

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGER

Our entire team welcomes you to the 2024 golf season! Last year more people played on our course than ever before. We hosted over 800-unit, group, golf events, and meetings. Of all the Air Force Golf Courses, **YOUR Cardinal Creek ranked #1 in AMC, #4 Conus Golf and #15 Worldwide!**

We support our local communities by hosting four academic golf programs including McKendree University, SWIC, Belleville East High School and Mascoutah High School golf teams. It is because of our family of members and patrons that we can support mission readiness by providing a quality experience to the Scott AFB and local communities. We strive to improve the quality of life for our members, our customers, our staff, and contribute to the resiliency of our military members.

There were some remarkable accomplishments for Cardinal Creek last season. We were able to execute \$654.4K in improvements to the golf course, clubhouse, and facilities including improving our meeting space with "Boardroom" renovations, cart path repairs, and retention walls. We also replaced equipment increasing our effectiveness that improves the quality of golf course conditions. Thanks to you, Cardinal Creek has earned the reputation of having one of the best golf programs in the area and in the Air Force.

In 2024, we plan to begin work and improve the drainage on the back nine holes. We will continue to replace aging maintenance equipment, repair, and improve the facilities of Cardinal Creek. We already have replaced our aging tee markers and made preseason needed repairs to our golf cart fleet, and will be replacing half our fleet mid-season. We are adding additional Golf Instructors and expanding our group and junior golf programs, offering the most comprehensive golf lesson program in the area.

As part of our instructional offerings, we have been able to secure funding to host three PGA HOPE golf programs in 2024. The PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America. PGA HOPE introduces golf to Veterans and Active-Duty Military to enhance their physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.

Lastly, **mark your calendars**, as we are bringing an unprecedented **32 special events and golf tournaments for 2024!** Including a new Play from the Red Tees Scramble and three evenings of Live Music with "Concerts at the Creek."

Comedic Legend Bob Hope once said, "If you watch a game, it is fun. If you play a game, it is recreation. If you work at it, it is called golf." We are pleased to work at it for you. Welcome back to "your" Cardinal Creek Course at Scott Air Force Base!



*Fairways & Greens,*

*James F. McCormick*

General Manager / PGA Professional

- ▶ 2023 PGA of America Patriot Award Winner
- ▶ Air Force Golf Manager of the Year



James has been a golf professional at all levels for nearly 30 years. He has held positions as General Manager, Golf Professional, Marketing Expert, Consultant and Business Professional. James leads our professional team and has developed a comprehensive golf program. Whether you are just starting to play, are an experienced golfer looking for a tune up or competitive player seeking an all-encompassing golf life style... his program is designed to keep your goals in mind.