

# COBBLE CREEK CLUBHOUSE NEWSLETTER

**March 2021**

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### February Highlights

Quiet months are good for the business and the staff to play catch up. January was very quiet and very productive.

### March Club Events

We are easing our way into events and are still encouraging safe social practices. We will be having Wine & Cheese in a To-Go setting only. See flyer below

### Staff Articles

Staff articles give Clubhouse Members a good idea of the happenings in each department.



## *Driving Range Opens & Cobble Creek comes back to life!*

Winters here at Cobble Creek are always quiet but it feels like we have been in winter for longer than usual.

The driving range opening and Clubhouse events starting back up with more plans on the horizon, it does feel like Cobble Creek is coming back to life!

# From The Board of Directors

It is hard to believe that March has arrived along with its unpredictable weather and sure signs of Spring. Your board has been hard at work recruiting personnel, putting systems in place to protect the Club's assets, developing member benefits, completing capital improvements and planning business strategies to increase the profitability of the Club.

The Club staff have been doing an awesome job keeping the business running smoothly without a General Manager. However, recruitment for the General Manager's position is a top priority. A combination of community networking and on-line postings have generated a number of viable resumes. These are being reviewed and once appropriate candidates are identified, we will move on to the interviewing and hiring process. If you have candidates that should be considered, please send them to the board at [theclub@cobblecreek.com](mailto:theclub@cobblecreek.com)

We have several excellent candidates for the open board position. We will be interviewing these individuals the first week of March. We will miss John Szyfer on the board and wish him well.

We are also in the process of interviewing some great candidates for the accounting position to replace Jean Leeper as she retires. Meanwhile, Kim Lesure is providing support two days a week. Work continues to bring the foreUp software to its full potential.

The 2020 financials are now complete and will be posted on the Club's web site in the near future. This will allow us to move forward with budget planning and the development of a strategic business plan. We will be reactivating the focus groups in an effort to utilize their experience and expertise to contribute to the business plan development with the goal of making your Club successful.

The employee handbook has been completed and will be reviewed by our attorneys along with updated waiver forms and agreement formats for our fitness center instructors and therapists. These documents will help protect the club from liability issues and help employees to better understand employment benefits and expectations. Meanwhile, we continue to seek affordable liability insurance for the directors and officers.



With Montrose County moving into the Covid-19 Yellow, reopening Club activities is now a priority. We are restricted to a capacity of 32 individuals in the Club House Events center 16 in the tavern and ten in the fitness center at one time. Mask wearing and social distancing remain a requirement in any of the club facilities. With the outdoor heaters, the tavern is now able to provide a safe friendly place for folks to socialize. The hours and days for the tavern to be open will continue to expand as staffing and weather permit. Meanwhile, come enjoy socializing with friends both inside and out on the patio.

As you can see, the weather has put a damper on the completion of the cart paths and the corner project. This in turn is holding up the opening date for the course. Paul and Gerard will announce the opening as soon as feasible. Take advantage of any good weather we get and hit the driving range.

We are so much looking forward to getting together with you all and enjoying the many events and amenities our Club has to offer. Don't forget to tune in to the Zoom meeting March 4th at 6pm. A link will be forthcoming. Please check the club website for board meeting minutes and feel free to email the club with your ideas, suggestions and concerns. The board serves at your pleasure.

## • THE CLUB AT COBBLE CREEK • MEMBERS ONLY WEBSITE ACCESS

- 1) Go to [www.cobblecreek.com](http://www.cobblecreek.com)**
- 2) Click "The Club at Cobble Creek" Tab**
- 3) Click Member Login**
- 4) Enter Password: Club@CC (case sensitive)**
- 5) Click on the documents you wish to review**

# From The Staff

## From The Clubhouse

I hope everyone has enjoyed the few days of nice weather we have had and just like mother nature, we have some exciting things planned for March. With the high chance of colder weather throughout the month, we are still planning some safe indoor events. We are planning a St. Patrick's Day party assuming that the health regulations are going to continue to lighten as people get their vaccines, and we will be able to accommodate people upstairs with safe spacing and food and beverage service still at the top of our radar. We are also looking forward to a few new events that we think will be of great benefit to our members; In Motion Therapy is hosting a golf injury prevention clinic and the sign up will be out soon, with the number of people allowed upstairs being limited it is important to sign up as soon as we open it up. We are also going to be offering Mah Jongg lessons after the play days so that if you are new to the game or the community you can learn and jump into playing with the other ladies once you feel comfortable. If you are interested in signing up for lessons, please call Sandy Harris at 970-249-5466 and leave a message. March will also be the first month we offer "Libations and Canapes" which is a new event that will be put in rotation with Wine & Cheese and it will offer wine, beer, and cheese samplings so there is something for everyone. As always, I encourage members to attend these events, or come by and grab some to go, as this is a great member amenity that we want everyone to take advantage of.

I am so excited to bring back our fitness instructors and offer classes to the community again. As well as offering Yoga on Tuesday and Tai Chi on Thursday, these classes are being filmed and posted to our YouTube site (Cobble Creek Clubhouse) for those that are not able to attend.

I cannot believe it is already the start of March, but I want to give a huge thank you to my fellow staff members for the tremendous off-season efforts of planning and preparing for 2021 events and happenings. We are bound and determined to make this a fun and safe year for all our wonderful members. I am always just a phone call away if you have a question, comment, or concern. Happy almost spring Cobble Creek!

*-Madison Freismuth, Clubhouse Manager-*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FOR THE**

**SCRAMBLE**  
**for the**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

**July 2, 2021**

**at**

**The Links at Cobble Creek**

**4-PERSON SCRAMBLE | SHOTGUN START AT 1:00pm**

**Click this flyer for more information!!**



# February Club Events

## Monthly Events Happening in March

**Pickleball-** Tuesday, Thursday, & Sunday @ 1pm  
(Weather Dependent)

**Book Club-** Wednesday March 17th via Zoom

**Men's Coffee-** Tuesday & Thursday @ 9am

**Women's Coffee-** Wednesday @ 9am

## Other Clubhouse Member Events in March

Golf Injury Prevention Clinic- March 8th at Noon  
SIGNUP BEGINS 3/2 FROM EMAIL!

Libations & Canapes- March 11th 5-7pm  
\*Taking the place of Wine & Cheese this month\*

St. Patrick's Day Party- Date & Time TBD

PLEASE WEAR A MASK  
WHEN ENTERING THE  
CLUBHOUSE!



# From The Staff

## From The Course

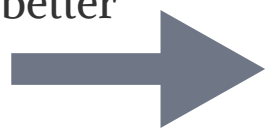
Attention all golfers:

I have just received a notice from the National Weather Service. The NWS has reported that this frigid and snowy winter WILL actually come to an end! Haha. However, I will say this, the snow cover sure is beneficial to the golf course turf. And, as we all know, the snow is what fills the reservoirs, giving us irrigation water all summer long.

I know, I know, there are some of you that were very disappointed that you couldn't be playing golf all winter long. But, is there anything more romantic than being cooped up all winter long inside your cozy warm house with your loved ones or a good book?? Actually, I'm not sure that my wife would agree with that.

Well, good news, the snow is just about gone. We have to do a little prep work on the course (cleaning up after the geese) prior to opening, but, you will be out there playing golf soon. Don't forget to stock up on Advil prior to playing those first few rounds.

Now that it's starting to warm up, we can finally resume our cart path improvement project. I'm not going to lie, it's been rather painful. Thanks Mother Nature! We commenced work on the first of December. By the middle of December, we had already received enough snow to make it difficult to proceed without concerns of the integrity of the concrete. A little bit of snow, with no frost in the ground, would have been something that we could have lived with. However, shortly thereafter, we were then hit with a spell of very cold temperatures that pushed the frost level deep into the ground. We attempted to continue with the project, but the additional costs of having to use ground thawing equipment made it become too cost prohibitive, as well as compromising the quality of the product. The contractor that was doing the concrete work, as well as warranting the product, did not feel comfortable proceeding under these conditions. At this point, we could only but read "The handwriting on the wall". Not to go off topic, but, ever wonder where that idiom came from? Well, let me enlighten you. During a sixth century b.c. feast, a disembodied hand just mysteriously appeared and began writing something on the wall. Nobody could read it except for Daniel 5:5-31. Now, as the cart path "Handwriting on the wall" is concerned, even Ray Charles could read it. Conclusion, wait for better conditions.



## From The Course

At this moment, we are currently scheduled to commence work again on the cart paths on March 8th. However, our contractor has other obligations as well, and the work schedule is subject to change. I ask everybody to please be patient as we continue these very necessary improvements to our golf course. The pro shop staff will be kept abreast of all scheduled work and will be able to answer your questions and concerns.

As I gaze into my crystal ball, with there still being some snow on the ground, I foresee our first day of golf happening on Friday, March 5th. Just keep in mind that the batteries are running a little low on my crystal ball and it might be off, one direction or the other, by a day or two. Call the pro shop for updated info on opening date next week.

There will be times when we will only have 9 holes available to play due to the construction of the paths. I have had people ask me if they could just skip the hole that is under construction. A valid question. However, logistically it is impossible to get to the next hole without building a "Dukes of Hazard" ramp to attempt to clear the ditches and creeks that are obstructing the advancement to the next hole. But, if anybody wants to attempt it, I'll build it and video it for our Facebook page, I'm sure that it would go viral! I'll make you famous. Haha. When completed, these new paths will be glorious!

Hope you all have an incredibly awesome year.

-Paul Heide, Golf Course Superintendent-





# From The Staff

## From The Pro Shop

It is officially the first month of tournament season. We will have our first Men's and Ladies event, the Icebreaker, on Saturday, March 20th. The Icebreaker social will be Friday, March 19th, details TBD. In order to participate you must join the Men's or Ladies Association. (Application deadline is March 15th)

As soon as we are done with the cart paths and bridges, we will lift the winter rules and the course will be open every day of the week with carts allowed. Know that we are doing everything we can to get the course open ASAP. Once we have the concrete poured and cart paths curing, I will send email out on exactly when we will open.

The Pro Shop is now running the foreUp software and we are excited about the new tracking and marketing capabilities. The new program will allow us to accurately track play for members and public and help us optimize the tee sheet to gain revenue for the club. One of the features will allow us to instantly send out daily specials on unused times. Research has shown that with this feature we will be able to sell 88% of those times. I am confident this will be a great tool to help us optimize the course and make for a better experience for both membership and public.

Tips on getting your game and clubs ready for this season.

- Get the golf muscles working and get out on the driving range before you play. Start slow, get the body moving and turning, focus on rhythm and timing.
- Attend InMotion Physical Therapy injury prevention program March 8th at Noon upstairs banquet room.
- Check your clubs for damage or grip wear. We can order replacements or upgrades. We have all the latest grips in a variety of sizes. Regripping cost: \$14.00 per club.  
(price includes grip and labor)
- Start the season of with a refresher lesson. Fine tune your fundamentals and start off with some good habits. Lesson prices: 1 session \$70.00. 4 Sessions \$240.00

*-Gerard Lanser, Golf Professional-*

# Happy Birthday

Wishing you all a year  
of happiness & health!

**Tippy Graham 3/1**  
**Randy Havens 3/1**  
**Jessica Lanser 3/1**  
**Vella Baker 3/1**  
**Gerard Lanser Jr. 3/3**  
**Bonnie Grigg 3/4**  
**Gerard Lanser 3/6**  
**Alan Whittaker 3/7**  
**Sylvia Bernardi 3/7**  
**Belynda Prehn 3/8**  
**Lynn Northrup 3/10**  
**Mary Nell Story 3/10**  
**Velma Brice 3/10**  
**John Kazakoff 3/10**  
**Ava Silverberg 3/10**

**Nichole Taylor 3/11**  
**Sally Lowers 3/12**  
**Nancy McNerney 3/14**  
**Verda Johnson 3/15**  
**Addison Forry 3/15**  
**Patricia Tye 3/17**  
**Jan Graves 3/18**  
**Michael Weber 3/19**  
**Susan Mains 3/19**  
**Brian White 3/20**  
**Debra Cope 3/20**  
**Andrew Gross 3/20**  
**Tom Kearney 3/21**  
**Thomas Miller 3/21**  
**Sallie Dembeck 3/23**  
**Cindy Sharp 3/23**  
**Gaynelle Mize 3/25**  
**Patricia Cornish 3/25**  
**Wayne Morris 3/26**  
**Savanna Finnegan 3/26**  
**Steve Cribley 3/28**  
**John Hafen 3/28**  
**Kay Collin 3/30**  
**Alicia George 3/30**  
**Linda French 3/30**  
**Catherine Hoffman 3/30**  
**Asher Gregg 3/31**