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Beautiful morning sky this winter, pictured above.
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Curt's Corner

Curt Corey: General Manager & Pro:

Hopefully, the Luck of the Irish will continue to shine upon our weather so that our members and guests may continue to enjoy golf with every mild day. With a winter like this one, who needs to move south?

A friendly reminder that it is required to have every golfer check in at the desk in the pro shop prior to play. Accurate data needs to be kept regarding the rounds of golf on both courses. Thank you for your help!

Attention Members! We now have the Membership Event Schedule posted in the Pro Shop.

Have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day! May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold—and at the end of your rainbows may you find a pot of gold.



Fresh From The Grill

Beau Rudiger,
RH Grill Manager:

Where did winter go? Hopefully wherever it went, it stays there. We can't beat this weather in February.

We will try to start staffing up for the spring and summer golf season as soon as possible, and get the beverage cart started back up on these nice days.

I'm still looking to add an additional

sandwich or two to the menu and am waiting to see the logistics from the food purveyors, and if the pricing is somewhat stable.

I'm still asking for the full members to close your charge out for the day when you are on the premises, this will help rectify any issues before your end-of-month statement comes out.

If you are a full



member, please make sure you know your membership number. This will help when we are training new employees so we can match name and number.

As soon as I get these last few items figured out, we will launch it sometime in the later part of March.

A few important tips from Curt Corey in club fitting:

- 1) Measure your height. Clubs are matched to your height and the distance between your hands and the ground. To find the right size clubs for your body, it usually helps to have another person help measure to get the most accurate measurements possible. Measure your basic height from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet. Stand up as straight as possible. You do not need to be in your swing stance.
- 2) Measure your wrist-floor length. Stand as straight as possible and ask your helper to measure from the top of your wrist, where the top of the club would be, to the floor.
- 3) Provide your handicap or a basic description of your skill level. One of the most common reasons for people to buy off the rack is that they say, "I'm not good enough for a custom club." In fact, clubs that fit you better can drastically help improve your game.
- 4) Determine your swing speed if possible. You can have this done by hitting balls in front of an electronic launch monitor. In general, people with faster swings prefer stiff shafts on their woods and irons. People with slower speeds are more likely to prefer more flexible shafts in their woods and irons.
- 5) Ball flight is another important factor in choosing which flex would be best for you. Sometimes it's best to have your experienced pro help make your decision in which shaft is best for you. So many choices these days.

I honestly believe that most people's (90%) swing shafts are too stiff. It is important that your swing speed allows the club to load and kick through impact. A well fitted shaft can really help your game with distance and accuracy. However, it cannot help with the swing path. That is something that I would love to help you out with. Give me a call to schedule a lesson or two.

The Green

Chris Dieter, Course Superintendent:

One thing about winters in Virginia, they always seem to be one for the record book. This winter is ending with the warmest February since 1874! It has been nice to see many golfers out enjoying the course during this mild winter. Maintenance crew has had very few days off due to inclement weather. Now that I have jinxed us, you can yell at me for the weather we get in March and April.

We have managed to get a bit of work done on the course this winter. Our priorities were edging bunkers and clearing many overgrown areas. The clearing really opened up some views and hopefully will help the speed of play in some areas. We have been getting a lot of comments on our bunker edges, regarding the lack of putt-ability out of green side bunkers.



Winter brush pile, pictured above.



Bunker edges, pictured above.

Other winter work we have accomplished are some new divot boxes and water cooler stands you should be seeing on the course soon.



New divot boxes, pictured above.

The addition of a new chemical storage room has helped reorganize our shop space.



The chemical storage room in the process of being built, pictured above.

As we continue into this new golf season, a few reminders:

- Repair ball marks and divots
- Keep all 4 wheels on the cart path when at the tees and greens. Don't be like cattle with your cart traffic (scatter).
- Remember if you see something say something, meaning if you see someone doing damage to the course report it immediately to the rangers, pro shop, or superintendent.



New chemical storage room, pictured above.

Have fun out there! Stop me anytime for questions, comments, or criticisms.