

GOLF UPDATES

Big Creek's US Open Tourney Results

Big Creek members played the course June 18th set up under US Open conditions that matched the length that the pros were playing at Oakmont that week, nearly 7,400 yards. The pins were tucked at edges and near slopes and the greens were very fast. Each player could use one mulligan per hole to try to compensate. Here are the members' gross scores, followed by the winning scores after each member's selected pro partner's Sunday score at Oakmont was combined with his for a better-ball score. Pros were chosen in reverse order of members' scores. Congratulations to Randy Costa and his pro partner, former Razorback golfer David Lingmerth, for winning with a score of -9 63.

Matt Johnson 75	Stewart Rogers 81
Todd Dunnaway 76	Andy Wescoat 82
Frank Davis 77	Brent Edens 82
Randy Costa 77	Kevin Lind 85
Robbie Robbins 78	Warren Hemm 87
Rick Hurst 79	Van Gearhart 89
Nick Coleman 79	Joe Durham 90
Brad Morris 79	Danny Ward 90
Joey Sample 79	Bill Ahrens 91
Lang Zimmerman 80	Zach Hutchens 91
Evan Stewart 80	Brad Schulz 99
	Tyler Wallace 105

Final Scores with Pro Best Ball

Three flights paid three places each: \$75,\$45,\$30
Championship:

1. Randy Costa/David Lingmerth 63
2. Matt Johnson/Charlie Hoffman 64
3. Nick Coleman/Brooks Koepka 64
4. Danny Ward/Jim Furyk 65
5. Kevin Lind/Zach Johnson 66
5. Van Gearhart/Jason Day 66
5. Evan Stewart/Brandon Grace 66

A Flight:

1. Joey Sample/Jason Dufner 67
2. Frank Davis/Justin Thomas 67
3. Bill Ahrens/Dustin Johnson 68
4. Andy Wescoat/Scott Piercy 68
4. L Zimmerman/Ch. Schwatrzal 68
6. T Dunnaway/B DeChambeau 69
7. Brad Morris/D Summerhays 70
7. Stewart Rogers/Harris English 70
7. Warren Hemm/Adam Scott 70
7. Robbie Robbins/Matt Kuchar 70
7. Brad Schulz/Sergio Garcia 70

B Flight:

1. Rick Hurst/Jason Kokrak 71
2. Zach Hutchens/L Oosthuizen 71
3. Brent Edens/Lee Westwood 73
4. Joe Durham/Andrew Landry 74
4. Tyler Wallace/Shane Lowery 74

Couples Tournament Winners

Congratulations to Matt & Kelly Johnson (left) for winning the Gross Division of our most recent event with a sizzling -9 63 and to Robbie and Alyssa Robbins (right) for winning the Net Division with a 64-net-60 in our couples event. A couple could not win in both divisions.

Here are the results:



GROSS:

- Matt Johnson/Kelly Johnson 63 1st \$55
- Robbie Robbins/Alyssa Robbins 64 X (Net winner)
- Kevin Lind/Deanna Lind 71 2nd \$40
- Andrew Gillespie/Nicole Gillespie 72 3rd \$25
- Brad Schulz/Dawn Schulz 74
- Randel Butler/Sharon Butler 75
- Roy Bull/ Phyllis Bull 75
- James & Nancy Brentlinger 78
- Ralph Brown/Karen Bryant 79
- Charles Nichols/Corrine Johnson 79
- Bill Ahrens/Cynthia Ahrens 80
- Joe Sanford/Martha Sanford 86

NET:

- Robbie Robbins/Alyssa Robbins 60 1st \$55
- Roy Bull/ Phyllis Bull 62.2 2nd \$40
- Matt Johnson/Kelly Johnson 62.2 X (Gross winner)
- James & Nancy Brentlinger 63.6 3rd \$25
- Ralph Brown/Karen Bryant 65.4
- Randel Butler/Sharon Butler 67.8
- Charles Nichols/Corrine Johnson 67.8
- Bill Ahrens/Cynthia Ahrens 68
- Brad Schulz/Dawn Schulz 68.4
- Kevin Lind/Deanna Lind 68.6
- Andrew Gillespie/Nicole Gillespie 70.4
- Joe Sanford/Martha Sanford 72.4

NIGHT GOLF



About 30 members and guests had a great time at night golf on June 17th. There were lots of family spectators and the party didn't wrap up until 11. We hope to have another wonderful night of golf in the fall.

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GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Handicaps. Why Bother?

I'm not that good. I only play socially. I just play with my husband in couple's events, and we never use my ball. Why should I post my scores when others do not? These are just a few of the reasons used by golfers for not posting their rounds of golf.

As stated by the USGA, "The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis."

Additionally, it is the player's responsibility to follow the rules of the game for any sport in which you participate. Posting your home and away scores "in a timely manner for peer review" is simply one of the USGA rules of golf.

Part of maintaining an accurate handicap is in the correct application of equitable stroke control or ESC. Charts are posted in the locker rooms with instructions on how to adjust your score to keep your handicap at your potential playing index. Adjustments are not done while playing but rather prior to posting in the computer. In other word, during the round record the actual gross number of strokes taken to complete a hole, check the chart and adjust accordingly, hole by hole, when finished. Post the adjusted lower score on-line.

When tournaments use brackets or flights, handicaps play a major role because they dictate where a player is seeded. Seeing that league challenges and away events rely on the accuracy of what we declare as our handicaps, we need to maintain the integrity of the system by posting all scores correctly. Honest handicaps promote equitable golf competitions.

Have you ever played in an event with a competitor "who doesn't play that often," gets 40 strokes, shoots the best round of their life, and cleans up net by an unheard of number of shots? SURE! Let's all just post our scores!

Have a great summer and good golfing!

Wanda Kelley

Big Creek Member and former Handicap Committee Chairman at PGA National Golf Club in Florida



Kelly Greer of Benton made a hole-in-one when it really counted at the Mountain Home Charity Classic at Big Creek June 11. Kelly's ace on the 4th hole was from 145 yards with a 7-iron. Congratulations to Kelly and a big thank you to Ultimate Auto Group for sponsoring the hole-in-one prizes again this year. A hole in one Sunday would have been worth \$10,000, and four players were chosen at random during Saturday night's dinner to shoot for \$1,000,000 from 165 yards on #18.



Congratulations to Big Creek member Nick Coleman for his recent ace on the 4th hole. Nick started the round with an eagle 2 on the par-four first hole, followed by a par on number two and a birdie on number three before the ace. He got as low as -7 on hole ten before finishing with a -3 69. Check out his name on the plaque outside the interior entry doors to the locker rooms along with all the other ace shooters over the years.