



Cranberry Township Board of Supervisors

June 25, 2019

Clubhouse Chronicles

- Despite the constant rain and Cart Path Only conditions, the course is on pace to meet budgeted revenue and be our 3rd best June in the history of the course. The week of 6/10 set a revenue record for one week with \$109,756 in revenue generated by 1,157 rounds. This is astonishing since one of the days was a rain out.
- We also established a new 2 day revenue record of \$43,556. This broke the record that was just established in May 2019.
- With the record revenue in May and a strong June, YTD revenue thru June will be our second best in the history of the course. Total revenue will surpass \$885,000. Very strong results considering the course has been operating on Cart Path Only conditions 65% of our golfing days.
- The course hosted the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association Father & Son Tournament. The tournament had 68 competitors with Brent and Tanner Johnson winning the alternate shot format at 5 under par. The course and staff were well received by the competitors and the WPGA.
- Club Car spent 3 days at the course reviewing the operation of the new cart fleet. Adjustments were made to the operating system and course GPS map to improve the customer experience.

Fairway Facts

- The end of May and June have been epic in rain days putting such a heavy work load additionally to all that needs to be done daily preparing the golf course.

Rains have fallen in heavy amounts and it has not stopped to date. The last week of May we collected 4 inches of rain fall and continuing throughout June we to date have collected 6.5 inches of rain. As you all can see this is an abnormal amount of rain putting such a strain on the golf course. Bunker maintenance is through the roof as the staff has had to pump almost daily and additionally place the sand back to the areas that it washed from, making them fair to play for the golfers. Most of the bunkers to date do not drain on their own as they have reached their life expectancy. As we move forward into the season it is of great importance to monitor the root systems on all playing surfaces making sure they are not failing. We have started a more aggressive solid tinning type of aeration to create air space to allow soils to dry much more rapidly and letting the turfgrass to breathe. This program does in no way affect the playability of the course. We are moving into the heart of summer which means the day and night temperatures will be at their peak putting a lot of disease pressure on the course. So, with the combination mentioned above this is not at all a good mix. All things considered the course is in great shape and the staff continues to do their best. We will continue to keep you all abreast as we move forward throughout the season.

- Mowing of the course at the time is being done very carefully not to do damage.
- Tees have been solid tined the week of 6-17.
- Approaches have been solid tined the week of 6-17.
- Greens are on schedule to be solid tined with 5mm tines in July that have no disruption to the playing surfaces.
- Fairways are on schedule to be solid tined in July.
- Bunker weed stringing will be done in July to sharpen the bunker edges.
- Bunker pumping and repairs seem to be done on a daily basis.
- Tee beds have been re-dressed up with mulch.
- Tee stones, all sprinklers and basins are trimmed bi-weekly.
- Clubhouse steel furniture was re-painted the week of 6-10.
- Range has to be picked by hand 2 times a week due to all the rain.
- Apiary project has started the week of 6-3 and continues to date. The benches for the hives have been built and installed, all the soil for the beds have been placed, plants have been planted, the electric fence has been installed and the beds have been mulched. We have to do a blanket mulching of 65 yards and install entrance gates then the bees will arrive the week of 7-8.
- Clubhouse shrubbery was trimmed the week of 6-10.
- Clubhouse lot shrubbery was trimmed to shape the week of 6-17.
- Greens were fertilized the week of 6-24.

Submitted by the Cranberry Highlands Management Team