

## **Cedar Creek Golf Club News** **March 2020**

It seems the monsoons will never end, and temps seem to be hovering lower than usual at this time of year also. (The Creek doesn't employ a certified meteorologist so the author's prognostications are highly suspect.) Wet areas remain in many areas of the course necessitating cart travel restrictions which we ask all patrons to observe. Nevertheless, hints of spring are beginning to show around the course. The greens are in particularly good condition despite the vagaries of weather although this is the time of year the "po" will be peeking out. Gary has applied herbicide to combat the poa annua as well as early-spring fertilizer to give the greens a boost. With cold weather soon behind (refer to the foregoing parenthetical) the course will green up nicely, and the mowers will soon be traversing the greens and up and down the fairways and tees. 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!**

Work around the clubhouse campus has been hampered by weather, too. The irrigation system is largely completed in the area to the rear of the clubhouse but wet grounds have forestalled grading and installation of the new putting green and croquet court. Please Mother Nature, give us a break! Other changes are in the works at the clubhouse as well. The curb to the main entrance will be smoothed to permit handicapped access to the main entrance. In addition, spaces will be outlined on the street for handicap parking.

The Acorn Cup golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at The Creek. The event offers an opportunity to win two rounds of golf at the prestigious Sage Valley Golf Club as well as tickets to attend the FedEx Cup finals at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta the latter good for all four days of the season-ending PGA tournament. Details are available at the pro shop.

The newly revived Golf Association at Cedar Creek will begin its first full season of events following the GACC hosted Par 3 tournament in February with a Modified Stableford format and multiple flights tournament on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Aiken Golf Club. Thereafter events are scheduled at The Creek and Aiken Golf Club as well as several other courses every month from March through December. The full schedule is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. Membership in the GACC and participation in its events is open to all golfers including ladies and juniors the latter with benefit of free membership.

As for the Par 3 tournament, Martin Coffey of the Aiken Golf Club took top honors in the first flight and overall with Frank Beaty, Jack Ecktmann and Ray Naramore net prize winners. The second flight was won by Ed Sabo followed by net winners Tom Murphy, John Moynihan and Mike Zak. Jim Campbell won the third flight; Mike Lesick, Tom Wisheart and Gerry Dutkowski pocketed net prizes. Kim Matthews won the ladies division followed by Ann Marie Cox and Connie Beveridge.

The Thursday evening couples who play a two-person scramble will begin their season on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Signup is at the hallway bulletin board.

A Carolinas Golf Association special is available for play at the Mount Vintage Golf Club. Two persons may play for \$45 including cart and four single-player golf passes are also available for \$85 including cart fees. The passes are valid for play until June 30<sup>th</sup> and may include blackout dates during Masters week. This special is only available until March 5<sup>th</sup>. For details and purchase go to:

<https://pricelooper.com/w/07934b3956a4e927>

And, yes, Masters week – April 5-12 – is fast approaching. Promoting guest play of Masters patrons at The 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 Aiken Golf Club. A promotion is available as well for guests to play Aiken Golf Club at the regular rate and add a round at The Creek for the reduced fee of \$60.

The new World Handicap System which took effect January 1<sup>st</sup> is beginning to settle down with the many of the initial bugs and other problems resolved. Huge thanks are owed Andrew Wilson for steering the transition at The Creek and his compilation of new Course Handicap Tables in advance of USGA's issuance of same.