<sup>th</sup> on #5 followed by Tom Murphy on November 7<sup>th</sup> at #5 and then Dick Leach on December 10<sup>th</sup> again on #5. But more remarkably there were three on three consecutive days in January beginning with Chuck Scarton on the 28<sup>th</sup> hole #8, Phil Stack on the 29<sup>th</sup> hole #5 and finally John Andrews on the 30<sup>th</sup> hole #16. Hello Golf Channel – are you there? Brandel, Kelly, Frank – do we get a mention?

The Golf Association at Cedar Creek (formerly the Men's Golf Association at Cedar Creek) will host the annual par 3 tournament on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Play will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Gross and net prizes will be awarded in flights. Registration with additional details is open in the pro shop. Signup deadline is the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**If you haven't renewed your handicap service for 2020 you're overdue. The pro shop staff will be happy to assist.**

No photo here, but note the absence of the double door in the foyer leading to the Grille which was closed at the time of the Grille's renovation. Thanks to Art Schuenemann and Chuck Kenney the doorway has been converted to a glassed-in bulletin board. Thanks Art & Chuck!

We're a month into the new World Handicap System and USGA/Carolinas Golf Association is still working out bugs. Here are some items and notes to date regarding transition into and use of the new system.

- The club desktop kiosk in the shop is functioning well.

- If you're using the Android mobile phone app to post scores, etc. and it's not functioning properly you must uninstall the app and shut down your phone. Turn on your phone, go to the "Play Store," search for GHIN Mobile, download and install the new app.
- If you're using an iPhone an update to the GHIN app is now available from the "App Store." Download/install it.
- Do not use leading zeroes when entering your GHIN number to record scores, etc.
- All handicap members/users with valid email addresses in the GHIN system should receive periodic updates/newsletters showing one's current handicap index and other information of potential interest. If you haven't received any you may have to add the email addresses [donotreply@ghin.com](mailto:donotreply@ghin.com) and [noreply@ghin.com](mailto:noreply@ghin.com) to your contacts list. You may also set your email app settings to "whitelist" or "safe send" to receive GHIN emails. Failing that, check your spam/junk mail folder from time to time.
- If you need to make a change to your scoring record, email address or any other information in the handicap system you may ask a club staff member or handicap system administrators Dave Beveridge or Andrew Wilson.
- There have been some difficulties with hole-by-hole score posting at the club due to confusion over stroke index values (handicap hole designations) from the different tees at Cedar Creek. However, all should be in order now. The advantage of doing hole-by-hole postings – a very quick process actually – is you may enter your actual gross scores for every hole and the GHIN system will automatically make per hole score adjustments if necessary based on your course handicap and post your adjusted gross score thus relieving you of the need to manually adjust your hole scores prior to posting.

You may also explore the information available at <https://www.carolinasghinsupport.org>

Important Note: In the interest of privacy USGA has determined that GHIN numbers in the World Handicap System should not be made publicly available and clubs should suppress GHIN numbers when producing handicap (index) lists or other information for widespread use within a club. If you wish to share your GHIN number with your fellow members you are free to do so but the club staff and handicap system administrators are not allowed to share or disclose GHIN numbers. This from the CGA:

"When you or a member are making inquiries about GHIN members at the club posting kiosk, you will only have access to a player's Public View data. You **can see** their name; their club name; their Handicap Index; their Low HI; and their most recent scoring record. You **are not allowed to see** their GHIN numbers or any of the particular details of the rounds they played (when or where they played). Only Club Admins will be able to see member GHIN numbers."