

## Course News June 2020

With the onslaught of COVID-19 all manner of activity at Cedar Creek Golf Club has been altered as we have adjusted and will continue to adjust to revised policies as they evolve. The course news for May was scrubbed because it would have been depressingly bad news. But it can be said the club reacted immediately, instituted precautions and made the best of the situation in accordance with mandated guidelines. Many of the restrictions and precautions remain in place and in force, but we're pleased the opportunity to play was preserved despite some inconveniences. Thanks go out to all of our loyal members and guests. We appreciate the forbearance of all, and we will get beyond the threat of the disease.

### Feel good – play the Creek!

Course maintenance has not been adversely affected as it was at courses in many areas resulting from prohibitions by state authorities. The course remains in excellent condition. With the frequent rains we've had certain areas of the course remain damp, however, and bunker treatment has necessarily become more frequent. The new putting green at the rear of the clubhouse was installed in early-May and shows now excellent signs of growth. It will be several weeks yet before it is ready for use. Meanwhile a group of volunteers assisted Gary and his staff to lay sod and sprig the area at the rear of the clubhouse. Big thanks to the volunteers!



**Left to Right: Don LeBlanc, Dwaine Stone, Mike Lupfer, Jason Chambers, Gary, Ray Naramore, Greg Oates, Ted Miller, Ted Lawrence, Bob Gilliland, Rick Hammelbacher, Rickie Summer & Tony Loesch**

In early-May the Carolinas Section of the PGA issued the announcement “Back2Golf in the Carolinas” and implementation of Phase One of a three-phase approach with restrictions and guidelines applicable to golf operations in North and South Carolina. The principal change was lifting the single rider per cart restriction, and clubs were allowed to institute their own policies as CCGC has done and with which most are now familiar, i.e. approved pairings and family

members may ride together. Phase Two was announced by the Carolinas PGA in late-May. Many of the Phase One restrictions remain in force such as avoiding touch of flagsticks and bunker rakes as well as no on-course amenities, e.g., water coolers. However, as applicable to South Carolina clubs only and based on the Governor McMaster's "lifting of restrictions on attractions," group activity (outings and league play) may be resumed if kept under 50 people with proper social distancing. Mike D. will inform CCGC groups as to how this policy will be implemented. The ultimate objective of Phase Three – the "New Normal" – is basically golf as it was before the outbreak of COVID-19. Regrettably it may be a long time in coming.