

## Course News March 2019

Hints of spring are showing around the course. The greens are looking particularly good despite the vagaries of weather and notwithstanding an infestation of “po.” Gary has applied herbicide to combat the poa annua as well as fertilizer to give the greens a boost. With cold weather soon behind us the course will brighten up nicely, and the mowers will soon be traversing the greens and up and down the fairways and tees. (Actually the greens have already been cut.) This is a good time for reminder to give a little extra attention to ball marks on the greens and filling fairway and tee divots all of which will aid in spring growth and a better groomed course through the summer.

### Feel good – play the Creek!

The new pavilion has taken shape, and the concrete patio extending from it has been completed. Big thanks to Greg Oates and Gary who lead the construction effort along with Rickie and Will from Gary’s staff as well as Greg Pasco and Paul Hackett for their very helpful labors.



The concrete patio separations will be inlaid with decorative brick, and consideration is being given to add a fire pit. Plans are in the works to construct croquet and cornhole courts in addition to a new putting green, the latter to come later when the growing season is more favorable. It all adds up to another major investment by Jim of enormous benefit to not only the club and its golfing members and guests but the community at large.

The Community Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The four-person scramble will kick off with a 9 a.m. start. The \$40 entry adjusted for those with the cart plan covers golf, cart, lunch and prizes. (Additional lunches will be available for non-golfers for \$12.) Golfers may sign up as a team or individuals who will be paired with others. Registration is open at the pro shop. Please sign up by Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Masters week is fast approaching – the first full week of April. Promoting guest play of Masters patrons at Cedar Creek as well as The Aiken Golf Club during the week benefits us all. If you know out-of-town golfers coming to the CSRA to attend the Masters invite them to play both the Creek and TAGC.

Finally, about the time some are reading this Jim will be on his way to Myrtle Beach with his Aiken Golf Club assistants Ed Piccolino and AJ Glover to be recognized and accept an award from the South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel which rated and published its 2018 list of the top courses to play in the state. The Aiken Golf Club is included in the Top 10 courses in the Midlands region right up there with Sage Valley, Palmetto and The Reserve at Woodside Plantation from the local area. Another well-deserved and rewarding accolade for Jim and The Aiken Golf Club!

<http://scgolffpanel.org/Rankings/50Best2018-PressRelease.htm>

A side benefit is that the three will have the privilege of a round of golf at the Barefoot Resort Dye course on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will be joined by Charlie Rymer, former PGA Tour and Champions Tour pro, who was long a member of the Golf Channel “Morning Drive” team. How about that?! And maybe a little Nassau action, too? (Charlie is now based in Myrtle Beach where he will be an ambassador for Golf Tourism Solutions working to promote golf in the Myrtle Beach area.)