

BIG CREEK

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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Happy
Mother's
Day



Mother's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH - SEATING TIMES: 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

From the very beginning, she has been there. Nurturing, kind, and generous don't even begin to cover how incredible a Mother can be. Whether it's a t-ball, graduation, job promotion, or grandchild born, she will be there supporting you. Join us on Sunday, May 14 for a lovely brunch made especially for the most important woman in the entire world.

BRUNCH MENU:

- Shrimp Cocktail
- Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
- Honey Baked Ham
- Broiled Salmon with Herb Butter
- Chicken Marsala
- Bacon & Sausage
- Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
- Quiche Lorraine
- Mixed Green Salad,
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Southwest Corn Salad
- Home Fried Potatoes
- Parsley Potatoes
- Steamed Broccoli
- Summer Vegetable Tian
- Dinner Rolls & Butter

KIDS CORNER:

- Chicken Bites
- Popcorn Shrimp
- Mac & Cheese
- Corn Dog Bites
- French Fries

DESSERT:

- A Selection of Desserts & Pies

ADULTS \$30.00 - KIDS AGES 5-12 \$15.00
AGES 4 & UNDER EAT FREE

Limited seating is available so make your reservations early!

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS - 870.425.0333

HOLE IN 1

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Senior Trey Hamilton who recorded a Hole In One on April 3 his second hole of the day. The shot was on #4 at Big Creek Golf and Country Club during the first round of the 2023 Battle at Big Creek Golf & Country Club hosted by Willimas Baptist University. 8 Iron from 154 yards!!



*Photo & Caption Courtesy of:
William Woods University Men's & Women's Golf*



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JUNIOR ACADEMY

As a way of introducing more juniors to golf, we have developed a junior academy for junior's ages 8-17 who would like to learn the game of golf. We have a program that offers great benefits, but at a cost that is a little more than your standard junior camp. This program runs 16 weeks from April 13th through August 1st. Limited to a maximum of 24 participants.

We would like all capable to play in the Chuck Morton Junior as well as others if possible.

I understand that with the length of the academy that some practices or play days will be missed, because of vacation, weekends at the lake, and other life activities, and that is ok. My goal is to create a route for junior players to advance their game to play high school golf and, if interested, help place to play collegiate golf.

For more information, contact James Stanofski at James.Stanofski@Bigcreekgolf.com

INCLUDED IN THE ACADEMY:

- Weekly instruction in a class/group setting (starting April 11th till August 1st)
- Tuesday afternoon during school, during summer break, switch to morning practice. (9am) Saturday afternoons play day (3pm)
- Scheduled Play Day once a week (9 Holes Saturday time will fluctuate some mornings some afternoons)
- Basic rules and etiquette knowledge
- Individual lessons (throughout the year as time permits)
- Playing 9 holes in 2 hours and 20 minutes or less in a group setting

ACADEMY MEMBERS & PARENTS MUST COMMIT TO:

- No swearing
- No club throwing
- No littering
- No cheating
- No damage to the Golf Course
- Practice dedication
- Having fun and friendly competition

COST OF THE ACADEMY \$300

Cash or check payable to James Stanofski

CALL 425-8815 FOR MORE INFO

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SUMMER SPORTS & FUN CAMP

Golf Lessons from Golf Professional James Stanofski

Tennis/Pickleball Lessons from Tennis Professional Chris Cash

Outside Activity Time Including Crafts and Pool Time daily.

June 12-16
8am-2pm

Maximum of 15 kids allowed for the week.
All signups after the first 15 will go to a
waiting list.

This program for kids 7-13

\$190 Per child

Lunch Provided by Big Creek

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JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

This program is made for kids who have never played before or have played very little. In this program they will learn the basics of golf in a fun setting and environment.

- Posture
- Grip
- Alignment
- Basic Golf Knowledge
- Course Etiquette

SNAG Golf will be used during these sessions and kids will be grouped in with like ages as much as possible.

THE DETAILS

June 6-9 : Morning Sessions

July 11-14 : Morning Sessions

The sessions will last for 90 minutes daily for the four days specified.

All Programs monitored and administered by PGA Professional James Stanofski .

Cost for Camp \$60 per week.

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GOLF NEWS

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



GHIN REMINDER:

USGA GHIN Handicap system will be used for all Member Events at Big Creek. This will be done so that Tournaments are fair and competitive for any caliber golfer. Please contact the golf shop to be put on the USGA Handicap system, or email James.Stanofski@Bigcreekgolf.com



ATTENTION:

*Denim is no longer
allowed on the course.*

GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE:

- Please repair ball marks on the greens
- Please Rake Bunkers
- Please repair divots with sand
- Please follow cart rules, the reason we are having to sod hole 15 is due to the lack of this



NEW DRIVING RANGE MATS

Big Creek Golf & Country Club has invested about \$5,000 in some very nice driving range mats for use in the off season. You can tee a ball up on these mats the same as you would on grass. The driving range will be mats only until staff removes them in spring. Thank you for your cooperation, and thanks to member Tommy Strickland for the suggestion to protect and improve our range during the off season.

**DRIVING RANGE WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM
9AM - 4:30PM - WEATHER PERMITTING**

GOLF NEWS (CONT'D)

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NEW FLEET OF CLUB CARS

Big Creek Golf & Country Club is pleased to announce the arrival of our new fleet of Club Car Tempo Lithium Ion golf cars that were delivered this week by our dealer Clear Creek Golf Car & Utility Vehicles - Springfield. We were unable to get a fleet in our traditional beige color due to supply-chain issues; this fleet is Metallic Platinum.

These new carts have a number of upgraded features from our old fleet:

- *The lithium ion batteries charge in 1/2 the time and hold their charge twice as long.*
- *Replaced all of the charging stations in the cart barn, which should help some w electric bills.*
- *We upgraded to premium seats from a bench.*
- *Dual USB ports.*
- *Tinted windshields.*



With our new fleet of carts, we are establishing new procedures for maintenance and accountability. Coolers will be assigned to each cart. Any coolers that turn up missing, the person(s) who was assigned the cart will be assessed a cooler fee. (\$80) The cart fleet is on a 5-year rather than 4-year lease; therefore, we also need all players to comply with dual riders. (No more 3 carts for a 3some) Establishing these procedures will assist in maintaining a like new fleet for the entirety of the lease.

SEASON REMINDER:

- *Please adhere to cart restrictions for day of play, these will be posted daily at the golf shop.*
- *Repair ball marks and Divots.*
- *Please Rake Bunkers.*
- *All Par 3's Cart path only.*
- *Beverage Cart will begin April 10th weather permitting.*



CART RESTRICTIONS

After the tennis court rebuild the Club blocked cart traffic through the route between the courts and the retaining wall. This was done to make this a pedestrian-only zone as we continue to increase tennis/pickleball participation. We are also setting up F&B serving areas on that path for tennis events, and we decided the time has really come to close it to cart traffic.

Staff has noticed, rather unbelievably to me, that carts have been seen going around the far north end of the tennis courts in extremely rough terrain, or driving on the dangerously sloped grass between the swimming pool fence and the retaining wall where a cart could easily tip over. All carts leaving #18 are to return to the cart barn or the parking lot strictly via the cart path back by the pro shop and cart barn.

If any members are observed driving carts on either of those two “alternate” routes to the parking lot, the cart privileges of both people in the cart will be suspended for one month. We are just not going to allow these new carts and the big investment in the tennis courts to be beat up and the property abused.

We are also getting permanent signs for all of the par-three holes saying they are Cart Path Only at all times, as well as a sign for #1 to remind players on wet days if Brent has decided we need to stay on paths throughout the course to keep it from being damaged.

We don't want to rope off more of the course, but Brent and the staff are trying to keep carts from driving up to and around greens for the good of the course. It's **extremely** frustrating to see carts being driven around greens on #7, #9, #14, etc.

The pro shop staff will tell you when you check in about any cart restrictions that day. They are also planning to be out and around the course more frequently this season to make sure carts are operating properly. We ask all members to do the right thing and set good examples for any public players (who will also be told of any restrictions) as well.

The club has also heard complaints from Big Creek residents of golf carts being driven in their back yards even though that is clearly marked as out of bounds. Please remember that if you hit your ball out of bounds, especially in someone's yard, that is private property. ***Do not under any circumstance drive a golf cart into ANY area marked as out of bounds. And certainly do not hit your golf ball from out of bounds. If you are able, please just retrieve your ball on foot and leave no trace.***

Thank you for your attention to this important matter so that we can continue to help Brent and his staff keep the course in the best shape for everyone's enjoyment.

LANG ZIMMERMAN
Chairman



COURSE NEWS



SPRING UPDATE

Spring is here, and hopefully, the temps will follow. Coming out of dormancy is always surprising. I never know if we'll have winter damage or if everything will emerge full and green. Well, around the region this year, it looks like winter damage and winterkill is going to be significant. According to peers and my vendors, many courses across the region are having to sod and sprig large areas of their golf courses from northern Arkansas, to southern Missouri, and into Oklahoma.

We're no different, except our minor damage is limited to Bermuda surrounds and rough. I have heard of golf courses with Zoysia suffering severe winter damage as well, but fortunately, our Zoysia tees and fairways seem mostly fine and thriving. Our biggest area of concern continues to be our green collars. For years, we've tried to find the magic turf that will take the amount of traffic those areas have and provide the best playability possible. I think each of my 22 years here, we've had to sod areas around our greens in the Spring. This year will be no different. I ask that you be patient. Here is a list of some of the work we will be doing in the next month:

- Sodding any green surround that need it. Most areas will come out of the damage with hotter temps.
- Aeration of all areas on the golf course
- May 3 small tine aeration of the greens

I will say, we do have a plan for everything. Unfortunately, weather gets in the way!

On a positive note, our greens have really come on this April. We have plans in place to spray more chemicals and monitor more closely both visually (more staff) and with technology such as a moisture meter. This will allow us to be more effective with watering and better protected from the diseases we've dealt with for the past two years. Our staff is committed to doing it's best to provide our members with the best playing surfaces possible. We're looking forward to a great year!

BRENT EDENS
Superintendent

GOLF CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY 2023

BIG CREEK MATCH PLAY BEGINS - Tuesday, May 1

FITTING/DEMO DAY - Saturday, May 6

Confirmed manufacturers are TaylorMade, Callaway, Cleveland/Srixon, and Mizuno.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOURNAMENT - Friday, May 12

COUPLES 9 & DINE - Saturday, May 13

This event will be 9 holes followed by dinner.

OZARK CUP - Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21

CHARITY CLASSIC - Saturday, June 10 & Sunday, June 11

US OPEN @ BIG CREEK - Saturday, June 17

This event will be a single-player event where we set the course up to play as if you participated in the US open.

BIG CREEK MEMBER - GUEST - June 23-25



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TENNIS NEWS & EVENTS

Tennis Drill with Chris Cash (12-player limit) - Mondays 6:45 pm

Pickleball League - Tuesday 9:00 am

Tennis League - Tuesday 6:30 pm

Tennis Drill with Chris Cash (12-player limit) - Wednesday 8:30 am

Tennis League - Wednesday 9:30 am

Tennis League - Thursdays 9:00 am

Pickleball Drill with the pros (\$5 for members and \$15 for guests) - Thursdays 5:30 pm

Pickleball League - Thursdays 6:30 pm

Tennis League - Fridays 9:30 am

Pickleball League - Saturdays 9:00 am

Tennis League - Saturdays 10:00 am

Tennis League - Sunday 2:30 pm

TENNIS SOCIAL

MAY 20 - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Come mix and mingle with laid-back tournament play. We take 16 players of all skill levels and break them up into eight doubles teams that are evenly matched. You spend the first 45 minutes playing with everyone. Then, you are paired up with a partner for the remainder of the evening in a showdown to the finish. Drinks included. \$25 per player and can be charged to your account.

BIG CREEK JUNIOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 12 - 13

If you have any questions, or want to sign up for any class or social go to:

linktr.ee/bigcreektennis

or reach out to Chris Cash:

(870) 692 2662

ChrisCashTennis@gmail.com



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO BIG CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Adam and Lainy Bailey

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby and Renee Brown

RESTAURANT CLOSINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

The dining room will be closed for dinner service.

The grill will be available for lunch only.

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

The dining room will be closed for dinner service.

The grill will still be available.

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

The dining room will be closed for lunch service.

The grill will still be available.

SEAGLASS
WINE COMPANY

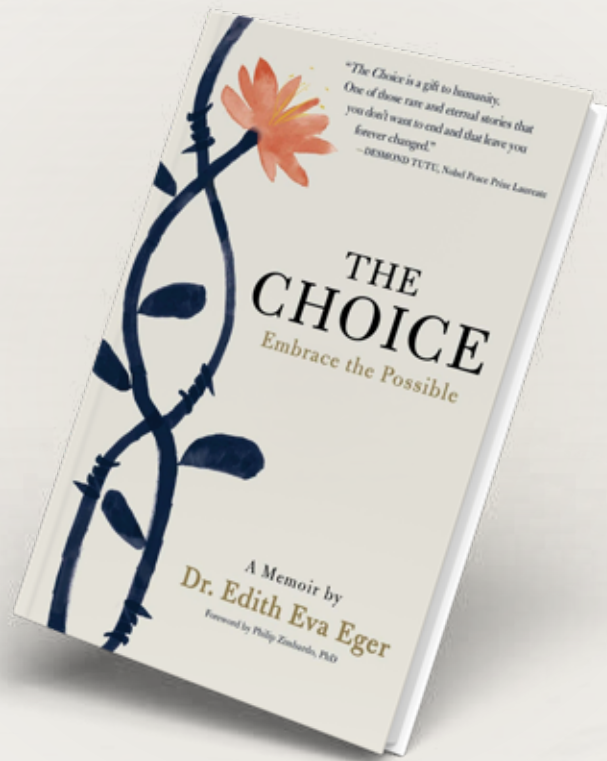
WINE OF THE MONTH

SEAGLASS RIESLING

Riesling showcases ripe apricot, sweet peach, and tropical fruit, framed by floral undertones. White flowers on the palate are supported by flavors of juicy apricot, peach, and melon, with hints of honeysuckle. Balanced acidity leads to a lingering finish in an off-dry style.

\$6 GLASS / \$24 BOTTLE





BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE CHOICE: EMBRACE THE POSSIBLE

WRITTEN BY: EDITH EGER

It's 1944 and sixteen-year-old ballerina and gymnast Edith Eger is sent to Auschwitz. Separated from her parents on arrival, she endures unimaginable experiences, including being made to dance for the infamous Josef Mengele. When the camp is finally liberated, she is pulled from a pile of bodies, barely alive.

The horrors of the Holocaust didn't break Edith. In fact, they helped her learn to live again with a life-affirming strength and a truly remarkable resilience. The Choice is her unforgettable story.

The book club will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 31.
Come join us! New members are always welcome.

~ DINNER SPECIALS ~

TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

TACO NIGHT - \$12.00

Three soft tacos stuffed with shredded beef with guacamole, Pico de Gallo, cheese, and shredded lettuce. Served with rice and beans.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

BBQ NIGHT - \$15.00

House-smoked meats, changing weekly, baked beans, cole slaw, and fries.

THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

BURGERS & BREW - \$15.00

Chef will create a specialty burger each week and it will be served with a side of your choice and a domestic beer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

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.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

PRIME RIB - \$28.00

Our slow-cooked roast Prime rib of beef with two sides.

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