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GOLF NEWS

Complete results for tournaments are available under the blue "Leaderboard" tab at bigcreekgolf.com/golf-course/tournaments/

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN MURRAY – 2022 MATCHPLAY CLUB CHAMPION!

The 2022 Big Creek Men's Match Play Final was played on Sunday the 17 at 1:00. Matt Kelly faced off against Jonathan Murray. Both players played fantastically, and in the end Jonathan Murry came out on top. Congratulations!



Jonathan Murray
Matchplay Club Champion



Matt Kelly
Matchplay Club Runner Up

COURSE GRASS UPDATE

As many have noticed, with the extreme conditions, we have had some thin and weak areas pop up on greens in the last few weeks. We have identified the pathogen, which is take all patch and root rot (*Gaeumannomyces graminis*). Take all patch has been increasingly tough to control on our greens over the last few years. We had been accustomed to spraying every 28 days to suppress the disease. Now we're finding we are forced to spray weekly just to keep it suppressed. Our L93 bentgrass is a very susceptible variety to this disease, and the age of our greens enhance the problem. Along with this issue, each year we have less and less air movement on greens 8, 12, 13, and 16. Air movement from either wind or fans can decrease the surface temperature of a green by 5-10 degrees.

With this said, I'd like to inform you of the plan moving forward to create the best playing surface we can daily:

1. Add fans to all our problem greens - We have recently purchased one portable fan, and we're looking to purchase as many as six more. This will help half the problem immediately
2. Pruning/removing trees that shade or block wind to the greens - We will be very strategic about the removal, and I doubt most people will notice. Over the years trees have grown to shade and block wind on 8, 12, 13, and 16 greens. During the Chuck Morton tournament, we had a 10-15 mph wind and the flags on those greens were mostly limp! This is a crucial 2nd step in the process.
3. Interseeding newer and more superior bentgrass seeds into our greens - I know many people think the newer hybrid bermudas would be best, but over the last 6 months, I've been in contact with many superintendents, agronomists, and seed manufacturers about the situation. In another email, I will show how the negatives outweigh the benefits for us to convert to the newer bermuda varieties due to our location. The newer bentgrass seeds are finer, more heat and disease tolerant, and are overall superior to our L93. Plainly, they just provide a better playing surface.

We have already seeded spots on 11, 13, and 16 with one of the newer bentgrass varieties as a test. Don't be alarmed, as these areas are roughed up a bit. We hope to have germination within two weeks. If the seed doesn't work, then we will plug it as usual. Our goal is to keep greens open and playable as we perform this process.

Let me be very clear to all, our greens are in fine shape to recover any damage, and right now, we're in no jeopardy of losing them. If you have any questions, then feel free to email me at brent.edens@bigcreekgolf.com
I greatly appreciate you all as members!

Brent Edens

Golf Course Superintendent



GOLF CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST 2022

UPCOMING JULY & AUGUST TOURNAMENTS

- Ultimate Auto Group High School Invitation - August 1
- Arvest Bank 2-person Scramble Benefit Tournament - August 27 - 8:30am Shotgun Start
Divisions for both men and mixed. The course opens in the afternoon.
- Big Creek Parent/Child 9-hole Tournament - August 28 - 3:00pm
Modified Alternate Shot - Course Open
- 100 Hole Marathon - September 12
- AAA 5A West Boys & Girls Conference Tournament - September 21 - 8:00am Shotgun Start
Course Open in the Afternoon
- Big Creek Senior Stroke Play Club Championship - September 24-25
Course Open



ATTENTION:

*With the record heat and lack of rainfall this past couple weeks the course is starting to stress and have heat spots accumulate, we would appreciate if all players would please **stick to the paths around the greens and please try to avoid any noticeable dry areas on the course.***

When the area is dry the blades of the grass are quite brittle and will easy wilt and fall off creating very tight lies and bare lies for future play.

Please help us keep the course in great shape.

ATTENTION:

*Denim is **NO LONGER**
ALLOWED on the
course during season.*

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CLUBHOUSE NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO BIG CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Shannon Schaufler

Ms. Karen Bryant

RESTAURANT CLOSINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

The dining room will be closed for lunch service.

The grill will still be available.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

The dining room will be closed for lunch service.

The grill will still be available.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

The dining room will be closed for dinner service.

The grill will still be available.

WINE OF THE MONTH

THE FABLEIST - CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Vibrant black currant, cedar, and vanilla hit your tongue, as you're warmed by the comforts of blackberries and cherries. A strong finish wraps you in a fond embrace.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

We began by hand-selecting 7 exceptional Cabernet vineyard sites. Once the fruit reached its optimum level of ripeness and balance, we made the pick call and brought it into the winery. Upon arrival, we de-stemmed the fruit 100%. The grapes were then fermented in stainless steel tanks with native yeast and were given one pump-over daily during fermentation. The grapes were pressed and sent to barrels after 3 weeks on the skins, allowing malolactic fermentation to occur naturally. The barrels chosen to age this Cabernet were 20% new American oak and 80% neutral oak.

\$6 GLASS / \$24 BOTTLE



BOOK CLUB NOT MEETING THIS MONTH

We will not have a book meeting this month.

We hope you're enjoy your summer and we can't wait to meet again soon!



PAINTING WITH PANACHE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Join us at Big Creek for Painting with Panache on Tuesday, August 23. Event starts at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$45.00. All art supplies and a glass of wine will be provided. Everyone is welcome, including the kids!

THE POOL IS OPEN



- We will have a pool menu and full-service bar available by our pool servers.
- The kitchen is open from 11am - 9pm on Tuesday – Saturday.
- Guests fees are \$6.00 and will be charged to the member account.
- NO outside food or beverage is allowed at the pool.
- As a reminder, we do not allow PRIVATE pool parties. You are more than welcome to schedule a pool party, but the pool will be open for other members.
- All children under the age of 17 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

~ DINNER SPECIALS ~

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

BOLOGNESE BAKED ZITI - \$19.00

Classic meat sauce with ziti pasta and loaded with cheese then baked served with salad and garlic bread.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIRRIA STREET TACOS - \$19.00

Slow braised beef shredded on three flour tortillas with cilantro, onion, queso Fresca, and spicy Birria consommé to dip. Served with pico, sour cream, guacamole, rice, and beans.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

FRIED CATFISH - \$20.00

2 filets hand-breaded and flash fried and served with fries, hushpuppies, and slaw.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Chef's specials are created for a combination of flavors, textures, and colors, and are served as they were created for your enjoyment of the dish as it was intended to be.

SEAFOOD FRIDAY - \$TBD

The chef working with fishmongers to source the freshest seafood possible, and is depending on them to let us know what is available that day. We will try to post the catch on Thursdays.

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