

# BIG CREEK


GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653

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Happy  
Easter





# ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

## MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>

Grab your Family, friends, and lawn chairs and come spend the afternoon watching The Great American Total Solar Eclipse at Big Creek. We have wide open areas starting at the back lawn and all through the driving range. The range will be closed from 10:30 AM until 3:00 PM for viewing. THE COURSE IS OPEN FOR PLAY! Chef John will have the smoker going and the bar will be open! The buffet will be served from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We have a limited supply of glasses included with your buffet purchase. If you have your solar eclipse glasses, please bring them due to our limited supply.

Totality starts in Mountain Home at 1:53 PM that day and will last three minutes and ten seconds. There is an extended time on both sides of that three minutes as the day begins to darken and then lighten. Detail information is here:

**NATIONALECLIPSE.COM**



**PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO VIEW THE  
ECLIPSE WITHOUT PROPER EYEWEAR.**

### MENU:

Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Potato Chips

**ADULTS \$20 - KIDS (5-12) \$10 - 4 & UNDER FREE**

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS IF YOU PLAN ON HAVING THE BUFFET.

**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS - 870.425.0333**



# KARAOKE

FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

Chris Dyson is back with karaoke. Grab your family and friends and come sing your favorite songs! And enjoy our seafood special and dinner menu.

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS - 870.425.0333

Reservations are not required, but recommended.

## Easter Brunch

SUNDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> - 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

ADULTS \$32 - KIDS (5-12) \$15 - 4 & UNDER FREE

Remember kids, don't forget your Easter baskets!

### MENU:

- Roast Prime Rib with Beef Au Jus
- Grilled Salmon with Rice Pilaf
- Honey Glazed Ham
- Roasted Chicken & Gravy
- Bacon & Sausage
- Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
- 3 Cheese Egg Scramble
- Buttered Corn
- Home-Fried Potatoes
- Whipped Potatoes
- Country Green Beans
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Cucumber & Onion Salad
- Mixed Green Garden Salad
- Fruit Salad
- Assorted Desserts

### FOR THE KIDS:

- Chicken Fingers
- Mac & Cheese
- Popcorn Shrimp
- Smiley Face Fries

Reservations are REQUIRED due to limited seating.

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# TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE SCHEDULE

DATES IN BOLD DESIGNATE MAJORS  
AND ARE WORTH 1.5X POINTS.

All games are 2-person team unless otherwise specified.

**COST - \$20 PER TEAM PER NIGHT**  
SKINS GAME INCLUDED in team entry.

- Participants must call the shop prior to 2pm on the day of play to participate.
- This will give us time to put players in the system and create scorecards and scoreboard.
- GHIN Handicaps are REQUIRED to participate in the league!
- Events will ALL be handicapped and there will be a Net and Gross division.
- I am working with top club manufacturers to give out Drivers in both flights for the flight champions.

Participation will determine how much we will be giving out for the year. All funds acquired from weekly play will be paid back in product for top 3 teams in each division. No teams can win in both divisions. With 18 teams participating each week for the entirety of the season.

Example:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Driver      2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Fairway Wood      3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Golf Bag      4<sup>th</sup> Place - Wedge

- April 16 - Shamble (with side game)
- April 23 - Best Ball
- April 30 - Scramble
- May 7 - Modified Alternate shot (chapman)
- **May 14 - 3 Club + Putter Challenge**
- May 21 - Shamble
- May 28 - Pick your team (4man teams) 2 Best ball of 4-some.
- June 4 - Alternate shot (Odds-evens Tee rule)
- June 11 - \*\*\*Open Date\*\*\* (Players Choice)
- **June 18 - Scramble**
- June 25 - Best Ball
- July 2 - Alternate Shot (odds-evens Tee Rule)
- July 9 - Stableford
- **July 16 - Modified Alternate Shot**
- July 23 - Pick your team (4man teams) 3 best balls of 4-some.
- July 30 - 3 Club + Putter Challenge
- August 6 - Shamble
- **August 13 - Aggregate (Both Scores count)**
- August 20 - Best Ball
- August 27 - Scramble
- September 3 - \*\*\*Open Date\*\*\* (Players Choice)
- **September 10 - Modified Alternate Shot**
- **\*\*\*\*\* FINALE\*\*\*\*\* AWARDS AFTER**

# Welcoming Women Golfers! Big Creek Women's Golf Weekly Scramble – Thursdays 5:30 p.m



## Interested in a Women's 9-Hole Scramble League?

You are cordially invited to a

**Meet & Greet informational meeting**

**When:** Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Board Room at Big Creek

- Enjoy Hors D'oeuvres and a glass of wine
- Come meet new friends or cherish old friendships
- The 2024 Scramble league begins Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
[All skill levels welcome, after all, it's a scramble!]\*
- Please **RSVP** to [nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com)
- Details provided at the meeting, or contact Nancy Carpenter at [nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com)

\*Scramble – a golf format where everyone drives then the best shot from that point on is taken. A fun team event!

# Welcoming Women Golfers! Big Creek Women's Golf Association



**Join us on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
in the Board Room at Big Creek for our  
Women's Golf Association Meet & Greet**

- Enjoy Hors D'oeuvres and a glass of wine
- Come meet new friends or cherish old friendships
- Learn about the Big Creek Women's League and the schedule of events
- The 2024 league begins April 16 and April 18
  - Tuesday mornings 8:30 a.m. 18-hole events
  - Thursday evening 5:30 p.m. 9-hole scramble
  - All skill levels welcome
- Please **RSVP** to [nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com)
- Details provided at the meeting, or contact Nancy Carpenter at [nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:nancycarpenterdvm@yahoo.com)
- You do not need to be a member of the Women's Golf League to play Thursday evening Scramble



# GOLF NEWS

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Complete results for tournaments are available under the blue "Leaderboard" tab at:  
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## 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](mailto:James.Stanofski@Bigcreekgolf.com)

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### GOLF SHOP HOURS:

8:00am - 5:00pm

### GOLF COURSE HOURS:

8:00am - 5:00pm (Weather Permitting)

### DRIVING RANGE HOURS:

8:00am - 5:00pm (Weather Permitting)

### 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



### ATTENTION:

*Denim is no longer  
allowed on the course.*



### FROST DELAYS & COURSE CONDITIONS:

Please call the golf shop on days that you have tee times to get updated information about Frost Delays and course Conditions.

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## SCORE CARD COLLECTING

Golf shop will start keeping score cards to collect and adjust golf course handicaps (this is done to change the hole by hole handicap). Anyone who is playing with a group that can verify their score for holes please turn in to the golf shop. There will be a box on the golf shop counter for this. We will need a combination of tees from Men (from Blue to Gold) and Ladies (Red) so anyone can help with this. Please be sure to have names on the scorecard and date. We will need to have 500+ scores to calculate new hole by hole handicap. (these are the handicaps you see on the course that makes hole 7 the hardest hole currently)

# GOLF NEWS (CONT'D)

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## NEW PRACTICE / NURSERY GREEN COMPLETED!

Big Creek Superintendent Brent Edens and his crew were putting some finishing touches on our new practice / nursery green located at the end of the driving range near the #1 green this week. The new green is just slightly smaller than the existing putting green by the clubhouse.

The green has been seeded with Pure Distinction bent grass seed, one of the blend of new seeds we have been inter-seeding into the on-course greens, originally 100% L-93 bent grass. The staff rolled out Tahoma 31 bermuda grass sod yesterday to match the green surrounds we have on the course.

The completion of this three-year building process will help the club by giving us an additional facility for members to practice away from players about to start on #1 as well as a better place from which to borrow repair plugs of grass if any on-course greens are damaged. Currently we use the chipping green by #10 tee boxes for plugs as needed.

Brent estimates that the new practice / nursery green will be open to members for chipping and putting practice by sometime in June. Access will be behind #1 green where staff have established a pea-gravel path. Members will be asked to use caution when going to and from this new practice area when on the #1 cart path.



# COURSE UPDATES

With March here, the golf season is upon us! We had a good 2023 season on the golf course with few problems, and we look to be even better in 2024. Our top priority is, and always will be, the condition of our greens. We will continue with the plans we've put into place over the past few years to improve conditions on the greens and green complexes. We hope the fabric we covered our Tahoma Bermuda collars with will pay off with less sod work coming out of winter. Unfortunately, this is an experiment, so we will have to wait and see.

Aeration dates are March 11-13. This aeration will be pretty aggressive, as we want to create as many holes as possible. We will then be trying out a new sand for topdressing and filling the holes which should be a better growing medium than our current straight sand mix. It's also nematode free, which we've started having more problems with over the last 4 years. Nematodes are tiny worms that feed on plant roots. They have been especially troublesome on our greens in recent years. We've put tremendous amounts of resources into our greens, and my hope is we start to see that investment pay off. As always, weather dictates most things we do, so hopefully, we finally get some cooperation from Mother Nature as well!

I've had a few people asking about the nursery green at the back of the driving range. We tried in 2022, late in the season, to build a makeshift nursery green, but we had to take a few shortcuts, and I didn't like the results. Now we are truly designing the green as a brand new green would be built. We hope to have it seeded and playable by May or June.

We are also continuing to work on the new white tee at #12. Our goal is to get it as level as possible and expand it more away from the cart path. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact me at

Brent Edens, Superintendent  
[Brent.Edens@Bigcreekgolf.com](mailto:Brent.Edens@Bigcreekgolf.com)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU OUT HERE!**

# GOLF CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH 2024

Complete tournament information is available at:  
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- APRIL 1-2 - Williams Baptist Collegiate Tournament
- APRIL 13 - Bomber Booster Tournament
- APRIL 16 - Men's League (PM) and Ladies League (AM) Beguin
- APRIL 20 - Spring Fling – Member tournament  
*Sign up in the pro shop.*
- MAY 1 - Big Creek Match Play Championships start  
*(All Divisions)*
- MAY 4 - Demo Day
- MAY 10 - Chamber of Commerce
- MAY 11 - Couples 9 & Dine
- MAY 18-19 - Ozark Cup
- JUNE 1-2 - Mo-Ark Cup
- JUNE 8-9 - Charity Classic
- JUNE 15 - US Open @ Big Creek  
*(Men's, Seniors, and Ladies Divisions)*
- JUNE 17 - North Arkansas Realtor Event
- JUNE 21-23 - Big Creek Member Guest
- JULY 4 - Firecracker par 3
- JULY 10-11 - Chuck Morton
- JULY 13 - Honors Classic (10-14)
- JULY 15 - FCA
- JULY 20-21 - Women's and Senior Stroke Play Championships
- JULY 27 - Couples 9 & Dine
- AUGUST 5-6 - Mountain Home High School Classic
- AUGUST 10-11 - Member – Member
- AUGUST 24 - Arvest
- AUGUST 25 - Parent Child Event
- SEPTEMBER 1 - Flag Tournament
- SEPTEMBER 7-8 - Men's & Juniors Stroke Play Championship
- SEPTEMBER 9 - 100 Hole Marathon
- SEPTEMBER 10 - Tuesday Night Men's League Finale
- SEPTEMBER 14-15 - Asga Designated Event
- SEPTEMBER 28-29 - Interclub (Steak & Hot Dogs)
- OCTOBER 12-13 - Fall Classic (6 Person Scramble)
- OCTOBER 26-27 - Big Creek Four Ball Championship

## REPAIR & REGRIP

The Golf Shop now does club repair and regripping!  
Check with pro-shop to see options to regrip your clubs.

## NEW MERCHANDISE

New product will really start to ramp up in March!  
Please come by the shop to see the latest in  
equipment and apparel.

**870.425.8815**  
BIG CREEK GOLF PRO SHOP







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# TENNIS

TWIN LAKES OPEN

## GAME ON!

JOIN THE EXCITEMENT AT THE  
FIRST-EVER TWIN LAKES OPEN AT  
BIG CREEK. DON'T MISS IT!

Enjoy Mountain Home's  
finest doubles tournament  
that includes good food,  
music, and an excellent  
tennis experience.

Players get three matches,  
a Friday Night Social with  
hors d'oeuvres and live  
music, lunch and dinner on  
Saturday, as well as players  
gifts and awards.

**BEGINNER JUNIORS    MEN'S DOUBLES**  
**WOMEN'S DOUBLES    MIXED DOUBLES**

**MARCH 8TH & 9TH**

- ENTRY: \$90 per player.
- Players must rank 3.5 or lower in NTRP to participate.
- 8 player/4 team max per division.

**LIMITED SPOTS.  
REGISTER TODAY!**

**FRIDAY  
NIGHT  
LIVE MUSIC  
by  
Christopher  
Key Cash**



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**REGISTRATION LINK:** [HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/240455329763158](https://form.jotform.com/240455329763158)

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# TENNIS NEWS & EVENTS

## DINGLES!

March 31st DINGLES! Dingles = Doubles + Singles. Think you can play 1 vs 2 and take down the opponents? Join us for the first ever DINGLES social and play 1 vs 2! Sign up here:

<https://playtennis.usta.com/bigcreekcountryclub/Coaching/Session/d742eab5-5f3e-42cb-a54d-51c9469d226d>

## JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Junior Team Tennis starts in April! Compete against other clubs in the area. Beginners welcome! It's a great introduction to the sport and is played on Sunday afternoons. Kids get a free USTA membership to play. Ages 6-18 can play and will be separated by age group.

## FREE DRILLS

All tennis members have access to **FREE** drills with Coach Will Reed and Coach Chris Cash. Classes are:

- **Sunday** - 4:00pm - At Big Creek OR Indoor at Twin Lakes Tennis Club if weather doesn't permit.
- **Wednesday** - 8:30am - At Big Creek OR Indoor at Twin Lakes Tennis Club if weather doesn't permit.

Coach Matt Beavers, Will Reed, and Chris Cash are available to teach private lessons 7 days a week. Just contact Chris at [870.692.2662](tel:870.692.2662) to get a time lined up.

For questions, lessons, or to sign up for any class or social go to: [linktr.ee/bigcreektennis](https://linktr.ee/bigcreektennis)

or reach out to Chris Cash:  
[870.692.2662](tel:870.692.2662) -or- [ChrisCashTennis@gmail.com](mailto:ChrisCashTennis@gmail.com)



# TENNIS NEWS & EVENTS CONT'D

- **Fri 3/8 - 3/10** - Big Creek Adult Open Tournament
- **Fri 3/29** - Social - Dingles
- **April 1 - June 30** - Junior Team Tennis starts! For all ages and skill level.
- **Fri 4/26** - Social - Fast 4 Singles
- **Fri 5/24** - Social - French Open
- **Fri 6/7** - Social - Wildcard Doubles
- **Mon 6/24 - Sun 6/30** - Big Creek Adult CLOSED Tournament (Members only)
- **Fri 7/12** - Social - Wimbledon
- **Mon 7/15 - Fri 7/19** - Golf, Tennis and Pickleball Camp
- **Fri 8/9** - Social - RUSH the Net (Frat party)
- **Fri 8/23** - Sun 8/25 - BC Junior Open Tennis Tournament
- **Fri 9/23** - Social - 80's Night
- **Fri 10/18** - Social - Oktober Fest
- **Fri 11/1** - Social - Turkey Triples



# CLUBHOUSE NEWS

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO BIG CREEK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Alex Stidman

Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Tina Britt

# RESTAURANT CLOSINGS

NO CLOSING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



## WINE OF THE MONTH

### DECOY CHARDONNAY CALIFORNIA 2022

Enticing aromatics of sweet citrus, Fuji apple, and peach mingle with lovely notes of custard and vanilla in this energetic and alluring Chardonnay. On the palate, bright acidity leads to beautiful layers of citrus, baking spices, and hints of vanilla, carrying the wine to a lengthy finish.

\$10 GLASS / \$40 BOTTLE



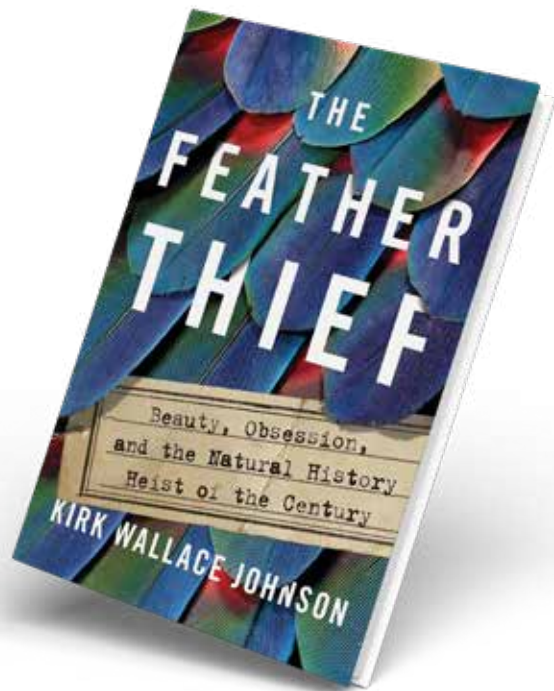
## COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

### BANANA BREAD SPICE

An after-dinner delight crafted with Disaronno Amaretto, Frangelico, Kahlua, Bailey's Irish Cream, and Banana Liqueur topped with a sprinkle of cinnamon.

\$9 GLASS





# BOOK OF THE MONTH

## THE FEATHER THIEF

WRITTEN BY: KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON

On a cool June evening in 2009, after performing a concert at London's Royal Academy of Music, twenty-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist boarded a train for a suburban outpost of the British Museum of Natural History.

Home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world, the Tring museum was full of rare bird specimens whose gorgeous feathers were worth staggering amounts of money to the men who shared Edwin's obsession: the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying. Once inside the museum, the champion fly-tier grabbed hundreds of bird skins--some collected 150 years earlier by a contemporary of Darwin's, Alfred Russel Wallace, who'd risked everything to gather them--and escaped into the darkness.

Two years later, Kirk Wallace Johnson was waist-high in a river in northern New Mexico when his fly-fishing guide told him about the heist. He was soon consumed by the strange case of the feather thief. What would possess a person to steal dead birds? Had Edwin paid the price for his crime? What became of the missing skins? In his search for answers, Johnson was catapulted into a years-long, worldwide investigation.

The book club will meet at noon on Wednesday, March 27.

New members are always welcome.

# ~ DINNER SPECIALS ~

## TUESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

### BBQ NIGHT - \$20.00

We will have different meat each Tuesday night served with coleslaw, beans, and fries.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

### FRIED CHICKEN NIGHT - \$19.00

Half a southern fried chicken served with mashed potatoes and gravy, biscuit, and vegetable du jour.

## 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 works with fishmongers to source the freshest seafood possible, and is dependant 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.

## FOOD RESERVATIONS

Reservations are always requested to ensure we can give great service and to help make sure we are properly prepared.

Call us at 870.425.0333 to make a reservation.

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