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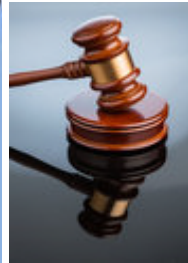
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Regarding integrity – Not a day goes by without someone in the club contacting me for some reason. Over the past few months I've noted an increase in comments about anonymous (because folks don't want to get their friends in hot water) players taking – let's just say "extreme liberties" – with some of our rules of play. For example, the "**one club-length**" that we allow members to move the ball getting seems to be getting significantly longer while the word "**no**" has somehow been forgotten in the phrase "**no closer to the hole**". I've also been told that some folks who play together regularly have started to offer "gimmies" to each other on the green. Remember, the "**putt it out**" rule was established following significant issues regarding folks not adhering to a general rule of allowing gimmies inside the leather – with the leather for some becoming far longer than that for others. Arguments ensued, feelings were hurt, and the requirement to putt everything out was established. Many people miss short putts and one group of friends allowing each other gimmies becomes unfair to those who adhere to the rule. It must be followed universally to be fair. And, then, of course, there is the odd person or two who routinely miraculously "find" their ball much like Odd Job found Goldfinger's ball in the 007 movie. Our rules of play are very generous. They're designed to speed play while remaining fair to all. However, they are only fair to all when adhered to by all. Golf is a game of customs, courtesies, and above all, integrity. We owe it to ourselves as well as others to adhere to the rules. Integrity lost is hard to regain. Remember:

- Putt everything out
- You may move your ball one club length, no closer to the hole, anywhere on the course with the exception of on greens or in bunkers. The ball must remain in the same general condition (if in the rough, it must stay in the rough).
- In the bunker, you may lift, rake, and replaced if it lies in a footprint or place that was poorly tended, and it may be moved a club length from water or mud.
- With balls out of bounds, lost balls, or unplayable lies you may drop anywhere along the path of flight (with one-stroke penalty). Not 90 degrees out from where you found it.
- Please reference our "rules of play" for more club rules and details, found on the website.

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PLEASE validate your flight in the first game you play in a new month! Remember, your flight may have shifted even if your handicap hasn't! Why is this important? Because if you erroneously put your name on the wrong close-up pin, that close-up becomes disqualified for the entire flight. For example, if you are a "B" and mistakenly put your name on a "C" close-up, then there will be no award for any "C" player for that hole. It is your responsibility to get it right. Recently you may have seen a piece in the Newsletter referencing how to fill out scorecards prior to a round. That article suggested that not only members' names and numbers appear to the left on score cards, but their flight and points as well. This is a requirement of our Bylaws and helps ensure that members know what their flight is.

Absent Friends - We've lost a few good friends and long-time members over the past month with the passing of Earl Conine and Harley Thompson (I hope I haven't forgotten someone!). Let's remember, we're here to have fun, play a game we love, forge friendships. Don't forget to try to enjoy every moment on the course (I need to try to adhere to that more!).

Don't forget – It's time to register for the Member Guest coming up on 1-4 October!

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

Earl Conine member since 2002

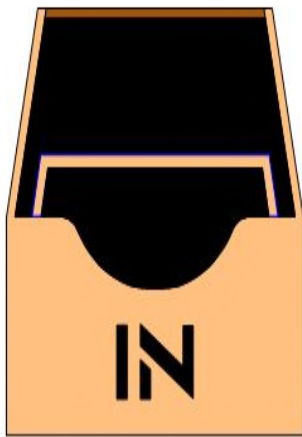
Harley Thompson member since 1996

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ChatPT was supposed to prepare an article for this month's Newsletter, but I'm still waiting so I'm on my own again. Maybe next month.

Let's have another look at what goes in SGAA behind the scenes. Here are the many activities of Claude Rhen.

Not only has Claude served two terms as President of SGAA, but he continues to contribute in countless ways. Here is a partial listing of Claude's current activities.

1. Claude and Danny Boyles post scores and results to the web site.
2. Table computers are maintained by Boyles and Claude.
3. Claude acts as a backup to JJ Goldsack in preparing the handicaps and awards reports.
4. He maintains the SGAA email account. This account is used to distribute the Newsletter as well as special emails to members, when tournaments are cancelled, for example. Resigned and deceased members must be deleted and new members added. Other corrections are frequently necessary.
5. Calling Post is an internet account use primarily to communicate with members who do not have email. Claude maintains this account in the same manner as the email account. He also deposits money in the Calling Post account to cover the cost of calls, and initiates calls when necessary.

Obviously Claude has been doing the work of many for several years. He has recently asked to be relieved of responsibility for the email account and the Calling Post. If you would agree to assume these responsibilities, please contact me, Claude or Larry. Claude will provide more details and will train his successor and act as a backup for a time.

Editor's note: As we go to press, John Cyran is stepping into the breach to take Claude's place in many of these tasks.

I'm a scratch player...
Every time I hit the
ball I scratch my head
and think, "How did I
screw that up so bad!"



**EVENTS FOR
JULY 2023**

July 3
MON: 8:30 a/m
Cotton Fields \$28

July 5
WED: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$30

July 6
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

July 10
MON: 8:30 a/m
Monroe CC \$32

July 12
WED: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$40

July 13
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$36

July 17
MON: 8:30 a/m
Ashton Hills \$32

July 18
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Smoke Rise \$35

July 20
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$35

July 24
MON: 8:30 a/m
Heron Bay \$35

July 25
TUES: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$40

July 26
WED: 8:30 a/m
Pine Hills \$25

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We begin JULY 2023 with 213 active members Five Members have passed away in 2023, Jim Hood, Bob Smith, Jeff Burke, Earl Conine and Harley Thompson.

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!!!!!!!!!!

The new logo for the PGA/LIV tour?



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Rambling from Tee to Green

"I feel the need... the need for speed!" was the tagline for the first *Top Gun* movie. Everywhere you look, there's this underlying theme to speed things up; MLB has placed a pitch clock into the mix of things as well as complaints from golfers at all levels about slow play.

Back in my former life I managed a Federal Highway Administration program for the State of Louisiana. I met a big (6'5" 340 lbs.) Cajun fella down in bayou country by the name of Boudreaux. Now ole Boudreaux fell in love with this little Cajun queen – Yvette. Yvette had long black hair and baby blue eyes and as they say, "a body that just won't quit" [think Linda Carter as *Wonder Woman*] in a 5 foot nothing frame weighing maybe 100 lbs. soaking wet fully clothed. Yvette was as sharp as a tack; Boudreaux, not so much. On their wedding night, macho man took off his trousers and tossed them across the bed with the instructions to "Put these on." Yvette wanting to please her man, stepped in and pulled them up to her waist; and with the pants bunched up on the floor declared, "I can't wear these!" To which Boudreaux replied, "You're right and don't forget it." Not to be outdone, Yvette took her tiny bikini panties and told Boudreaux "Put these on!" As he pulled them to his knees he told her, "I can't get into these." And her reply; "You're damned right and you never will until you change your attitude!!"

I've changed my attitude somewhat when it comes to what is commonly referred to as slow play in golf. Believe it or not, you can play too fast. I was in a group that was waved through the group ahead of us, and in an attempt not to slow them down we increased our pace, and subconsciously continued to play faster and faster and ended with an 18-hole round in close to 3-1/2 hours. I don't remember the others' scores, but mine was astronomical. Since then our rounds have been closer to 4 hours and my score was closer to my "expected" SGAA score. We weren't waiting on the group ahead of us, nor were we holding anyone up. It wasn't the SPEED; it was the PACE of play.

There is a reason our by-laws designate the length of our courses to be between 5000 and 5500 yards. It's also one of the reasons we ride in carts and don't walk the course -- we're *Senior Golfers*. Most of us are not physically capable of playing, much less walking, a longer course.

So I suggest we all take an attitude check and don't worry about the speed of play and rather pay attention to the pace of play. No, they aren't the same thing. Speed focuses on hurrying, while pace is playing ready golf. We play the same courses time after time, just like the pros do, so we should be familiar with how the courses play and what club we usually use. There may be some fine tuning but as you approach your ball you should have a good idea your club selection for the upcoming shot.

Yes, there is etiquette in golf that suggests the order of play. That's a suggestion, not a hard and fast rule so if you're ahead of a playing partner on the course, not hindering his shot and you're ready to play and he's not ready yet – hit the damn ball! Keep the pace moving be considerate of those behind you.

SGAA Member-Guest at Lake Junaluska, NC 1-4 Oct, 2023

General:

Lake Junaluska was chosen as our venue for our annual Member-Guest outing for 2023 based on three key factors:

- **Value:** The average cost per couple – not counting additional for the guest outing(s) – came in at just over \$1,000 including lodging, two dinners (each), three breakfasts (each) and golf. When taking into account the significant increases in lodging and dining costs over the past few years, this is a relative bargain. The closest contender cost nearly \$1,300 per couple. AND, October 1 starts the fall “season” (high prices) in the Smokies – we got Sept. pricing!
- **Convenience:** The venue is only about three hours from Snellville, which is about the geographic center-of-mass of our membership.
- **Quality Golf:** The old part of the course – the original nine holes – harkens back to the days of Francis Ouimet. The course is challenging enough for “A” players while not being too challenging for “D” players. It should be fun for all.
- **The availability of non-golf fun:** In addition to the rose walk that encircles the lake and other activities available at Lake Junaluska, the artsy town of Waynesville is only minutes away, where folks can spend some time strolling the historic main drag full of shops and restaurants. Options for the non-golfing guests, while still to be finalized, are likely to be a mid-day cruise around the lake followed by light fare at a lake side venue; and/or a shopping trip into Waynesville (or perhaps Asheville, still working on these details). And, we’ve been told that we may serve wine, beer, and Champaign at our dinners.



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.

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Cotton Fields 8:30a/m \$28	4	5 Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$30	6 Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$32	7	8
9	10 Monroe CC 8:30a/m \$32	11	12 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$40	13 Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$36	14	15
16	17 Ashton Hills 8:30a/m \$32	18	19 Smoke Rise 8:30a/m \$35	20 GA National 8:30a/m \$35	21	22
23	24 Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$35	25 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$40	26 Pine Hills 8:30a/m \$25	27	28	29
30	31					

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

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