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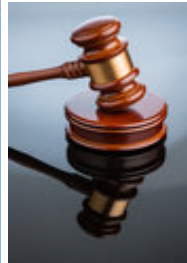
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Our new membership efforts are paying off. In the first two months of 2024 we enlisted eight new members, and three other prospects have indicated their intention to join within the next few weeks. Some new members contacted us through our web site and some joined because a member invited them. We are encouraged by these results, but must continue to introduce friends and neighbors to SGAA.

In my March article I discussed a number of proposals of the Membership Committee which are intended to enhance our membership efforts. At the February meeting the board approved those recommendations. As a result, the table fee will be waived for members who bring a guest who is a prospective member to a daily event. Table captains or a member of the Membership Committee can answer questions about the waiver. At least one member has taken advantage of the waiver.

We have also revised our marketing brochure. Copies will be available at registration tables, and we encourage you to take copies to share with friends. We will place brochures with courses which will permit us to do so. We've also revised the new member application to make it more "friendly." Other revisions to the web site to provide more information to prospective members are in process.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the Mitsubishi Classic at TPC Sugarloaf, April 22-28. Among the players expected are Miguel Angel Jiménez, Stewart Cink, Bernhard Langer, Steve Stricker, and Jim Furyk. This is an opportunity to see great golf and to spread the word about SGAA. Please consider volunteering for the event. Ward Humphries is volunteering, and you may contact him at ward.humphreys@gmail.com for complete information. You may also visit the tourney website at

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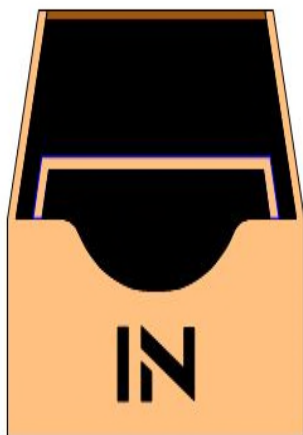
Plans for the Member/Guest tournament at Apple Mountain in Clarksville, GA on Sept 30-Oct 2 are virtually complete. Full information and registration forms will be available on the web site soon. A number of our members play Apple Mountain frequently and recommend it highly. We have arranged economical packages for members and spouses so please make plans to be with us.

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Aside from golf, my favorite hobby is woodworking. I really enjoy retreating to my workshop and crafting a chair or a table out of raw, unfinished wood. I have a lot of nice power tools and hand tools that help me make accurate cuts or drill holes or sand surfaces. In order for my tools to function properly (and safely) they must be properly maintained. Saw blades and drill bits have to be sharp and free of pitch or resin and all metal surfaces need to be protected from corrosion and rust. Saw dust buildup on the tools can also make them less accurate.

You're probably thinking "that's nice Mike but what does that have to do with golf?" Well, having well maintained tools is just as important in golf as it is in woodworking. Golf clubs can be quite an expensive investment and most of us don't have the money or the desire to replace them every year or two. Properly caring for the clubs you have will help protect your investment and allow you to maintain your performance on the course year after year.

How often should you clean your clubs? Ideally, they should be cleaned after every round. If you clean off the dirt and debris with your golf towel after each shot during the round and wipe them down with a damp cloth after the round or when you get home, your clubs will be ready to go for your next round.

If you want to do a more thorough cleaning, a bucket of warm water and mild dish soap will do the trick. Let them soak for 5-10 minutes. Only submerge the club head because submerging the hosel might ruin the ferrule. Scrub the grooves with a soft-bristle brush (never use a wire brush.) Clean grooves help provide the "bite" you need to produce optimal flight and spin of the ball. Rinse the club head in clean water insuring that all soap residue is removed and dry it off with a clean, dry towel. Also, wipe the shaft off with the towel to insure it doesn't go back in the bag wet.

It is good practice to clean the grips of your clubs periodically. Otherwise, they may get slick and will probably wear out prematurely. The easiest way to clean them is to wipe them down with a moist cloth, then dry them gently with a towel. This removes surface dirt and grime and only takes a few minutes.

Where should you store your golf clubs? It is best to keep your clubs in a dry location. On a day-to-day basis your garage is fine. For longer-term storage, a temperature controlled location is ideal. Extreme temperatures can be harmful to your clubs. It is recommended that you never leave your clubs in the trunk of your car when you are not transporting them to and from the golf course. On hot, sunny days the temperature in the trunk can reach 200°F which can break down the epoxy that joins the club head to the shaft and the glue under the grips. In cold temperatures, the grips can become slick and even crack if it gets cold enough.

With proper maintenance, storage, and protection, your golf clubs will serve you well for many seasons ahead. When you take care of your investment, it will take care of you out on the golf course.

**EVENTS FOR
APRIL 2024**

**All tee times
are 8:30 a/m**

April 1
MON: 8:30 a/m
Monroe CC \$45

April 2
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$42

April 3
WED: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$37

April 9
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$32

April 10
WED: 8:30 a/m
Browns Mill \$30

April 11
THURS: 8:30 a/m
Providence \$37

**April 15-17
OUT OF TOWN
LITTLE OCMILGEE TRIP**

April 18
THUR: 10:00 a/m
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

April 22
MON: 8:30 a/m
Pine Hills \$28

April 23
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Crystal Lake \$37

April 24
WED: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$32

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We begin April with 195 active members. Two members and one past member have passed in 2024. Past member Bill Lewis and Present members Don Helm and Charles King. They all will be missed. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is complete and readable.

New applications should include a check for \$50 to insure membership.

MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE BLANKS ON THE APPLICATION FORM ARE FILLED OUT. MAKE SURE THEY ARE EASILY READ.

Get your blank applications from the registration tables. New applicants must have two (2) sponsors.

SEE YOU ON THE COURSE!!!!!!!!!!

ENJOY THE FINE FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD GOLF!!!!!!!!!!

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."

Bill Lewis member from 1998 – 2020

Don Helm member since 2002

Charles King member since 2019

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Rambling from Tee to Green

"When marketing an item you need to be perfectly clear in your identification and description of your product or service." No, I did not take marketing in my college days; I grew up in a family environment of journalists and printers and I spent several years running my own business and -- it just makes sense. I started to say "common sense" but years ago I heard someone say their grandmother told them it wasn't common sense, but good sense because if it was common sense everyone would have it.

Have you ever been watching a TV program, saw a commercial for some product and when it was over you thought "what was that commercial for?" It happens all the time in our modern texting age. The up and coming generations don't have a very good grasp of the English language and all too frequently resort to three or four symbol/letter acronyms as a way of communicating – brb, ttl, lol, l8r, and so on.

If I told you I was a member of SGAA, a past president of GAITE, a member of IMSA as well as owner of TPI; would you know what I was saying? Only that I am a member of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta and the rest – GAITE (Georgia Institute of Traffic Engineers), IMSA (International Municipal Signal Association) and TPI (Traffic Products, Inc.) would all be Greek to you unless you were part of the industry.

In years past, attendees received a hat commemorating the annual Member/Guest. Our logo adorned the front of the cap and the year and maybe location were prominent on the side. Anyone who saw the hat knew the organization and the function.



Lately we seem to have succumbed to the level of acronyms; we refer to ourselves as being members of SGAA rather than Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta. Why is that? Have we become so ashamed of our organization we don't want anyone to know who we are? I don't think that's the reason. I think we've just slipped into the modern trend of talking rather than communicating.

If you check out the list of committees on our website you won't see a "Marketing" committee. Why? Because, like it or not, we're **ALL** needed in the marketing of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

It's up to all of us to grow our membership. It would be great if we all brought in at least one new member. That would definitely help. But how the prospective new members see the organization is up to everyone. Why did you join? Why do you continue to remain a member? Remember those reasons when discussing Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

No, we're not perfect; but we're still pretty damn good and even on the bad days we have a lot of fun and fellowship.

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Tim Dickinson

Member since 2024

For this inaugural event, we are turning the Spotlight on one of our new members: Tim Dickinson

Let's show Tim and all of our new members a warm welcome

After being born at Georgia Baptist Hospital in 1958, I grew up in suburban Decatur in the Columbia Drive/I-20 area. When my family first moved there, it was the outer reaches of metropolitan Atlanta - where the city turned into the country. But things were quickly changing. The horse pasture behind our house became another subdivision, play time with my friends included riding our bicycles on the graded roadway of what would soon be I-285, and the old bait shack at the intersection of Glenwood Road and Columbia Drive turned into a Waffle House. In no time, we were city folks.

I went to Columbia High School where my main sport was soccer, though as a senior I moonlighted as the placekicker on the football team. I then went to Georgia Tech where I graduated with degrees in Industrial Management.

From there, I had a forty year career working with information technology and business applications for large corporations. I started out writing COBOL code on IBM mainframes and progressed to different technologies and to managing projects and software development teams. One good thing about my field was that I was able to work in a variety of industries, including companies like Norfolk Southern, Southern Company, Sprint, and SunTrust/Truist Bank. Last June, I retired from Truist.

I started playing golf in 2004 and was immediately hooked. On New Years Day 2005 - less than six months after my first time on a course - I managed to knock in a hole-in-one. I thought that was the first of an ever growing collection, but I'm still looking for number two. I've long been a member of the Panola Mountain Golf Course. which is less than five miles from our home in Rockdale County (Stockbridge).

I've been happily married for over 40 years to Terri, who is originally from Albany, Georgia. We met at my first post-college job at Norfolk Southern. Our children all have four legs.

Bob Towarnicki and Mike Nobles were Tim's sponsors



Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation* Training

Dr. Steve Holbrook, M.D.
Instructor

April 10, 2024
Browns Mill Golf Course



Doctor Holbrook is providing this valuable life-saving training free of charge to any and all Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta members



* Slow Play may cause the need of CPR



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

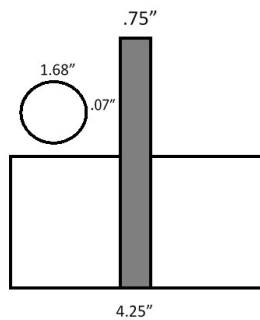
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There were no Letters to the Editor this month, however I will use this space this month to correct the information from my March article.

"The regulation size of a golf hole is 4.25" in diameter, the golf ball is 1.68" in diameter and the flagstick is .75" in diameter.

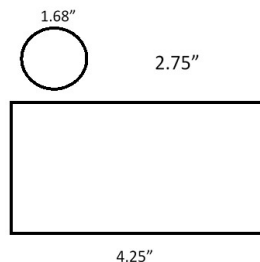
With the flagstick in the hole, this reduces the space left to allow your ball to drop into the hole to 1.75" (That's $4.25 - .75 = 3.5$ divided by two since you can only enter the hole from one side – or half). Now with just 1.75" of space for the ball (1.68" in diameter) to fall into the hole you end up with just .07" left

The above information is correct, as shown in this illustration



"However, with the flagstick out of the hole you have 2.125" of space for the ball to fall into the hole. With means you now have .445" left for error."

My error in the above statement came from forgetting about the part of the hole past the flagstick. In fact when the flagstick is remove the entire 4.25" is available for the 1.68" ball to enter the hole which means there are 2.75" and not the .07" left as per this illustration.



"Letters to the Editor" will be included, on a first-come basis, as many 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 to reject any letters not adhering to the above guidelines.)*



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

** 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.*

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
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Back	71	90	88	491	422	193	401	407	146	404	A	433	158	504	325	364	415	357	151	542	3249	6497		
Middle	48	02	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				
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Riddens	6	6	3	4	5	3	6	6	4	43		6	5	5	5	6	5	4	7	48	91			
3301	B/B	1	-	2	2	1	2	-	2	19		-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	6	16	-2		
Green	88	90	83	494	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	39	6	6	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															



SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2024
1112 CONLEY CREEK ROAD
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MONDAY TEE TIME 12:30 PM EST

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CONDOS HOUSE 2, 3 OR 4 GOLFERS; 2 SINGLES, OR 1 SINGLE AND A DOUBLE, OR 2 DOUBLES. WE'VE RESERVED ADDITIONAL ROOMS, BUT CONDO SPACE IS LIMITED. WE HAVE INDIVIDUAL ROOM AVAILABLE AT THE "SLEEP INN" IN BRYSON CITY, IF NEEDED.

PACKAGE	ONE GOLFER PER BEDROOM	TWO GOLFERS PER BEDROOM
3 Golf, 2 nights, meals per person	\$430.00	\$375.00
3 Golf, 3 nights, Meals with Sunday Early arrival	\$495.00	\$420.00
COUPLE: 3 Rounds Golf for one Member 2 nights lodging and no meals	\$345.00 per bedroom	
Spouse meals	\$90.00	
Additional packages available by request		

All reservations must be made through SGAA.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 10TH

Name: _____ SGAA Member Number _____

Guest: _____ Guest Stroke Handicap _____

SGAA Roommate: _____ SGAA Number _____

COMMENTS: _____

Make Checks Payable to SGAA
 Mail Reservation Form and Check to:
DAVE MUELLER
 1167 Vintage Way
 Hoschton, GA 30548

Monday Tournament will be four-man team A, B, C, D. Dogfight format. Tuesday Tournament will be two-man Teams. A/B players against A/B players. C/D players against C/D players. Dogfight format. Wednesday Tournament will be an individual dogfight format.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monroe CC 8:30a/m \$45	2 Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42	3 Georgia National 8:30a/m \$37	4	5	6
7	8 Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$32	9 ★	10 ★ Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$20	11 Providence 8:30a/m \$37	12	13
14	15 OUT OF TOWN LITTLE OCMULGEE TRIP	16	17	18 Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m	19	20
21	22 Pine Hills 8:30a/m \$28	23 Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$37	24 Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	25	26	27
28	29 Southland 8:30a/m \$36.72	30	<p>*CPR Training April 10th BROWNS MILL</p>			

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