

Golf Course



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News from the Golf Shop

Jon Murdy, Head Golf Professional

Happy Spring- happy golf season! Let me introduce myself. I am Jon Murdy, your new Head Golf Professional at Lee Park. I grew up in Aberdeen and have been here my whole life living and breathing golf as my profession. I have worked in the golf industry for 19 years at Moccasin Creek Country Club and two winters at Fire Rock Country Club in Fountain Hills, AZ. Growing up, golf has always been a passion of mine. When I was young, I remember going to the range with my father and dressing like PGA players. In my younger years, I played in numerous junior tournaments throughout South Dakota and I participated in high school golf at Lee Park. Later on after high school and college, I went on to play in the Dakota's Tour to further expand my love for golf where I wanted to play professionally. After three years of the Dakota's Tour, I had to stop playing due to injuries. I knew I didn't want injuries to stop me from doing what I love, so I started working towards becoming a Certified PGA Professional. Being a head professional has always been a dream job for me and I am happy that I have been given this opportunity to help Aberdeen people expand their love for golf.

There are many changes/updates going on in the Pro Shop that many people will notice this 2018 season. For equipment, I will be offering Ping, Callaway, Titleist, Bushnell Range Finders

and U.S. Kids Golf. For men's apparel, there will be FootJoy, Adidas, Under Armour, Puma, Columbia, Travis Mathew, and Ouray. For ladies apparel, there will be Adidas, Under Armour, Puma, Columbia, and Ouray. For the first time ever at Lee Park, we will be offering JUNIOR APPAREL called Garb. This is for infant, toddler, and youth. Shoes from Adidas, Puma, and Under Armour will be available for men. Shoes from Adidas, Puma and FootJoy will be available for women.

I am excited to be working with our equipment companies this season to bring you Demo Days where you can try out their latest equipment using launch monitors to find the equipment that matches each individual the best. Dates will be published around the Pro Shop throughout the summer for those opportunities. My greatest joy that I get out



my profession is being able to teach others of all ages and abilities the game of golf. With that being said, I will be offering private individual, couples and group lessons. I will also be doing individual custom fittings. Lessons and fittings can be scheduled with me by calling the Pro Shop. Programs that I will be continuing are The First Tee Program, Club Tournaments, Men's, Women's, and Senior Leagues and Charity Events. We will also be continuing to build on the history of the C.C. Lee Tournament. We will also be trying to bring back the Aberdeen Cup back to where it belongs. New for this year will be a great junior golf program and PGA Junior League for Lee Park; This helps kids to learn the game of golf in a fun, team atmosphere. Also, I will be bringing in another PGA program called Get Golf Ready. This is more for adults who want to learn the great game of golf in a group setting.

We will be going to tee times seven days a week. To schedule a time you would like to play, call the Pro Shop. Every player needs to please check in when arriving. The golden rule I would like everyone to follow at Lee Park, leave the course at the end of your round in better condition than when you started. Meaning, fix any ball marks or divots and obey cart and pace of play policy.

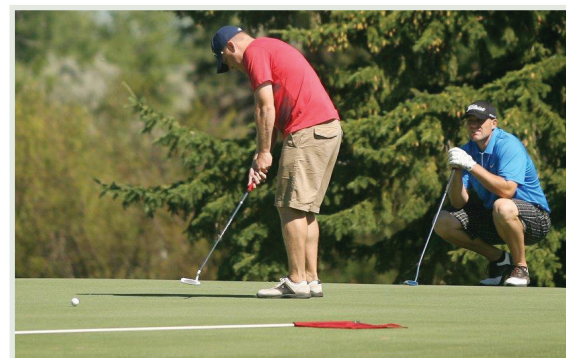
Have a fun summer!

Private Lessons

Offering individual, couples, and group lessons with Jon Murdy, Head Golf Professional. Also, season long junior golf coach. Contact Jon Murdy at Lee Park Golf Course at 626-7092 or jmurdy@icloud.com

Payment Plan Available

A monthly payment plan is now available for anyone interested in purchasing a season pass, seasonal cart rental or annual trail fee. Payments for the season pass, cart rental and trail fee can be spread out over a 6 month period with the first payment due on May 15. A bank debit will be made from either your checking or savings account. For more information contact the Aberdeen Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at 626-7015 or go to www.aberdeen.sd.us/leepark. The deadline for participating in the payment plan is April 27.



PGA Junior League

PGA Junior League is designed to bring a "Little League" atmosphere to the game of golf. Boys and girls, age 13 & under, of all backgrounds and skill levels learn and play together in a supportive, two-person scramble format that encourages mentorship, builds confidence and promotes sportsmanship. Participants receive two team jerseys (home and away), PGA Jr. League ball cap, performance tee-shirt, bag tag, draw-string bag, and more. League play includes 8 competitions plus practice sessions with PGA professionals, an opportunity for advancement to post-season and All-Star teams and access to customized mobile apps & website home pages for our PGA Jr. League team featuring schedules, standings and stats. League play begins on June 11. The Aberdeen PGA Junior League will consist of teams from Moccasin Creek, Lee Park, and Rolling Hills. Go to www.pgajrleague.com to learn more and to register!

TEE TIME RESERVATIONS

Tee times are taken on weekends from April 1 through October 1. Tee times may be made up to seven days in advance by calling the Pro Shop at 626-7092.

Tee times are encouraged but walk-ons are welcome.

Sign up at 'Notify Me' on the City of Aberdeen website www.aberdeen.sd.us to receive notification of cancellations of league play, lessons and golf course closures.

Golf Course Maintenance News

Charles Kormann, Golf Superintendent

Unfortunately we have missed the snowfall events leading into 2018. We are also fortunate we have not had a long stretch of bitterly cold temps. Open winters with colder temperatures can lead to desiccation and crown hydration on the turf plants. Overall I thought the golf course looked very healthy going into winter. Hopefully this will lead to an early spring with enjoyable playing conditions.

We will assess any turf loss mainly in the fairway areas. This is not uncommon due to all the poa annua (annual bluegrass) in the low lying areas. We don't mind losing some smaller areas of turf due to the fact we can interseed new varieties of bluegrass and ryegrass. Last fall we continued the addition of agrilime on some of the smaller cart path areas. As money allows we hope to concrete the remaining part of 16 tee box and from 18 tee box to the bridge. Several cottonwood trees were removed on the left side of 10 fairway. Areas on 1, 3, and

9 were also thinned out. The majority of these are ash trees that are declining.

We have contracted with Herfort · Norby Golf Course Architects out of Chaska, MN to assist us with developing a renovation plan. Kevin Norby will visit the course this spring and will evaluate the condition of the course. The primary areas of evaluation will include considering if trees should be removed in some locations and replanted in other locations, drainage issues, tee box additions and bunker removal or additions as well as other course related improvements that could enhance the course. To view The architects portfolio you may go to www.HerfortNorby.com.

Lee Park hosted the SDGA Two-Man Senior Tournament in 2017. Golfers enjoyed playing Lee Park and the Moccasin Creek Courses and it was great publicity for Aberdeen golf. We hope to host a few more state events in the future.

We purchased a new 3555 Toro fairway mower this year. This is a 3 wheel unit that is more light weight than the older models and will help minimize traffic and compaction on the golf course. In 2019 we will replace our other fairway mower. Our Aerway slicing unit for tees and fairways received a new set of sports tine. These are narrower tines and should minimize the amount of

turf we are disturbing, yet give us the compaction relief we need.

This spring you will notice a fresh coat of paint in the Golf Shop entrance. We will also be posting 2 new banners to coincide with the signs on 1 and 10 tee box. These are the rules and regulations of Lee Park that ALL players must follow and adhere to. If you are in need of a golf cart handicap flag please talk to the clubhouse staff. As Lee Park grows and play increases it is important all players be responsible for the footprint they have on the course. First and foremost we want you to have fun and enjoy the course. The grounds staff also takes a lot of pride in the product and conditions that we put out on a daily basis. Be aware and control your cart traffic. Sand and seed divots and repair ball marks on the greens.

We are excited to work with our new pro Jon Murdy to enhance the golf experience and improve the playability of Lee Park. Please take pride and be proud of the golf course you play at. After all it's just part of the game to leave the course in better condition than when you arrived.

Thank you for your patronage! Feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions. We look forward to improving your golf experience in 2018 and we appreciate your help.

Free 15 Minute Golf Lessons

Get free advice from your PGA Professional. Quick 15 minute lessons to help with your swing. Individualized to what you need help with. From chipping/pitching to full swing with irons and woods. All ages welcome.

Dates: May 3, 17 & 31, June 7 & 21

July 5, August 2

Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The First Tee Golf Lesson Program

Tea it up for the first time and learn the game of golf and The First Tee's Code of Conduct, Nine Core Values, golf skills and physically Healthy Habits as well as appreciation of the rules and etiquette of the game.

Where: Lee Park Golf Course

Beginns: Wednesdays, May 23 – July 11

(No lesson on July 4)

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Age: 7-17 years of age

Registration: Register online at

www.thefirstteesouthdakota.org anytime before first class.

For more information call 226-0989 or go to the "Junior Golf" page at www.moccasincc.com.

Fee: \$60.00 per person, \$145.00 per family maximum, financial assistance is available.

Women's Senior Golf League

A morning league for adult women 55 years of age and older will be held at Lee Park. League play will be held on Thursday mornings. Watch for more information!

Ladies' Golf League

The Lee Park Ladies' Club will be conducting league on Thursday evenings. The league competition is a two woman competition which is handicapped. One does not have to be a Lee Park member to participate in the league. All interested individuals should contact the Lee Park Pro Shop (626-7092) for more information.

Free Youth Golf

On Monday mornings June 4 through July 30, Lee Park offers a free 9 Hole Greens fee for all players 17 years of age and under. Golfers must tee off before 10:00 a.m. Parents may play with juniors, but will be charged a greens fees with a 25% discount. No golf available on days when events close the course to golfers. Children under 9 years of age must either play with an adult, or must pass playing ability test administered by golf shop. For more information, call the golf shop at 626-7092.

Hours: Tee times between 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Age: 8-17 years of age

Fee: No greens fees. Weekly cost \$1.00 per player to develop trophy fund.

Get Golf Ready

Get Golf Ready is developed to teach new golfers in five lessons. You will be shown that there are a lot of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness. Lessons will be conducted on May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$99. Open to the first 10 registrants. Call Lee Park Golf Shop at 626-7092.

Senior Golf League

A morning league for adults over 55 years of age will be held at Lee Park. The first day of league will be on Tuesday, April 10, at 10:00 a.m. There will also be an organizational meeting at this time. All interested individuals should call the Lee Park Pro Shop at 626-7092 or attend the organizational meeting.

Handicap Golf Cart Usage

A program has been established at Lee Park to accommodate golfers with physical limitations. Recognizing that some players may not be able to play golf due to handicaps that can be confirmed by a physician, the following exception is allowed: A golfer may apply for a Handicap Flag to be affixed to the cart allowing it to be closer to the green. If approved by management, the player would then pay a deposit of \$50 per year for a flag that connects to the cart. This flag must be on display anytime the cart is close to a green. The end of the year, the Handicap Flag must be returned to the golf shop and a \$25 refund fee will be returned. Please contact the Golf Shop if you have questions or for more details on this program.

2018 Golf Tournaments and Events

Senior League Begins, 10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, April 3
Aberdeen Central Girls JV Golf Event, 1:00 p.m.	Friday, April 20
Aberdeen Christian Meet, 11:30 a.m.	Monday, April 30
1st Night Tuesday Men's League	Tuesday, May 1
1st Night Wednesday Men's League	Wednesday, May 2
Aberdeen Roncalli Girls Invitational, 10:00 a.m.	Thursday, May 3
1st Night Thursday Ladies League	Thursday, May 3
Aberdeen Central Girls JV Dual, 1:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 8
Lee Park Junior Golf Program Begins	Monday, June 4
NSU Football Fundraiser.	Friday, June 8
CC Lee Championship	Sunday, July 15
Presentation College Golf with the Saints.	Friday, July 27
Aberdeen City Junior Championship	Tuesday, July 31
Aspire Tournament	Friday, August 3
Men's Club Championship	Saturday & Sunday, August 4-5
Manufacturing Tournament.	Friday, August 10
Bryce Anglin Tournament.	Friday, August 17
Dakota Open	Saturday & Sunday, August 25-26
Aberdeen Central Boys Golf Triangular, 10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, September 4
Aberdeen Central Cross Country Meet, 3:00 p.m.	Thursday, September 6
Aberdeen Roncalli Cross Country Meet.	Thursday, September 13
Aberdeen Cup.	Saturday, September 15

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