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I WANT YOU
TO VOLUNTEER

Professor Vilfredo Pareto was an inquisitive fellow. In 1906 he published a paper, Political Economics, in which he stated that his careful research showed that 20% of the citizens of Italy owned 80% of the land. He also cited other examples of this 20/80 phenomenon. Since the early 1940s this has become popularized as the Pareto Principle, or the 80/20 law. Essentially it holds that 80% of results are the result of 20% of the causes.

SGAA is an example of this principle. Of our roughly 200 members, about 40 volunteer as officers, committee members or table workers. Interestingly, these 40 or so fill more than 60 positions; some fill as many as 3 positions—and most of these have been members for over 10 years.

We appreciate the diligent work of these volunteers. But we need new faces in some of these volunteer positions. Officers, directors and committees are in place for 2024, but we vitally need table workers. We urge you to consider volunteering for a table position. It's not rocket science; just look who's doing it now. Contact any table captain or officer for more information about the position. And consider running for an office, the board, or joining a committee this fall.

Incidentally, the board has created an award for Volunteer of the Year, and the first recipient will be recognized at our year end banquet. The award is named in honor of Claude Rhen who is a model volunteer. Claude served as a director and board member and served two terms as President. He continues to provide support for our data processing system and reporting.

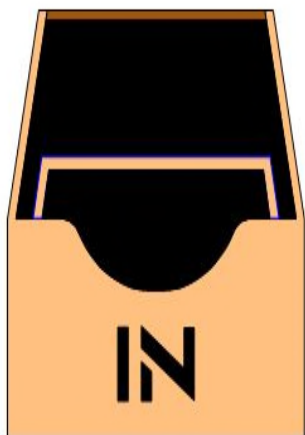


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I volunteered to be a substitute table worker a few times last year just to get a better understanding of the scoring and awards process for the SGAA. I've always been a "numbers guy" and I enjoy working with data and spreadsheets. This year I became a fulltime member of the Tuesday table. With our Table Captain (John Cyran) currently on the injured list, I've gained some firsthand experience with regard to how much work goes into making it possible for us to have local tournaments two to three times per week for eleven months out of the year. I'd like to share a little bit of that with you.

Before the season begins, the In-town Scheduling Committee headed by Jeff Hyland has to go to every Atlanta-area golf course that we want to have on our schedule for the upcoming year and negotiate a new contract. Tournament dates, availability of range balls and coffee and pricing are discussed and finalized. The location and dates of SGAA's Annual Tournament are also determined.

During the season, the table captain (or a designated table member) receives all of the registration requests submitted by the members for a tournament and manually prepares the tee sheet. He also contacts a golf course representative one week before play and two days before play to confirm that we are on the course's schedule and to give them an estimated number of golfers that will play.

On the day of the tournament, the table members make modifications to the tee sheets due to walk-up players or cancellations, enter players' names into the computer, collect table fees, note starting hole and course adjustments on the scorecards and coordinate placement/collection of closest-to-the-pin markers before the round. Upon completion of the round, the table verifies that the scorecards are correct and inputs the data (score, birdies/eagles/HIO, closest-to-the-pin) for each golfer into the computer and the program tabulates the scores by flight and the tournament results. The table captains send the reports to the web master (John Cyran) to be posted online. They also go to the bank and deposit the table fees in SGAA's account after each tournament.



Much of what these valued volunteers do is taken for granted because our process runs relatively seamlessly. We should all be thankful for the hard work that went into developing the process and for those who make it work before, during and after every tournament. Take a moment to let these hardworking volunteers know how much you appreciate their efforts!

**EVENTS FOR
MAY 2024**

- May 1
WED: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$37
- May 2
THUR: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$40
- May 6
MON: 8:30 a/m
Ashton Hills \$35
- May 8
WED: 8:30 a/m
Browns Mill \$30
- May 9
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$42
- May 13
MON: 8:30 a/m
Hickory Hills \$25
- May 14
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Crystal Lakes \$37
- May 16 — **PAR 3**
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Providence \$37
- May 20
MON: 8:30 a/m
Mystery Valley \$40
- May 21
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$42
- May 22
WED: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$32
- May 28
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Southland \$36.72
- May 29
WED: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$32
- May 30
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Sugar Creek \$33

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We begin May with 199 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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The opinions expressed on this page are purely the Editor's and may or may not coincide with those of the Board of Directors.

Rambling from Tee to Green

Membership, and membership growth in particular, has become the priority focal point of this year. The number of members we have is a very important factor in several areas of our activities. You, or I, could show up to a golf course to play golf and we'd be charged the "going rate" just like everyone else. However, when Jeff Hyland goes to the courses to arrange for our tournaments he brings along the entire membership and its potential as leverage in securing the cost of green fees and dates of play. So the size of our membership is important.

There's been a rumor circulating that consideration is being given to removing the requirement of having two members sign off on (sponsor) new members. To change this will require a change to our By-Laws; a change I caution against making. Fortunately, I have been advised this rumor is just that a rumor.

The Membership Application was being updated and the sponsor's names were moved to the bottom of the application under the heading "To be completed by SGAA".

Apparently some of the discussion about the format for the updated Membership Application included the suggestion to remove the sponsors' signatures from the upper section. The concern was that potential members might not be applying for membership because of the requirement on the form to list two sponsors. It was decided that SGAA would assign two sponsors to potential members and eliminate that hurdle for applicants. If the applicant does know one or two current members they will be the sponsors. The requirement for two sponsors is still in effect.

While membership quantity is important, quality of membership is just as important. There are few of us that don't get frustrated from time to time while on the course whether it be from an errant shot, slow play, or a myriad of other factors. While it's understandable, how we handle that frustration reflects upon all of our membership. We haven't had any fights, no one has damaged the course in a fit of anger and the courses appreciate our patronage.

While we might lose a potential member if they are indeed intimidated by that requirement; the need to protect the integrity of our membership process and maintain the quality of members far outweighs the loss.

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Rick Pruitt

Member since 2024

I was born in 1946 at Coker Hospital in Canton, Ga. (yep they did have hospitals back then). We moved to Atlanta the summer before first grade. I attended Chattahoochee Elementary in northwest Atlanta, later West Fulton High. I Played football, basketball, baseball for 5 years (no middle schools at that time) and graduated in 1964.

After high school and a short stint in the Air Force; I entered the working field with General Foods Corporation. I worked in the national foodservice credit division located in Chamblee. I attended night classes at Dekalb College, Ga State, and Oglethorpe University. I transferred into sales with General Foods in the Maxwell House Division. That began a 48+ year career in Foodservice Coffee sales. Most of my career was spent with Sara Lee Coffee & Tea. My last position was Regional Sales Director for Southeast U.S. I did finally get my BA degree in management from Univ. of Tennessee-Nashville while living there with General Foods – my first sales assignment with them. A long hard journey for my degree (but I didn't have a student loan)

I retired from Sara Lee in 2015 and currently live in Braselton. I have been married to wife, Myra for 45 years. We have 3 children and 7 grands, 6 boys and 1 girl.

I spend most of my time now traveling -- a passion that my wife and I enjoy -- along with spending time with the grands and following Ga Tech Sports. I've been a fan since my early high school years when my Aunt would cart me to games when I was small. She was a secretary at Tech for many years and spent part of that time in Bobby Dodd's office.

I also am involved in blogging about coffee and travel. Occasionally I do some consulting work in the coffee industry.

I have been playing golf since age of 22; love the game and look forward to SGAA involvement.

I LOVE GOD-FAMILY-TRAVEL-COFFEE-GOLF

Rick was sponsored by John Cyran and Jim Means

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A story of pro golfers names, past and present.

Each week SGAA members enjoy the game, camaraderie, and friendship created in this game. So, many stories are passed down through our foursomes as we play. To stay connected with the game of golf, I wrote this short story using the names of pro golfers, past and present. Also, I have withheld the names of the SGAA members to protect their game and my dignity.

So, the very first foursome I golfed with welcomed me with open arms. One golfer made a Byrd (JONATHON) on the very first hole. He stated that he golfed Daly (JOHN), sometimes with his two brothers, Norman (GREG) and Scott (ADAM). A Friend (BOB) of his, who plays Every (MATT) other Day (JASON), was in a golfing Funk (FRED) recently until he made his first hole in one. It goes to show you that on a cold January (DON) Day (GLEN), even with a bad Lye (Mark), any Player (GARY) May (BOB) get lucky. Myself this day, I hit a few in the Woods (TIGER) and couldn't Cink (Stewart) any putts.

The next time out at Herron (TIM) Bay, these golfers Rose (JUSTIN) to the occasion and showed their Pride (DICKY). Even with a little Frost (DAVID) on the second fairway, we all hit the Green (HUBERT) with our second shot, even with a bad Lye (MARK) here or there. We got to talking about our siblings and one golfer said his brother Donald (LUKE), who is a retired Barber (MILLER), just moved from Huston (JOHN) Texas to Clearwater (KEITH), Florida. He said his brother couldn't Waite (GRANT) to tee it up in Florida. It's a Strange (CURTIS) thing this game, the Moore (RYAN) you play and older you get; you are never over the Hill (MIKE). His other brother Peete (CALVIN), who is the Elder (LEE) of the two and a retired Cook (JOHN), moved North (ANDY) from Austin (WOODY) Texas to a small town in Kanada (CRAIG). One of the other golfers has two sisters, Kim (ANTHONY) who is a Baker (CHRIS) and Grace (BRANDON) who works in a Barr (DAVE) and both reside in Vegas (JONATHAN). At the end of the round, we hopped into a Black (RONNIE) Ford (DOUG) for a Berger (DANIEL) and fries. At the restaurant, we discussed our other interests and hobbies. Our group had an Archer (GEORGE), a Hunter (JIMMY), a Walker (JIMMY) and an English (HARRIS) teacher. What a great group in the Flesch (STEVE)!

So I congratulate the SGAA, a group that has Hart (DUDLEY), a group that is not Bland (RICHARD) of character, friendship, or charisma, a group that sends a Beem (RICH) of light and hope to old Peoples (DAVID) like me to join. Here at the SGAA, we Singh (VIJAY) our own tune. There is no HARMON (BUTCH) that!

One of our newest members (Bob Towarnicki) wrote this golf story. He creatively uses pro golfer's names to tell about the first round that he played with the SGAA.

"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.)*

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**PAR 3 TOURNAMENT
PROVIDENCE GOLF CLUB
THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
8:30 A/M
SPECIAL \$10 TABLE FEE**

It's great that you long hitters can get 250+ yards off the tee; but how good is your short game?

Don't think you've got it where you want it to be? Then it's time to get it together because in a few short weeks you'll be put to the test.

That's right; SGAA is holding another Par 3 Tournament . This will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a/m. Special \$10 per player table fee applies for this event.

Payouts will be the same as our normal dogfight tournaments plus a low gross for each flight.

There's only a few short weeks left to dial in those distances and hone your aiming skill before this event.



SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 2024
1112 CONLEY CREEK ROAD
WHITTIER NC 28789
MONDAY TEE TIME 12:30 PM EST

GUEST WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS AND/OR FAMILY - THE MORE THE MERRIER. PRICES ARE PER PERSON, SINGLE OR DOUBLE AND INCLUDES GOLF AND MEALS.

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE FIRST CLASS TWO BEDROOM CONDO UNITS WITH FULL KITCHEN, LIVING ROOM W/TV AND PORCH. EACH BEDROOM HAS A TV AND A PRIVATE BATHROOM.

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
<p>DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE SMOKEY MOUNTAIN TRIP</p>						
5	6 Ashton Hills 8:30a/m \$35	7	8 Georgia National 8:30a/m \$37	9 Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42	10	11
12	13 Hickory Hills 8:30a/m \$25	14 Crystal Lakes 8:30a/m \$37	15 Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$30	16 PAR 3 Providence 8:30a/m \$37	17	18
19	20 Mystery Valley 8:30a/m \$40	21 Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42	22 Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	23	24	25
26	27	28 Southland 8:30a/m \$36.72	29 Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$32	30 Sugar Creek 8:30a/m \$33	31	

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