



THE DUCK CALL

JANUARY 2022



The Newsletter for the membership of Drake Creek Golf Club

Annual Year End Review and New Year Expectations

I don't know about you, but I feel that 2021 passed very quickly. It seems like just yesterday I was writing about 2020 and all the COVID ramifications.

As for 2021, it's true that I felt like pacing blindfolded from atop the Ledbetter bridge last April when I learned that long-time superintendent Tim Gardner was leaving. But alas, sometimes we fall up! Our new Superintendent, Kenny Jackson, has been a Godsend. He and Assistant Superintendent, David Featherstone, have really tightened the ship in our maintenance department. We have VERY GOOD GREENS which was the number one golf course objective for 2021. Kenny has also provided a renewed sense of detail for the entire course which has been well received by all golfers. I can't wait to see where he takes our course next year.

In 2021, we also opened The PGA Learning Center at Drake Creek. It is truly the premier golf practice facility in western Kentucky. Everything about the facility has gone as planned. We could not be happier with how it's turned out.

And in 2021, from a behind the scenes prospective, we still have the area's best golf operations employees. Dawn Butler, Carla Belt, and Robbie Parsons are second to none. Most of you see how much they do and how hard they work. But there's so much more they do that you never see. I can tell you without a doubt that none of our competitors have a staff like the one we have at Drake Creek. I am so grateful.

I've invested over \$350K in Drake Creek in the past several months. Some of it you can see and some you cannot. But this investment represents my commitment to insure Drake Creek Golf Club continues to lead the local golf market for the year 2022 and beyond.

As the New Year begins, I'm proud to say we've laid the groundwork for a productive 2022. Thanks to Kenny Jackson and his staff, I'm excited about the direction of the golf course. I am committed to providing Kenny with the resources to maintain our golf course as one of the area's best. This includes increasing his labor budget to hand water greens during the summer and purchasing the necessary equipment to top dress and professionally manage the greens.

We increased your playing opportunities in 2021 by adding a Shamble and a 3-Man Scramble. Our Couples Golf is stronger than ever thanks in large part to Bryan and Sherri Henson. Our Junior Golf Program is one of the largest in Kentucky. And our Brew Crew offers the friendliest and most welcoming golfing opportunities in west Kentucky.

As a Drake Creek member you still have 5 other FREE golf memberships! You have playing privileges at Fulton Country Club in Fulton, KY, Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek Golf Course in Makanda, IL, Union County CC in Anna, IL, Red Hawk Golf Club in Tamaroa, IL, and Governor's Run in Carlyle, IL.

There's a lot to offer at Drake Creek and that's the way I want it. My hope for each of you is that you ENJOY Drake Creek. Thank you so much for your continued support. I wish you each a happy and blessed 2022. - M. Todd Butts, PGA

COLD GOLF WARM HEARTS Valentines Couples



Tourney

Saturday, February 12, 2022

Lunch and Registration 11:30

Shotgun Start 12:30

9-Hole Couples Scramble

Limited to first 27 Paid Teams

Entry Fee is \$60 per team and includes cart, lunch, and prizes.

Tournament will be flighted after *play*.

MEMBER COUPON

\$10.00 OFF PER MEMBER

COLD GOLF WARM HEARTS ENTRY FEE

This coupon is valid for current Drake Creek Members who participate in the Cold Golf Warm Hearts Tournament on February 12.

At least 1 team member must be a Drake Creek member to utilize this coupon.

RANGE CONTRACTS

Range contracts are now available. Pay an annual fee and you can hit unlimited range balls!! Only \$175 for single and \$225 for family.

January Golf Shop Hours & Advisory

Please be advised that our golf shop may close on days when the weather is bad. During bad weather days, please call before driving out to the course. 270-898-GOLF

January Golf Shop Hours

Tuesday – Friday	Saturday Sunday	Monday
10-5	9-5	(closed)
		unless good weather

2022 Membership Promotion

Sign up a new member this month and get a \$50 credit toward your dues! You can earn a \$50 credit for every new member you sign up! Call 270-898-4653 for details!

Drake Creek Members Get 5 FREE Memberships in 2022



Thank you Drake Creek Members

153 of 158 of you participated in the voluntary employee holiday gratuity fund. Thanks to you our key employees were rewarded for a year of dedication and hard work.

Y'all are GREAT!

BREW CREW TIMES

Jan 2	11:00
Jan 8-9	11:00
Jan 15-16	11:00
Jan 22-23	11:00
Jan 29-30	11:00

As a Drake Creek member you have full membership privileges to Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek in Mikanda, IL, Fulton Country Club in Fulton, KY, Red Hawk GC in Tamaroa, IL, Governor's Run in Carlyle, IL, and Union County CC in Anna, IL. Just call for a tee time and identify yourself as a Drake Creek member. ENJOY!

Golf Shop Will Operate From Patio Grill on Weekends

**We get every NFL Game.
We are serving food.
The bar is OPEN.**

The golf shop will be operating from the Patio Grill on Saturdays and Sundays this winter. Since we can now serve alcohol on Sundays, we think it might be fun for you to hang out with friends and watch your favorite sporting events at the Club.

MENU

- Burgers
- Chicken Sandwiches
- Grilled Hotdogs
- Fries
- Cheese Sticks
- Chicken Bites

and other daily specials

COLD BEER & FULL BAR

Would you like to recognize a loved one, your business, or your family with a permanent bench at Drake Creek?



We are seeking sponsors for a few permanent benches on the Drake Creek property. The benches can be customized with names, etc. We think this would be a unique way to both enhance our facility and recognize some of our best patrons. Please call the golf shop if you're interested.

The PGA Learning Center at Drake Creek Offers a Terrific Venue to Maintain Your Game During the Off-Season

If you are tired of your game getting rusty every winter, then you should book some time at The PGA Learning Center. The Learning Center is one of the finest indoor training centers in Kentucky.

The PGA Learning Center features state-of-the-art video and FlightScope technology. It also has fine putting greens, TV's, and comfortable seating. So ask your favorite golfing partner to join you.

You can book time in the PGA Learning Center by calling the golf shop.

2022 Drake Creek Valentines Couples Tournament



Cold Golf Warm Hearts

Saturday, February 12th

Lunch at 11:30 am

Shotgun Start at 12:30

\$60 Per Team

**includes Cart, Green Fee,
Lunch, and Prize Pool**

Get the couples golf season kicked off early this year with a great warm up tournament at Drake Creek! Our 15th annual Cold Golf Warm Hearts tourney includes 9-holes of golf, cart, and lunch. The tournament will be flighted and the field will be limited to the first 27 paid teams. Call 898-GOLF today to reserve your place in the field.

Print this form and send your payment to: Drake Creek Golf Club
Attn Cold Golf Warm Hearts, PO Box 306, Ledbetter, KY 42058

1 Name _____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

2 Name _____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____