

## Cedar Creek Golf Club News March 2021

The monsoons have subsided at least temporarily and the several recent days of warm weather are a harbinger of spring. The greens are in particularly good condition despite the vagaries of weather although this is the time of year the “po” is 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 behind 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!

Course and clubhouse area improvements are underway. At the moment the flagpole and entrance islands are a mess, but it’s all in the name of progress. Wait until Gary and Ted have finished landscaping; we’ll be pleased with the result.



Most have observed surely the new signs at the entrance from Club Drive to the clubhouse. They are the expert craftsmanship of Art Schuenemann and Chuck Kinney along with the artistic talents of Bev Schuenemann. Next you see them a compliment is in order.



Sign photos courtesy of Dave King



The Par 3 tournament sponsored by the Cedar Creek Golf Association was played in late-February with four men's flights and a ladies flight. Ann Marie Cox won the ladies low gross and Marie Pasco had low net. Men's low gross winners were John Broome, first flight; Chuck Walton, second flight; Mike LoCascio, third flight; and Ron Yeskey, fourth flight. Lee Nightingale took low net and Andrew Wilson second low net in the men's first flight. Roger Mutch was the second flight low net winner with Gene Metto, second low net, and Dave Moore, third. In the third flight Richard Stamm had low net followed by Dean Spiro and Walter Durrett. And in the fourth flight Mike Kahl was the low net winner, Jack Grados second, and Gerry Dutkowski third. Closest to the pin awards went to Chuck Walton, Donna Dutkowski, Kim Matthews, Darrell Winefordner and Gary Smith. Finally, Bruce Slown won the drawing for the Cedar Creek golf bag.

Masters week – April 4-11 – 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. Even with limited attendance as has been announced, 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.

In the hope that COVID-19 concerns have abated and instructors and volunteers along with most if not all of youngsters will have received vaccinations, the Aiken Junior Sports Association Hook A Kid program is back this year and scheduled for June 21-25 at Cedar Creek. There will also be new requirements in place for volunteer instructors. See Mike D. for details and sign up.

Last but not least we are having a major issue with cart traffic in wet areas on the course. Damage by cart tracks takes weeks to repair and recover. We must in all instances adhere to cart travel restrictions of the day. When restrictions are in force carts must remain on the paths wherever they are located regardless if they are hard surface or otherwise defined or in the roughs depending on the circumstance at hand and in all cases well away from wet areas which are readily recognizable. (A few extra steps are healthy exercise.) And don't be shy about reminding others to be mindful of their cart travels. As one example, the photo depicts the downward slope on #2 fairway inside the green posts where carts are prohibited in the first instance. Extensive damage.

