

Course News January 2020

We hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and extend best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It seems we were faced with an overabundance of precipitation at this time a year ago. To say there's been more rain than usual (or necessary) again is an understatement. As many know areas of the front nine – particularly holes #3, #4 and #6 – have become water logged. Consequently cart travel restrictions are certain to be in force from time to time. Adherence to this minor inconvenience and with Gary and his staff's excellent work the course will remain in good condition through the cold weather months.

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 2020.

If you haven't renewed your membership and handicap service now is the time to do so. It is important that your handicap service be renewed as soon as you can possibly do it and preferably before the end of January. 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.

Cedar Creek's most improved golfers for 2019 are Kathy Cornforth and Tom Murphy. Kathy's return, in a manner of speaking, to the links follows her retirement after a long career at Aiken Regional which has afforded her the opportunity to get her "A" game back in shape. Tom's award was icing on the cake following his championship victory in the Legends Division of the 2019 club championship. Congrats to both!



The new World Handicap System will launch on or about January 6th. Past scores will transition seamlessly to the new system with an adjustment for calculating the best 8 out of 20 scores and concurrent adjustment in everyone's handicap index which should be minimal. However, expect a significant adjustment lower in your course handicap based on the new method of computation. For example, one whose current handicap index is 19.4 enjoys a 21 course handicap from the Black tees at Cedar Creek. Assuming his index remains the same, under the new System his course handicap becomes 17.

Big thanks to Andrew Wilson who painstakingly constructed new Course Handicap Tables for all tees at Cedar Creek which are posted on the hallway bulletin board at the club. Don't be shocked by the decrease in your course handicap under the new System; all who maintain a handicap are similarly affected. Andrew also authored the comprehensive overview of the New World System which was issued a couple weeks ago.

Handicap service will not be available from 1 through 6 January. Save your cards/scores for posting once the new System comes online. There may be a hiccup or two in the transition to the new System, but bear with the club and staff as it is implemented and we adapt to it. Dave Beveridge, who is the club's Handicap Committee Chairman, is also available to answer questions regarding the new System.