



The famed Cypress Creek course underwent a significant restoration of the greens and bunkers from April through October. Architect Chet Williams worked closely with the Burke's and golf course Superintendent Chris Ortmeier to rebuild all 19 greens as well as all of the 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 and restore the ever so intimate relationship with the bunkers while upgrading the irrigation system around the greens as well.

All of the greens were reconstructed to the modern USGA spec complete with a the top of the line sub surface drainage system to provide the best playing conditions regardless even the most adverse weather conditions. The use of the 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. Along the way, the putting greens were expanded back to their "massive" size recapturing in some cases 15-20 percent.

In addition, all of the bunkers were rebuilt (and outfitted with Bunker Solutions liner as well as Premier White sand) and in some cases slightly adjusted to provide the ever so necessary protection of certain pin placements as well as the ideal presentation from the fairway landing area. The new drainage and liner system complemented with the Premier White sand will provide a perfect combination for all weather bunkers that play firm and consistent year round and tremendous visual appeal for many years to come.

Along with some select tree removal to open up air flow, the addition of five back tee boxes added a little over 100 yards to a course that played 7,310 yards (par 71) during the last Tour Championship played back in 2003 (won by Chad Campbell). 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 Mr. and Mrs. 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 Club for the members and their quests.