



# September Challenge - September 20, 2017

## CommonGround Golf Course

10300 E. Golfers Way | Aurora, CO 80010



**Opened: 1972**  
**Superintendent: Bobby Martin**  
**Designer: Tom Doak**

**Details: 7:30 a.m. Check-In**  
**8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start**  
**12:30 p.m. Lunch**

Through the use of “width that matters” and strategic placement of features, this Tom Doak design delivers an outstanding experience to all levels of golfers. From the raw beginner, to the most skilled player, CommonGround Golf Course has been designed to maximize the enjoyment of the game for everyone. Although located in the heart of the city, the urban sprawl surrounding the course is unnoticeable, and the breathtaking views of the majestic front range of Colorado are a site to behold. With a commitment to tradition and excellence, Tom Doak and Renaissance Golf Design have created a masterpiece for the ages that is easy to walk, worthy of the highest level of competition, and most importantly fun to play.

**Format:** Individual Stroke Play with a 2-Man Blind Draw  
**Directions:** Take I-25 to 1-270 East. Follow I-270 East and take exit 5 for Central Park Blvd. Turn right onto Central Park Blvd. Continue Onto Yosemite St. and at the traffic circle, take 2nd exit onto Yosemite Way. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto E 1st Ave. The destination will be on the right.

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You will need to make your reservation by September 12, 2017. No exceptions. No walk-ins permitted. Because of golf course policies there will be no “after the deadline” reservations accommodated. A wait list will be in place for those that wish to play but missed the deadline. We will call you to confirm that you have made the tournament once we are notified of a cancellation. Slots made available by cancellation will be filled only from the wait list on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Registration form must be received by September 12, 2017 (mail, scan and email, or online)**

\* GHIN's must be active on the day of the registration deadline, GHIN's may not be changed or added after the deadline.

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## **A Review of the Common Ground Flood of 2013**

**Speaker Information: Bobby Martin, Superintendent CommonGround Golf Course**



Golf course maintenance was not on my radar when deciding what I wanted to major in college during my senior year at Niwot High School. So, after thousands of dollars spent mostly on general education credits at University of Northern Colorado, Fort Lewis College and Front Range Community College, I finally settled in at the University of Maryland nearly five years after graduating high school. It was there that I nailed down exactly what I wanted to spend my education dollars on, so I enrolled in the Golf Course Management program.

My experience in the industry started in one of the most humid areas in the country. My first gig was as a seasonal laborer at Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. I was able to manage working and going to school during my four years spent there and was promoted to 2nd Assistant about a year before I finished the program. Upon graduating in 2000, I'd had enough of the brutal humidity and the weekly spray intervals and moved back to my native Colorado.

It wasn't long before I landed my second job as the irrigation tech at Saddleback Golf Club. After 18 months or so, I took the next step and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent at Coal Creek Golf Course. Little did I know, it would be devastated by a major flood nearly nine years later. After a year of valuable learning experience being second in charge, I returned to Saddleback in preparation for the 2007 Colorado Open.

It was the next year that I made another step to better my career. I was hired on as the Golf Course Superintendent to assist Tracy Richard with the responsibility of managing the construction and grow-in of CommonGround Golf Course. I was fortunate that Tracy had two other grow-ins under his belt and had a lot of knowledge to share, which I am grateful to this day. Having worked under Tracy at Saddleback, we were a good team and were able to have a successful grow-in and the course was in magnificent shape for our grand opening in May of 2009. I'd like to believe that we were chosen to be the companion course for the 2012 U.S. Amateur because of Tracy and I, but we all know CommonGround was chosen because of its great design and close proximity to Cherry Hills.

Unfortunately, I have been around to manage two grow-ins on the same property. In 2013, CommonGround was devastated by a flood due to approximately 18 inches of rain over several days. A long story short, we began the rebuilding process and I am proud to say we overcame adversity and reopened our doors to the public in May of 2014. In the end, I learned a ton about myself, my crew and what it takes to get through an extremely tough time.