

From the Manager

Welcome to Cardinal Creek

Get Ready! Hold On! Here We Go! 2025 promises to be a great year for your Cardinal Creek Golf Course at Scott AFB. Last year 32,332 people played golf at Cardinal Creek. YOUR course is ranked #2 in AMC, and #11 Worldwide for Air Force Golf Courses.

We will again support our local communities by hosting four local high school and college golf programs. We strive to support mission readiness by providing a quality experience to the Scott AFB and local communities. Our Mission is to improve the quality of life for our members, customers, staff, and contribute to the resiliency for our military members.

In 2025, we have again secured funding through the PGA of America to host six PGA Hope Golf Programs. 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 through golf.

In 2024 our staff executed \$607K in improvements to Cardinal Creek GC. These improvements include the golf cart paths, new granite tee markers, back deck repairs and new coolers for our café. We replaced our golf cart fleet and range ball picking equipment as well. We continue to rotate our mowing equipment, increasing our effectiveness and improving the quality of the golf course.

Plans for 2025 include work to repair 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. The Café patio and tenth tee should see expansion and are high priority. We also plan to purchase flood barriers that will re-direct high water should it come, thus protecting our valued assets.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - we have more than 30 special events and golf tournaments planned for 2025; including our Holiday Scrambles, four evenings of LIVE MUSIC with "Concerts at the Creek", three Couples Summer Series Events, two days of "Ryder Cup" like competition against Ft. Leonard Wood, NIGHT GOLF, our Annual Club Championship moved back to Columbus Day weekend and we conclude the year with Superintendents Revenge and three person Holiday Scramble.

Our world may seem perplexing, however, there are six things that happen when you play golf that our world needs today. You start as strangers, struggle together, encourage each other, you laugh, you tell stories and you leave as friends! Welcome back FRIENDS to "your" Cardinal Creek Golf Course at Scott Air Force Base.



Fairways and Greens,

James E. McCormick

General Manager / PGA Professional



2024 PGA of America Gateway Section Patriot Award Winner
2022 Air Force Golf Manager of the Year

James has been a golf professional at all levels for nearly 35 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.