



THE COUNTRY CLUB  
Of Arkansas

# NEWSLETTER

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## HOLE IN ONE ALERT!

Mike Miller, long time CCA member made a one-in-one on hole 12, April the 12<sup>th</sup>

He used a pitching wedge from 101 yard. John Owens, Jim Davis and John Cullum were witnesses.



## Dear CCA members & other loyal players,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to inform you that I will be leaving after four wonderful years at The Country Club of Arkansas. As I move on to new opportunities, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your support, kindness, and friendship over the years.

I am grateful for the many friendships that I have made during my time here, and I will miss seeing all of your familiar faces on a regular basis. Please know that I will always cherish the memories of the time we spent together and the experiences that we shared.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire club staff for their guidance and support over the years. Their tireless efforts and dedication to the club have been instrumental in making it the wonderful place that it is today.

As I prepare to say goodbye, I would like to assure you that you will see me again. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me; I'm just an email or phone call away! Once again, thank you all for the memories, the laughter, and the friendships. I will carry them with me always, and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Sincerely,

*Afton Balling Brock*

## NEW HEAD PROFESSIONAL!

Longtime local golf professional, George Renaud, is already on-board, training to replace Afton. George is a former member of the PGA of America and the former Head Golf Professional at Stuttgart Country Club and Diamondhead Golf Resort in Hot Springs. Please welcome George as he has some pretty big shoes to fill.

*-Tim Jenkins*



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# GREENS UPDATE

You can't beat Mother Nature. Many courses in the region, including ours, are struggling to return to form following a rainy and cold first quarter. It will remain a struggle until night-time temperatures creep up to the 60s for weeks at a time. Once we get some warm weather we should see a massive and almost immediate recovery.

We recently sodded the greens of holes two and four, and also sodded some poor areas of some other greens. While they look incredible, it takes repeated aerations, top-dressings, and rolling for sodded greens to completely smooth-out. It takes work and it takes time. In terms of creating smooth putting surfaces its far better and far faster to "grow-in" weak areas as opposed to sodding. Most years with normal April weather this "grow-in" would have already been stimulated by warm weather, and the greens would have recovered more by now.

We are in the process of assessing each green as to the best course of action. If we must sod more areas we will. For the time being there are not many Tifeagle farms that have sod. The farms in our region have suffered the same poor growing conditions as us, so harvestable Tifeagle sod is a bit hard to find for the time-being. *Our last load was trucked overnight 700 miles from Georgia.*

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we limp through this process. Hopefully we won't have to go through this for another decade.

**Our crew will work all year to reduce wear on the course by controlling cart traffic using signage and ropes. Please do your part by staying on the cart paths when you can, especially around the tees and greens, and also by staying away from areas where cart-wear is becoming evident.**

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As in previous years The Country Club of Arkansas will remain a Callaway exclusive account for "in stock" equipment. Equipment from other companies is readily available by special order. Regardless of the company, CCA member remain eligible to purchase special order clubs, shoes, bags and balls by most any golf company for 10% over invoice. Same goes for "in stock" purchases of \$200 or more.

### PLEASE CART SHARE!

Anytime you take a cart, you are required to share it with another member of your group - if sharing is possible. **A \$30 fee will be levied against golfers who have the opportunity to share a cart but choose to ride solo.** Even if you are only playing a couple of holes you must choose between sharing a cart or paying for a single.

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