



THE COUNTRY CLUB  
of Arkansas

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# NEWSLETTER



## BIG ADIDAS SALE ON FRESH APPAREL:

For the month of October, all Adidas SHOES AND OUTERWEAR is 15% off the marked price. CCA FULL MEMBERS can take an extra 10% off THE APPAREL, for a total of 25% off.

## DEAR MEMBERS & OTHER GOLFING FRIENDS,

The season is not quite over (and for some it never ends), but with the cooler temps and the leaves soon to change I felt it a good time for a short 2023 summary.

**PROBLEM GREENS:** We woke up in March to crippling damage to our greens, the likes of which we had never experienced. Since Bermuda will not grow in cold spring temps we were frustratingly handcuffed for months. Only five farms grow Tifeagle grass. The first sod available was trucked-in 700 miles from Georgia. To say the least, it was a nightmare for all of us, including you. Our members and other golfers were so incredibly tolerant, and we appreciated your patience while we pieced it back together. I'd like to express a very special thank-you to member Shane Gasaway who generously donated the labor of some of his own employees (for days) every time a new semi-truck of sod rolled in. Without his help we would not have recovered as quickly.

**PRIVATE CARTS:** 2023 saw a dramatic increase in the number of private carts placed in service at CCA. Rather than interrupt your season I decided to stay out of your way and just let you enjoy the convenience of private cart ownership. There are standards and policies, and even a Private Cart Agreement that must be signed and followed by each private cart owner. Over the winter will be catching-up with new 2024 CCA Private Cart stickers, and contacting each private cart owner to complete the signing of the agreements.

**MISSING RANGE BASKETS:** It may surprise you to know that this season we have lost 47 green range ball baskets and thousands of range balls. 47 baskets!! Some baskets are stolen deliberately by thieves who care nothing about us. Many are innocently carried off by our players, who plan to keep the baskets and then hit them in the future. While they are in someone's possession they can't be used by others. If you find any of our baskets in your cart or in your garage please return them. No hard feelings, no questions asked. All balls and baskets must remain on the driving range.

**RED FLAG:** The RED flag program worked nicely this year. Just remember, if the red flag is flying the carts are restricted to the paths only.

**WEDNESDAY LEAGUE:** This year's Wednesday League was a huge hit. 26 teams competed every Wednesday for five months. In the end Shawn Wilcox and Patrick Quick took home the victory by defeating Club Champion, Andrew Hopkins and Matthew Gabbard in the final match. Most players earned gift certificates of varying amounts, and those gift certificates are ready for pick-up in the golf shop. They expire 4/30/2023.

**WINTER/TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Every year at this time we offer a discounted six-month membership to encourage new members to join during the off-season. Trial members may not operate private golf carts, and do not have driving range privileges unless they upgrade to a full membership, but its still a good deal and if you friends, family, or coworkers feel free to tell them about it.

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The image shows a dark green rectangular box with a gold border. At the top, the text 'The Country Club of Arkansas' is written in a gold, cursive font. Below that, '\$169/MO. OCTOBER – MARCH' is written in a gold, serif font. Underneath, 'TRIAL MEMBERS MAY NOT PLAY ON WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS UNTIL AFTER 12:00 PM' is written in a smaller, gold, serif font. At the bottom center, there is a small gold illustration of a golf ball on a tee.

**MEMBERS CHECKING IN:** Members and other players are required to start on hole #1 unless otherwise authorized by the manager on duty at the time.

**BOOKING ON-LINE:** By now most members have determined the booking method that best fits their lifestyle. Whether you book on-line or by phone we continue to encourage all golfers to make reservations in advance, so we know who is coming and when, allowing us to be better prepared. Occasional log-in problems are expected. If you have repeated log-in issues please let me know so I can address it. If you are being affected then likely others are too.

**ICE MACHINES:** We recently got our hand slapped again by the Health Department. Ice consumed by customers (course water coolers and restaurant drinks) cannot be accessed by non-employees. For this reason we are required to notify you that the ice machines in the cart barn are off-limits to members and other players. We prefer you to purchase your beverages from us, but if you bring your own beverages to the course please bring your ice with you. The ice bin in the restaurant (for coolers) is for restaurant customers who purchase their beer and other drinks here at the course.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Not unexpectedly, Pam Evans and Andrew Hopkins defended their championships and kept the premium parking spots for another year.

**MAYORS CUP:** This year we will have the 21st playing of the Maumelle Mayor’s Cup. CCA, who dominated the event for years, has been defeated several years in a row, bringing the win-count to an even 10 to 10. This year’s event will be held on October 21st and 22nd, with the first round played at CCA on the 21st. Here is a list of this year’s Mayor’s Cup players in no particular order:

**MAYORS CUP PLAYERS:** Andrew Hopkins, David Sparks, Shane Gasaway, Jayme Bristow, Nathan Proff. Charlie Roster, Caleb Kubacak, Garrett Hensley, Ryan Elkins, Kevin Kullander, Geoff Lomax, Rudy Gonzalez, Shawn Wilcox, Grant Harvey, Will Hopkins, Bill Lindsey, Doug Berry, Robert Hopkins Jay Finch, James Mathis, Stan Kucala, Pam Evans, Karen Carter, Crystal Garrison, Cat Kubacak, and team captain, Shawn Cox.

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