

Course News June 2019

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time Gary and his staff were hoping the rain would stop for a time. This year they're begging for rain. Nevertheless, thanks to Gary's monitoring of conditions around the course and appropriate irrigation it is holding up well through the blistering heat. Areas of the #2 fairway have been sodded and repair of other small areas in fairways lacking growth is also underway. In addition, blighted areas of greens have been re-sprigged. Come on rain!

Feel good – play the Creek!

As has been customary for the past several years, the Men's Golf Association hosted the Silver Bluff High School golf team in May. High school team members Ethan Dohrn, Ryan Atchison, Michael Trimble, Jake Ormand and Kelsey Tschida were paired with MGA members for a 9-hole scramble. This year's event was the closest it has ever been with three teams tied which necessitated a tie-breaker leaving Kelsey Tschida with MGA members Rob Rosche, Don Kasper and Phil Stack to claim honors for the day. The MGA also made its annual monetary contribution to support the golf team.



**Kelsey Tschida presented
with the winner's trophy**



**Ray Naramore presented golf coach Brad
Johnson with an MGA contribution**

The Double Header Tournament returns this year with a play date of Saturday, June 15th. Proceeds from the event support the Aiken Baseball Academy Showcase team and local resident Joshua Ray in his quest for a baseball scholarship and career. The tournament format is a scramble with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. It will offer three flights – Men's, Ladies and Mixed – with many prizes and closest to pin awards on the par 3s. Entries are \$12 for members with the cart plan, \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Registration is open at the pro shop.

Hook A Kid on Golf returns to the Creek during the week of June 24-28. Mike D. and Kenny Evenson will lead the affair along with Hook A Kid Director Joe Spencer and his staff. Volunteers are needed to assist with mentoring the kids during the week. A volunteers' signup

sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you can spare a morning or two (8:30 to 11:30) and enjoy working with the youngsters to promote their interest in the game and future play please join us!

Thanks to Dick Leach's tutelage Jason Chambers of the pro shop staff is now qualified to perform launch monitor testing to determine club head speed, angle of launch and ball spin, and to translate resultant monitor data for proper club fitting. Although Dick will be available to assist if necessary he is effectively retiring from the club fitting practice. However, Dick will continue to do club repairs and custom make new clubs. For appointments with Jason please call the pro shop at 648-4206.

Jerry Kothera along with fellow Cedar Creek members Frank Beaty and Doug Groft recently played host to Cooper Casad, Blake Rivera and Ryan Walker, three pitchers for the Augusta Greenjackets baseball team, for a round at the Creek. Jerry serves as head usher and ambassador for the Greenjackets and regularly invites team players to play at the Creek.



Left to right: Blake Rivera, Ryan Walker, Cooper Casad, Jerry, Frank and Doug

It's noteworthy that after a long hiatus there were two holes-in-one recently at the Creek. Ray Naramore scored one on hole #5 on May 22nd and Jerry Kothera followed with his on hole #11 on the 24th. Again speaking of Jerry, his membership at the Creek is the longest of anyone. Jerry joined the Creek in August 1994. One might infer he's an old guy. Not so – we rather think Jerry is a “seasoned golfer” who posts good numbers. And although he won't hazard a guess as to how many rounds he's played at the Creek it's a number that likely will never be eclipsed.