



Cypress Creek , originally designed by Ralph Plummer, underwent a significant restoration of the greens and bunkers from April through October in 2018. Architect Chet Williams worked closely with Jack & Robin Burke and golf course Superintendent Chris Ortmeier to rebuild all 19 greens and bunkers. With the help of VM Golf Services and Heritage Links Golf Course Construction they were able to masterfully recreate every contour on the greens, restore the ever so intimate relationship with the bunkers while upgrading the irrigation system around all greens.

All greens were reconstructed to the modern USGA specs complete with a top of the line sub surface drainage system to provide the best playing conditions regardless of weather. The use of Green Scan technology allowed the team to reconstruct the surfaces within 1/100<sup>th</sup> of an inch accuracy to ensure that members today are lining up the same putts that greats like Hogan, Sneed, Nicklaus, and Woods played prior to the project. Putting greens were expanded back to their “massive” size recapturing in some cases 15-20 percent.

Bunkers were rebuilt (and outfitted with Bunker Solutions liner as well as Premier White sand) with some slightly adjusted to provide necessary protection of certain pin placements as well as ideal presentation from the fairway landing area. The new drainage and liner system complemented with the Premier White sand will provide a perfect combination in all weather conditions. The rebuild provides firm and consistent conditions for year round play, while improving the visual appeal for years to come.

While the course was closed for restoration we select areas for tree removal to open up air flow. We also added five new tee boxes adding a little over 100 yards to a course that played 7,310 yards (par 71) during the last Tour Championship. Mr. and Mrs. Burke both agree that, “Hosting Major Championships is in our DNA and Champions Golf Club will always be a place suitable for the best golfers in the world”. However, anyone who knows Jackie & Robin Burke knows that the professional takes a distant second in their mind to the amateur. Amateur golf and the members of Champions Golf Club were the focus when it came to the restoration efforts on the Cypress Creek course. The thousands of man-hours and millions of dollars spent on the Cypress Creek Restoration were just a small part of the ongoing effort by the Burke’s to provide the best playing conditions for the members and their guests.

**Champions Cypress Creek Course**  
**Before Restoration - 7147, par 71 | After Restoration - 7410, par 71**