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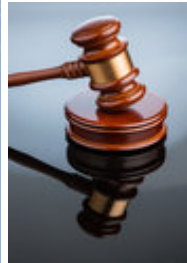
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On behalf of the officers and board of SGAA, welcome to 2024. Whether this is your first year or your thirty-third, we hope you enjoy golf and fellowship often. Jeff Hyland has arranged a full schedule of in-town tournaments and Larry Fauconnet and the Out to Town Committee have confirmed Little Ocmulgee, April 15-17, and Smoky Mountain, June 17-19. We will announce a fourth out-of-town event and are pressing on toward finalizing the Member/Guest tourney for Sept 30-Oct 2. Stay tuned, and sign up early.

As you read my articles this year, you may often experience a sense of Deja vu. I will often write about participation (as a volunteer as well as playing events) and membership. These have been our themes in recent years, and we will continue to encourage both this year.

The history of SGAA until recently is that of an organization which had more demand than it chose to supply. A careful reading of our bylaws confirms that impression. As recently as 2015 there was a waiting list of up to two years for membership. Those days are gone.

Larry has written eloquently on this and related subjects. He has written of the declining number of venues available to us and the effects of changes in demographics and the general economy on our membership. There is little argument that we face a daunting task to assure our future.

Many of the factors mentioned above are beyond our control. The change in the number of available venues is largely out of our control nor can we affect the overall economy, for example. But we can and must be more aggressive in enlisting new members, retaining members, and increasing participation. And we shall with your help.

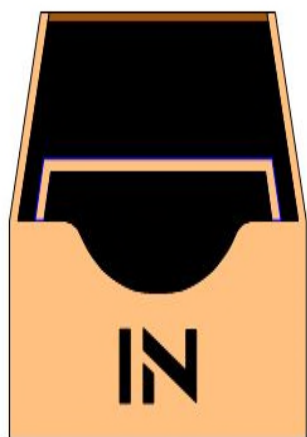
A brief PSA: If you receive an ambiguous email alleging to be from me, please disregard it. A number of members have already received such emails. It appears that "phishing" comes with the office of president. If I contact you, my message will be clear and concise. If you have a question about an email please send me a text message at 706-318-2379.

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Winter, my least favorite season, has always been a challenge for this Southern soul. Having grown up in the warmth of the South, anything below 40 degrees feels like a plunge into the Arctic. While I can't control the weather, and relocating to Miami, Arizona, or Southern California isn't on my agenda, I'll just have to muster up the resilience to adapt to our local winter climate for a couple months.

The internet has lots of tips to assist avid golfers who want to brave the cold, wind and rain to hit the links. Here are a few of my favorites that might help you survive and thrive during winter golf:

- 1. Stay Prepared** – dress in layers so you can easily add or remove clothing as conditions change. Accessories like thick golf socks, waterproof golf shoes, beanies, hand warmers and cold weather golf gloves are a good idea. Don't forget to bring your rain suit or umbrella if rain is a possibility.
- 2. Spend More Time Warming Up** – try to do some stretching and light warm-up exercises at home to get the blood flowing. If available, spend time slowly warming up at the driving range to avoid injury. It may take a few extra balls to get loose.
- 3. Take More Club** – when it's cold or raining, the ball doesn't travel as far. For irons and wedges it's a good idea to club up at least one club and plan for 5-10 yards less per club. For woods and driver expect an even bigger drop in distance of 10-20 yards.
- 4. Practice Indoors** – find a complex (e.g. Top Golf) or golf store (e.g. PGA Superstore) with a simulator near you. If you have the space you might want to invest in a golf practice net or indoor putting green. You can also practice your pre-shot routine to reduce tension in your swing when back on the course.
- 5. Keep Swinging** – make a goal to take at least 30-50 practice swings per day even if it's in your garage or back yard.
- 6. Switch Golf Balls** – you may want to switch to a firmer ball if conditions are harsh. Soft balls spin more and do not travel as far. If you are having visibility problems, consider switching to a yellow or orange ball.
- 7. Keep Your Golf Balls Warm** – a warm ball flies farther than a cold one. Keep a spare ball in your pocket and alternate it with the one you are playing with on alternate holes.
- 8. Have Fun** – make sure you are having fun. Expect to shoot a few shots worse when it's cold and windy.

**EVENTS FOR
FEBRUARY 2024**

*All tee times
are 10:00 a/m*

February 1
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Bear Creek \$42

February 5
MON: 10:00 a/m
Ashton Hills \$35

February 7
WED: 10:00 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$40

February 13
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Bear Creek \$42

February 14
WED: 10:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$30

February 19
MON: 10:00 a/m
Crystal Lake \$37

February 21
WED: 10:00 a/m
Georgia National \$37

February 27
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Providence \$37

February 28
WED: 10:00 a/m
Chimneys \$45

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We have 37 members who have not paid their dues for 2024. The list is as follows. They will now need to pay there dues of \$25 dollars and a late fee of \$20 for a total of \$45 dollars. If you know any of the people on the list and could like to contact them, please do not hesitate to contact them. It would be helpful to the club if we knew why they are not renewing. Continue to sign up new members. Please make sure the applications are easily read before you send them in. We now have 187 active members. See you on the course.

AHLSTRAND	BRUCE	KNIGHT	JIM
ALMAND	BILL	LAWLESS	MICHAEL
BENEDA	BOB	LEBLANC JR.	EARL
BINDER	DAVID	LIBBON	MARK
BRIGHT	KEVIN	MOORMAN	KEN
BURKETT SR.	ROBERT	MORRIS	WILLIAM
CARROL	JIM	MOSCOVITZ	DAVID
CHEATHAM III	JOHN	MOSS	JERRY
CHEATHAM IV	JOHN	RAMSEY	DAVID
D'ARATA	EDWARD	REYNOLDS	DAVID
DYER	FRED	RICHARDS	JIM
ERNST	DAVID	ROARK	DAVID
FOLDEN	PETE	SALTER	MARK
HANEL	ROBERT	SUDDERTH	ROBERT
HARRIS	LESLIE	TAYLOR JR.	JAMES
HARRIS	RODGER	TILLER	GREGORY
HOLDER	PATRICK	WILLIAMS	EDWARD
JENKINS	RONNIE	WOLFE	EDWARD
JOHNSON	GEORGE		

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Rambling from Tee to Green

I once read that life is like a roll of toilet paper; the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes. Seems like a pretty good analogy because it feels like we were getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving just yesterday and here we are entering the second month of the new year. So far we've had five tournaments on our 2024 Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta schedule with another 125 or so more to round out the year.

Our in-town tournaments are played on nineteen different courses this year. This is down one course from last year; we lost Cotton Fields and Smoke Rise, but added Sugar Creek. I want to believe the loss of these two courses was caused by events that had nothing to do with SGAA. We have lost courses because of our play (slow play that is); but loss of Cotton Fields was due to politics, and Smoke Rise has been undergoing some renovations to the facilities.

The scheduling process for our tournaments is a very time consuming venture. Rumor has it that at least one course was reluctant to sign a new contract because of lack of players at the events scheduled last year. Let's help Jeff and the In-Town Tournament Committee by coming out and playing as often as we can. And remember part of the proper golf etiquette is to take care of the course.

If nothing else, come out to enjoy the fresh air, sunshine, and good fellowship; who knows you might even have a good round of golf while you're at it.

Speaking of good fellowship, those of you that didn't make it to the Year-End Luncheon missed a good opportunity. We had some long-time members who were unable to join us on the course but did make it to the luncheon; it was good to see them and know they're still interested in SGAA and its members.

Here's that toilet paper thing again; the Tee-Off Luncheon is in just a week or two and another opportunity for some good fellowship. It's a chance to join with old friends and to meet new friends as we get ready to drive into the SGAA 2024 summer season. I look forward to seeing all of y'all there.

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The articles submitted for the Newsletter are all independently written and submitted. Last month a theme, if you will, appeared encouraging participation. So it would seem only appropriate that we include a chance for everyone to participate through a "Letter to the Editor" addition when space will allow.

I will include as many letters, on a first-come basis, as space will allow. Letters can not contain any slanderous or derogatory remarks about any individual. All letters must include the sender's name which will be included in the publication. The deadline for inclusion is the 15th of the month. *(The Editor reserves the right to correct grammar and spelling as well as the right not to reject any letters not adhering to the above guidelines.)*

The following letter was received after the deadline for the January Newsletter.

"Steve,

Before the January newsletter goes out, I'd like to bring to everyone's attention the contributions John Cyran has made to SGAA. Along with being a board member the last three years, John has taken on the responsibilities of Webmaster, Tuesday's table captain, schedule updater, and email coordinator.

He helped develop the preregistration protocol and stepped up and took on the role on Monday table captain along with his duties as Tuesday table captain. All of those interesting statistics you see on the website are also calculated by John. While there are many members who freely volunteer their time and efforts to make SGAA successful, I believe we should acknowledge and thank John for all he has done behind the scenes.

JJ (Goldsack)" [12-19-2023]

In Memorium

Lest we forget, this golf we play is just a game. A game we enjoy as often as we can. These members passed away this year and no longer have that opportunity let us not forget them. Let us offer this golfer's prayer...

"For all the times I have swung a club, for the many friends and the game I love, for the patience I have found in sand or rough, for the excitement of making the shots though tough; for success is not measured by holes in one; but by the times that are shared when having fun.

Lord would you grant me one last request; to play You a round of the game I love best."

Rudolph (Spook) Laird member from 2004 - 2019



SGAA 2024 Tee Off Banquet

February 22, 2024

11:00 a/m — 2:00 p/m



Tucker Elks Lodge

1775 Montreal Road
Tucker GA 30084



\$25.00 PER PERSON

(includes tip and tax)



This will be plated from the kitchen featuring fried chicken, mashed potatoes with mushroom gravy, green beans, a roll, and dessert. The drink station will have coffee, tea, and water. There will be a cash bar.

Reservations can be made by sending your check — made out to **SGAA** — for **\$25.00** annotated as "Tee Off Banquet" to:

Tom Vardase
3502 Johns Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Reservations MUST be received no later than **February 16, 2024**

This is not so much "going to lunch" as it is about the friends and fellowship we expect to enjoy this season.

Moving forward I encourage your feedback regarding any changes you'd offer. The menu and other suggestions to attract better attendance is welcome.

You can't put a price on friendship. I look forward to seeing you on February 22nd.

Harry Matthews

SGAA Out of Town

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge



Wallace Adams Course at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
80 Live Oak Trail
Helena, GA

April 15, 16, 17, 2024
Monday Tee-Time 12:30 pm (EDT)

Guests are welcome! Bring a friend, family member, neighbor, etc.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2024

Packages include the following:

Two or three nights lodging, golf, dinners, breakfasts, & lunch on Tuesday

Note: All roommates must have identical packages!

Choose Option

Occupancy	Packages	Price per Person (2 nights)	Sunday Arrival (3 nights)
Single	3 Days golf, 2 nights, meals	\$517.00	\$639.00
Double	3 Days golf, 2 nights, meals	\$392.00	\$453.00
Call For	Additional Packages		

Name: _____ SGAA Member #: _____

Guest Name: _____ Guest Stroke Handicap: _____

SGAA Roommate: _____ SGAA Member #: _____

ALL reservations, including Sunday, must be made through SGAA.

No Refunds after reservation deadline on April 1, 2024

Make Checks Payable to: SGAA

Mail Reservation form and check to:

Larry Fauconnet

4439 Foxfire Crossing

Stockbridge, GA 30281

Formats:

Monday: Four-man teams – ABCD dogfight

Tuesday: Two-man teams –A/B vs A/B and C/D vs. C/D

Wednesday: Individual Dogfight

- *Blind-draw for empty slots / guests*
- *Mon/Tue teams randomly generated*
- *Pavouts to top three places*



Classic

The Mitsubishi Electric Classic is looking for volunteers! This PGA TOUR Champions tournament will take place the week of April 22 - 28, 2024 at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth Georgia. Volunteers play a pivotal role in the event's success. Since its inception in 2013, the Mitsubishi Electric Classic has raised over \$4.1 million for charity and we cannot do that without the help of our amazing volunteers.

Volunteers can select from a variety of committees, performing the many tasks required to conduct a PGA TOUR Champions event. Please refer to the [Committee Descriptions document](#) for a brief description on the committees that are available. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences for your committee of choice.

[Volunteer package](#) includes:

- One (1) Logoed Polo Shirt
- One (1) Lightweight Logoed 1/4 Zip Pullover
- One (1) Ball Cap or Visor
- One (1) Clear Logoed String Backpack
- Personalized Volunteer Credential
- Annual Commemorative Volunteer Pin
- Volunteer Parking Pass
- Continental Breakfast and/or Lunch during Scheduled Volunteer Shifts
- Two (2) Weekly Grounds Badges (valid Friday – Sunday of tournament week)
- Opportunity to play TPC Sugarloaf post-tournament
- 15% Discount on Tournament Merchandise

The volunteer registration fee is \$85, with options to add extra shirts, hats, and pullovers. If you register before the end of the year, you will be entered into a drawing to win a 4 some at TPC Sugarloaf. Also, by watching the Volunteer Training video and completing the Volunteer Training Quiz, you will be entered to be reimbursed the volunteer registration fee. 5 lucky winners will be announced after the tournament in May.

Click [here](#) to register for the '24 Mitsubishi Electric Classic!

Please reach out to info@mitsubishielectricclassic.com if you have any questions.

The Volunteer Program is Supported by



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A SHORT COURSE FOR NEW MEMBERS AND A REFRESHER FOR OTHERS

- 1— Arrive at the golf course in plenty of time to check in with the Table. If you are the first in your foursome to arrive, complete the scorecards (no more than two players per card) for your group and turn them in with the table fee (currently \$5 per member) and await your check in completion. No scorecards will be accepted without full table fees.
- 2— After receiving your score cards following the Table check in immediately go to the pro shop and pay the appropriate green fees.
- 3— If carts have been designated by the course for a particular hole grouping put your clubs on the designated cart; if carts are not pre-assigned by the course select an empty cart.

An example of how to complete a scorecard is as follows:

- 1— *Legibly enter each players name
- 2— Legibly enter each players member number, flight (A,B,C,D) and points required
- 3— Enter the current date

Now you are ready to give your scorecards to the Table with each player's table fee

- 4— As the round is played enter each player's actual score for each hole

- 5— On the line below the score, enter the appropriate points earned for each hole (If no points are earned the points line can either be left blank or a dash (-) inserted as a place marker

- 6— Tally the actual score at the end of each nine holes

- 7— Total the number of points earned at the end of each nine holes

- 8— Birdies and better scores should be highlighted for easy identification with a red circle around the score

At the end of the round

- 9— Tally each player's score
- 10— Total the number of points earned by each player

- 11— If you'd like to know how each player fared in regard to their required points, subtract the points earned from required number and the difference (insert +/- sign as needed)

- 12— *Sign your card as "Scorer" and "Attest" the scores on the other cart's card.

RETURN ALL SCORECARDS AND PIN MARKERS TO THE TABLE BEFORE UNLOADING YOUR CLUBS AT YOUR VEHICLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	P	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Tot	Req	Net
Championship	524	446	214	418	430	169	418	428	401	3448	L	451	162	528	349	396	448	406	161	558	3459	6907		
Back	71	90	88	491	422	193	401	407	146	404	A	433	158	504	325	364	415	357	151	542	3249	6497		
Middle	88	80	80	459	395	169	343	354	119	336	E	378	142	451	291	345	369	333	121	489	2919	5741		
Handicap	11	9	15	3	7	17	1	5	13		R	4	18	6	14	12	2	10	16	8				
Serling, R	5	4	4	6	5	3	6	6	4	13		5	3	6	4	3	6	5	3	6	4	1	84	
1904	820	2	2	1	1	2			2	10		1	2	1	2	3		1	2	1	13	23	+3	
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	35		4	3	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	36	71		
Roddenberry	6	6	3	4	5	3	6	6	4	43		6	5	5	5	6	5	4	7	48	91			
3301	818	1	-	2	2	1	2	-	2	19		-	-	2	1	-	1	-	6	16	-2			
Green	88	80	80	491	395	193	343	407	146	339	2961	378	158	450	325	364	369	357	151	489	3042	6003		
Middle	74	50	88	459	395	169	343	354	119	336	2822	378	142	451	291	345	369	333	121	489	2919	5741		
Forward	79	6	82	422	365	128	279	304	92	302	289	325	117	383	248	306	324	306	95	488	2546	5005		
Date	5/15/19																							
Scorer	Roy Neff																							
Attest	Rob Sealing																							

* Place only two names (riding partners) on a scorecard. You and your riding partner will keep the score of the players in the other cart in your playing group and they will keep your score.



"We really have to start playing faster!"

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE TEE-OFF BANQUET BY FEBRUARY 16th				
4	5 Ashton Hills 10:00a/m \$35	6	7 CC of Gwinnett 10:00a/m \$40	8 Bear Creek 10:00a/m \$42	9	10
11	12 10:00a/m \$37	13	14 Browns Mill 10:00a/m \$30	15 Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m	16	17
18	19 Crystal Lake 10:00a/m \$37	20	21 GA National 10:00a/m \$37	22 TEE OFF LUNCHEON TUSCKER ELKS CLUB 11:00a/m	23	24
25	26	27 Providence 10:00a/m \$37	28 Chimneys 10:00a/m \$45	29		

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