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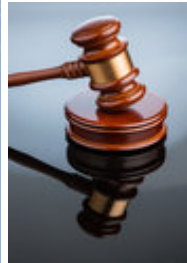
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Be patient with changes – We’ve had to adjust play dates at a number of courses over the past month. This happens. At Smoke Rise a burst pipe has restricted use of their club house to the point where they have had to curtail club use for non-members. Smoke Rise cancelled our play dates until the fall so we’ve shifted impacted play dates at Smoke Rise to Panola Mountain. Likewise, temporary greens at Mystery Valley yielded a turn-out that was insufficient for a game, and there are some associated issues with the layout of the course proper while they work on their greens. Therefore, Mystery Valley games have been temporarily impacted forcing us to move those games to other venues.

Pre-registration – Several members have reported difficulty regarding pre-registration. Specifically, folks believing they have pre-registered but not showing up on the tee-sheet. Pre-registrations are made on a fillable form on the SGAA website using either your computer or mobile device . If the fields in the forms are not filled out, or if the email address field doesn’t have a valid email address, the form will be “kicked-out” of the system and the table captains won’t see it. So, fill out the forms completely, and include a valid email address prior to submitting the form. You should get an immediate automated response form the systems that says, “Thanks for registering”. THEN, within a day or so, you should get an email from the table captain verifying that you have been registered. If you don’t get that email within a day or so, contact the table captain for the day you wish to play to see if you have been registered.

Courtesy on the par-3’s – Please don’t take the pencils that are on the close-up pins, even if they have nice erasers. Place the cards with their edge, not their face, pointing towards the tee. IF you get really close to the front of the hole – place the pin the same distance back behind the hole rather than in front of it.

Ready Golf – Please continue to maintain the pace of play. Try to finish a par-3 in 8-10 minutes, a par-4 in 12-15 minutes, and a par-5 in 16-20 minutes. Some tips to speed play:

- Have your distance estimated and club in hand when it’s your turn to hit.
- It’s ok to play out of order if you can do so safely, if the man who is further out is not yet ready to hit.

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- PICK UP at DOUBLE BOGEY.
- Write scores at the next tee box
- Let lost balls go – three minutes max then drop

Some additional reminders regarding our rules of play which I've been asked to remind people about:

- We putt everything out
- When a ball goes lost or OB, we place the ball along the line that it entered OB or the area where it was lost – not straight out onto the fairway (90 degrees from where it is or think it is).
- Do NOT practice anywhere on the course. Pre-course practice is limited to driving range and practice greens/bunkers only.

Finally, everyone should pretty much have their reservations in for Smokey Mountain by the time this publishes; now start thinking about getting your reservations in for the Member-Guest at Lake Junaluska!

And, keep talking the club up with friends, family, neighbors, etc. Let's keep the membership growing! Thanks to Tom Vardase, we have new cards to pass out to anyone who might be interested in joining. Get these from the tables.

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."

Jim Hood member since 1995

Bob Smith member since 2000

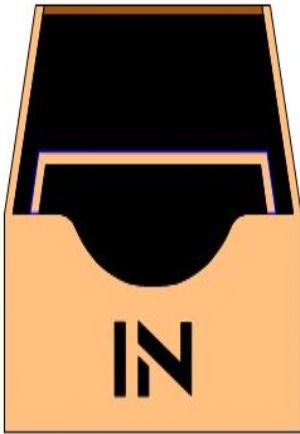
Jeff Burke member since 2021

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Mark Padzur, an Executive Golfer, periodically posts interesting information about golf. He recently posted some interesting and timely facts about the PGA Championship. Here they are, with minor edits:

"The total purse is \$15,000,000.

-The concept for the tournament was conceived in 1916. 35 golf professionals, organized by Rodman Wanamaker, met to discuss their ideas for building an organization that became The PGA of America. Those attendees decided a national golf championship should be held each year (play was suspended during WWI and WWII). This year will be the 105th PGA Championship.

- Two players have won the PGA Championship five times: Walter Hagen (1921, 1924, 1925, 1926, and 1927) and Jack Nicklaus (1963, 1971, 1973, 1975, and 1980).

- The youngest winner was Gene Sarazen at age 20. The oldest winner was Phil Mickelson at age 50 (in 2021).

- Rodman Wanamaker put up \$2,500 of his own money for the prize fund the first year of the tournament and ordered a silver cup for the winner – thus the Wanamaker Trophy was born."

There's an old saying that golfers who go to Heaven get to play unlimited golf on courses with no rough and 9 inch holes. Golfers who go the other direction are doomed to watch golf continually with Howard Cosell as commentator and no Shot Tracker.

Here's hoping that you are in the former group above, but many of you will be watching the PGA this weekend as I will. And I hope to see you on the course vying for the weekly awards, even if they are somewhat less than the PGA purse.



EVENTS FOR
JUNE 2023

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

June 1
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$30

June 5
MON: 8:30 a/m
Ashton Hills \$32

June 6
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Cherokee Run \$30

June 8
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Pine Hills \$25

June 12
MON: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$36

June 13
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

June 14
WED: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$30

June 19-21
**OUT OF TOWN
SMOKY MOUNTAIN, NC**

June 26
MON: 8:30 a/m
Providence \$35

June 27
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$36

June 28
WED: 8:30 a/m
Hickory Hill \$30

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We begin June 2023 with 213 active members Three Members have passed away, Jim Hood, Bob Smith and Jeff Burke.

Keep up the good work on the new applications. We are accepting applications for 2023. Application forms are available at each registration table or by contacting me.

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.

Continue to ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to join us. 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!!!!!!!!!!



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Rambling from Tee to Green

Golf is among the most challenging avocations I've ever encountered. With all the challenges golf presents it's hard to believe it's a sport or even fun. Where's the sport in hitting a ball that's not even moving? For example, how hard is it to miss a ball perched absolutely still on a stand with a huge club? Doesn't seem possible but I've managed to do it, more than once. How difficult is it rolling a ball into a hole in the ground that's more than two and a half times the size of the ball? Well, I've missed that stupid hole quite often, even from less than a foot away. What sense does it make to practice hitting the ball as many times as you can and then the player that hits it the least number of times wins and when your play isn't up to par you qualify as a pro. Finally, whatever your score, someone wants to compare it to every other score in the world and make you feel terrible about how bad a player you are.

Why do I play golf? Why does anyone play golf? Golf does have some benefits, mostly not part of the game at all. Golf courses are outside. Golf courses are among the most beautiful parks in the country. If you enjoy being outdoors, golf is a natural hobby, until it rains. Also, golf as a sport doesn't rely on physical fitness. You stand still next to your ball on the ground and take a swing at it with a long handled club that doesn't require you to bend over very far to reach the ball and then you ride in a cart to wherever it went. And, driving the cart is actually fun.

Golf is also an excuse to get out of the house. You can drink beer and smoke cigars, even before noon; all things that are frowned upon at home. You can also bet on the outcome. When was the last time you bet on anything at home? Another benefit, you get to meet interesting people.

An article in the April 8, 2023 edition of "The Epoch Times" suggested senior golfers reaped both mental and physical benefits from golf. A retired associate professor at the University of Southern California, George Salem, spent much of his career developing exercise programs, realized there was something exceptional about golf. "It's a recreational activity that's very different from weightlifting or cardio-respiratory activities like walking, cycling, or rowing," he said. "Part of that is you're in a group environment. There's a lot of social support. It's very addictive."

Golf is also a sport that requires mental calculation, agility, fine motor control, and bursts of concentrated force.

Salem developed a study for military veterans aged 60 to 80 for a 12-week training course. This program produced positive results, including improvements in strength, balance and agility. Brain function also improved.

Which leads me to the conclusion that golf is not only fun; it's a self-improvement program too.



SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 19, 20, 21, 2023
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.

Name: _____ SGAA Member Number _____

Guest: _____ Guest Stroke Handicap _____

SGAA Roommate: _____ SGAA Number _____

COMMENTS: _____

Make Checks Payable to SGAA
 Mail Reservation Form and Check to:
 Danny Boyles
 P.O. BOX 390506
 Snellville, GA 30039

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.

The Golf Course at Lake Junaluska

USGA Rules Apply except for the following Local Rules

- Inside edge of road of holes #9, #10, and #18 mark o/b. Any ball that enters parking lot is deemed to be out of bounds.
- All other o/b are marked by white stakes.
- Fence to right of hole #14 marks lateral hazard. Red stakes on hole #16 mark lateral hazard.
- No Alcohol or Profanity Please.
- Please fill divots, repair ball marks and rake bunkers.
- Carts are not allowed 30 ft. from greens, unless on cart paths.

756 Golf Course Road
Waynesville, NC
456-5777

The 18-hole Lake Junaluska Golf Course in Waynesville, North Carolina is a public golf course that opened in 1919. Lake Junaluska Golf Course measures 5,108 yards from the longest tees. The course features 5 sets of tees for different skill levels.

Lake Junaluska Golf Course first opened for play in 1919 as a 9 hole challenge. In 1994 the course was expanded to 18 holes.

Most of the holes on this this short, fun, eighteen hole course are wide open and provide an experience that is challenging enough for our "A" players while being not too challenging for our "D" players. The older part of the course is somewhat flatter than the newer part. The pro told us that the course had two distinct personalities. As we played it, we saw that he was right.

	Blue	64.8/110	306	177	298	475	148	375	485	346	164	2774	PLAYER	366	110	485	200	290	101	290	185	307	2334	5108	
	White	63.6/105	300	172	290	460	140	362	470	327	139	2660		356	105	469	175	280	94	280	170	299	2228	4888	
	Handicap		11	1	15	17	9	7	3	13	5			4	14	12	2	16	8	10	6	18			
	Men's Par		4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	35		4	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	4	33	68	
HOLE			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Tot	Hcp
Gold			290	125	276	402	92	245	385	264	125	2204		296	75	388	145	270	78	270	140	287	1949	4153	
Red	62.2/103		280	120	266	392	85	235	375	254	120	2127		281	65	318	130	202	63	260	135	277	1731	3858	
Teal			276	114	263	386	81	149	280	246	116	1911		265	58	312	127	197	58	254	133	271	1675	3586	
Handicap			5	13	7	1	17	11	3	9	15			2	18	6	12	8	16	10	14	4			
Par			4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	35		5	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	4	34	69	
Date:			Scorer:										Attest:												

Par for the course from the back tees is 68 and from the forward tees is 69 - though our treatment of the course will bring it up to 71 or 72 as we turn the longer par-4s into par fives. From the back tees, the course plays to 5,108 yards. The longest hole on the course is # 7, a par-5 that plays to 485 yards from the back tees. The shortest hole on the course is the par-3 #15 that plays 101 from the back tees.

As a mountain course, there is some elevation (more than the Waynesville Inn Golf Resort, but less than Smokey Mountain by our estimation). The most challenging hole is the par-4 16th hole, which has been featured in Golf Digest due to it's challenging nature. The challenge was created by the power company taking advantage of its right-of-way and placing several poles on top of a hill that dominates the left-center of the fairway. We'll be giving away a free sleeve of balls to any who can birdie this baby (though, it will be easier the second time you play it – it looks more intimidating than it really is).

As a point of reference. Dave, Ron and I played the course and we all would have made our points (+/- 1).



The Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska

We currently have 30 lake-facing rooms blocked at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska. The Terrace Hotel offers modern comforts and breathtaking views of the lake. We currently have 14 rooms with 2 queen-sized beds, 12 rooms with 1 king-sized bed, and 4 handicap rooms with 2 double beds.

Nestled in the heart of Lake Junaluska, the hotel has 105 guest rooms and is directly across a road (not a very busy road) from the lake-front venue where we'll be dining on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. Being on the lake, the Hotel is also convenient to the Rose Walk which encircles the lake and a gift shop (also in the building where we'll be dining).

We'll be taking advantage of the Terrace Hotel's dining room for a hot buffet breakfast on all three mornings of our stay.

The Terrace hotel also features a large great room with rocking chairs, board games (chess, etc.) and a large stone fireplace.

The hotel is located less than five minutes driving from the golf course.



Registration Form

SGAA Member-Guest 2023

Lake Junaluska, NC

1-4 October, 2023



Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center
91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

- Challenge yourself with three rounds of golf at the historic, 103 year-old Lake Junaluska Golf Course.
- Lodging in lake-front rooms at the Terrace Hotel offering breathtaking views of the mountains and lake.
- Enjoy three hot buffet breakfasts at the Terrace dining room overlooking the lake.
- Join us for two group dinners (Sunday & Tuesday) in a private space overlooking the lake adjacent to the Terrace Hotel
- A boat-tour of the lake followed by a light lunch and/or a shopping trip into Waynesville are being arranged for guests on Monday and/or Tuesday. (Price to be determined)

All packages include:

- 3 rounds of golf per players
- 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners per person

8:30 Tee Times
each Day

Check
Option

Occupancy	Price	✓
Single	\$895 per person	
1 Player + 1 Non-playing guest (Couples, etc.)	\$1,045 per couple (player+ non-playing guest)	
Shared room – 2 players	\$650 per person*	

*Shared room per-person rates require two people to split the room expense. If only one comes, that person will need to cover the total single occupancy rate per room)

** Additional packages/adjustments may be possible if available on a case-by-case basis

Name: _____ SGAA Member# _____

Guest: _____ Guest Handicap (if applicable) _____

SGAA Roommate: _____ SGAA Member# _____

Make Checks Payable to SGAA
Mail Reservation Form & Check to:
Larry Fauconnet
4439 Foxfire Crossing
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Golf Format: Dogfight

- Monday: Four-man teams (A,B,C,D)
- Tuesday: Two-man teams (A/B vs. A/B & C/D vs C/D)
- Wednesday: Individual dogfight

Check Preference

1 King

2 Queen

Handicap (2
Double)

Registration Deadline is August 15th. No refunds past registration deadline.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE
MEMBER-GUEST AT LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.
OCTOBER 1-4, 2023

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
			<p>Want a break from the sweltering heat? How about some fresh mountain air? There may be a spot or two left for the Smoky Mountain Trip if you move quickly.</p>			
4	5	6				
	Ashton Hills 8:30a/m \$32	Cherokee Run 8:30a/m \$30		Pine Hills 8:30a/m \$25		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$36	Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$32		Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$30		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p>OUT OF TOWN SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP</p>					
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Providence 8:30a/m \$35	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$36	Hickory Hills 8:30a/m \$30			

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