

# 2017 in Review



**The club is planning a NEW YEARS EVE party on 31 December.  
Check our Facebook page for details @CherryHillCC**

1. Cherry Hill continues as a strong community asset. We hosted many events in 2017, including Richwood High School reunion events for the classes of 1957, 1977, 1987 and 1997. Tournament sponsors included the Summersville Rotary, and Richwood Fire Department. Charitable tournaments, benefiting the local community, included the Ed Buck Memorial Tournament sponsored by the Richwood Fire Department, Richwood Athletics Lumberjacks, the Doug Comstock tournament hosted by the Richwood Family Center and the M. Tyler Gainer memorial awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. A new event in 2017 was the awards banquet hosted by Columbia Forest Products, for their employees supporting their manufacturing site in Craigsville.
2. 2017 was a strange year for Richwood residents as the city struggled with the Nicholas County School Board over the location of schools to replace those destroyed by the 2016 flood. The proceedings were often a topic of conversation while playing golf, but none of the animosity, sometimes heard in the county, made its way to Cherry Hill. We all just hope it will come to a conclusion with results good for both Richwood and Nicholas County.
3. We gratefully recognize the contributions of time and labor by many of our members in 2017, including: Eddie Sims, Scott Bailey, Alice Bailey, Bob Butcher, Steve Deitz, Jimmy and Nancy Fraley, Mary Fraley, Ricky and Donna Green, Kevin Green, Kip Hall, Donna Henderson, Linda Lindsey, Cynthia Olson, Dave Taylor, Ernie Williams and Larry and Janet Zirilli. Special thanks to Steve Deitz for donating a golf cart and doing a myriad of different jobs both inside and outside. The club could not get by without the contributions of these individuals, who ensure that our events are successful and profitable for the club. If we had to pay for their contributions, our course would suffer, and our events would be money losers rather than moneymakers.
4. The club also owes a debt of appreciation to Redi-Care Ambulance, who annually purchase a corporate membership that benefits Redi-Care, and greatly benefits the club.
5. The club lost long-time member Joe Love, a scramble regular, merchant of clubs, and a cheerful and pleasant presence always on the course. Everyone on the hill was a friend of Joe Love.
6. Cherry Hill continues its reputation as the best 9-hole golf course in the state, with impeccable greens maintained by Randy Amick. Tim Scott, who married in 2017, continued mowing fairways, helping Randy, and doing everything to make the outside look great. Ernie Williams, Kip Hall and Steve Deitz chipped in outside, and Steve Deitz has taken up the mission to improve our tee boxes in 2018. Let him know if you can help.
7. Over the winter, club volunteers, led by Ricky Green and Kissy Smallwood, did a complete renovation and upgrade of the ground floor of the clubhouse. This included new wood flooring, installed by Tony Mazzella and Butch Smith, wallpaper and paint, updated light fixtures as well as contemporary furniture. Most noticeable was a beautiful new bar top, handmade and donated by Dan Ritchie of Craigsville. Key workers inside included Steve Deitz, Gary Bailey, Mike Hanna and John Cox. Steve and Cynthia Olson donated a complete renovation of the clubhouse water system and associated items. Work was performed by Terry Herndon, an experienced plumber and a licensed electrician. Work included replacement of all copper and PVC piping with more freeze-resistant PEX piping; moving all piping within the interior walls of the club, further reducing the risk of freezing water; new water heater, and space heater in the exterior utility room; the repair of dangerous wiring in the utility room; new kitchen sink and fixtures and many other upgrades.
8. The club upped its game in 2017, taking advantage of the renovated clubhouse, by holding dinners and parties on weekend evenings, and Kissy orchestrated cornhole tournaments in the back yard. These events brought

both friends and strangers together for a fun time while also providing a new source of revenue for the club. Check our Facebook page to see what's going on in 2018, @CherryHillCC.

9. In late May, Tony Mazzella took a fall and was placed on disability for the rest of the season. We wish him the best, but do not know what the future has in store.
10. We struggled to keep the club running as board members and new employees tried to figure out some of the tasks that Tony did, but had not written down. Luckily, we worked through it, with Felicia Key stepping in to get things organized, followed by Charmin Smallman, who really made a difference at the end of the year.
11. Our renowned chili maker, Mary Fraley, continued our reputation as providers of the best Chili Dog in Nicholas County.
12. Geneva Bailey took it upon herself to host another lady's golf outing at Cherry Hill, with great success. Scott Bailey prepared the food and cruised the course, ensuring that Geneva's visitors were well cared for. Events like this are great for the reputation of the course and bring in needed revenue.
13. Volunteers Larry and Janet Zirilli manage the club "Pro Shop", ensuring a wide selection of apparel and golf accessories. Items can also be purchased on-line via our web site at <http://www.golfcherryhill.com>. Check out the variety of apparel with our very own Cherry Hill logo. Great Christmas gifts!
14. The sixth "M. Tyler Gainer Memorial Tournament", sponsored and financially supported by Walt and Kris Gainer, was another success, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund at Richwood High School.
15. Mark Sims won the 2017 Cherry Hill Club Championship, besting his dad in the final match.
16. With the accumulation of materials almost complete, the club expects to finish the carhouse roof project before the start of the 2018 season. Special thanks to Collins Hardwood for donating lumber for the roof, and special thanks to Ernie Williams and Ricky Green for getting the metal roofing donated by 84 Lumber.
17. Members are reminded to buy their West Virginia Golf Association VIP card from the club. The price if purchased from the WVGA is \$45, but you can buy it from Cherry hill for \$37 and it helps the club pay for its WVGA membership. The VIP card lets you keep track of your handicap and lets you play for discounted prices at courses all over the state of West Virginia.
18. The club website, maintained by Richwood resident Nancy Leffingwell, is the best place to learn about what is going on at Cherry Hill. Check out <http://www.golfcherryhill.com/>. You can also like us on Facebook @CherryHillCC.
19. The club's all-volunteer Board of Directors, unchanged in 2017, consists of Scott Bailey, Bobby Butcher, Steve Deitz, Kissy Derito, Jimmy Gladwell, Ricky Green, John Greer, Kip Hall and Dave Taylor. Corporation officers are President Ricky Green, Vice President John Greer, Treasurer Bob Butcher, and Steve Olson as acting Secretary.
20. Can you donate to Cherry Hill to help us keep our reputation as the best 9-hole golf course in West Virginia? If not you, who?
21. Is Cherry Hill in your will? Since 1946, the club has relied on members who donate their time and money to keep Cherry Hill as a splendid gathering place for citizens of Nicholas and Webster Counties. A bequest from your estate would help us fund a variety of projects, most prominently clubhouse maintenance and improvements, replacement of obsolescent equipment and a tree replacement program for our fairways.
22. The clubhouse is closed and the phone is unattended during the winter months. If you would like to reserve a date for a reunion, party, or golf outing, or if you would like more information about Cherry Hill Country Club, send an e-mail to [Secretary@GolfCherryHill.com](mailto:Secretary@GolfCherryHill.com), or write to the Secretary, Cherry Hill Country Club, PO Box 108, Richwood WV 26261.

With Best Regards and wishing you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Steve Olson, acting Secretary, on behalf of your Cherry Hill Country Club Board of Directors