

Bartram Trail Unfortunate Experience

Mr. Page's email response to one of our member's concerns states:

First of all, I do not know who you are or your relevance to the situation ... but since you have interjected your "opinion" I will respond ...

I am the owner of Bartram Trail Golf Club as of May 31, 2022. And any agreements reached between any of these "Aiken seniors" were not between me or the golf club, nor has any "signed" contracts ever been presented to show such agreement. Furthermore, I am not going to open my golf course to ANY group for less than my members would pay for a round (\$22net.). No refund will be issued nor will any **invite be extended to your group or any group for that matter**. If you would like to play my course you will pay an amount that is agreed upon before teeing off... if I am not mistaken, that is exactly what happened this past week.

As far as your "unprofessionalism" claim, I heard the conversations between my director of golf and the Aiken senior representative. He stated the rate we were going to charge and he could have decided not to pay or participate. So you might want to look inside your organization before throwing immature accusations at my professionals and my golf club.

As a matter of fact, we found multiple carts from the group with alcohol not purchased from the club, which is in violation of my liquor license and one cart left in the parking lot with a busted tire and missing hubcap. So to be honest, I don't really care if your Group returns to Bartram Trail.

Thank you for your concern, but no thanks!

Jason Page

My response to Mr. Page's email to one of our members:

Mr. Page, I am in receipt of your return email to Mr. Gene Graziano. Gene is a long-time respected member of the Aiken Seniors Golf League.

Rest assured that we will NEVER return to Bartram Trail after many years of playing there if you are the owner.

You are incorrect in some of your statements.

"And any agreements reached between any of these "Aiken seniors" were not between me or the golf club, nor has any "signed" contracts ever been presented to show such agreement."

Also "If you would like to play my course you will pay an amount that is agreed upon before teeing off... if I am not mistaken, that is exactly what happened this past week."

You took over ownership of Bartram Trail on May 31, 2022, per your comment and the Augusta Chronicle article on June 22nd at 6:00am ET.

On July 25, 2022, we sent over to your General Manager an agreement contract for us to play at Bartram Trail for \$30 a player which included the prize money. We asked for confirmation and acceptance.

On July 26, 2022, we received an email confirming that agreement contract and the terms within it.

You were there and in charge. If you were not informed, look to your own organization.
(The documents are attached)

During the discussions that you heard between my colleague and your staff, why did you not step forward and discuss with us personally.

Your staff has always been very professional and helpful to us. They are not the issue. And we thank them for their help.

In conclusion, we agreed to pay the additional amount, only because you placed us in a very difficult position. We had over 100 players that made plans and driving arrangements to attend and somehow, somehow if we made the decision to cancel, we would have to personally contact every one of them. The night before the tournament. Some even changed medical appointments. Thanks for that challenge!

I cannot address the issue of alcohol found in carts, or the flat tire and missing hubcap. I do hope that given a 9:30am shotgun, that many did not indulge that early. We have not had any of these issues at any other club.

I close this issue with you, and I hope that your approach and management style survive.

Sincerely,
Bill Walsh
Aiken Seniors Golf Chairman

To date, I have not heard back from Mr. Page and probably will not!

I want to thank all of you for your support.
We do not need anyone to send in \$15 but thank you for your offers.

I am sorry that he does not want any leagues playing there. He may be passing up potential memberships and additional revenues, but that is his choice.

I believe that boycotting his course is the best message that we can deliver.

The attached documents referenced above are available upon request.

My original email to the membership.

We just want to share the unfortunate experience we had at Bartram Trail GC.

On Tuesday afternoon we were informed that the new owner instructed his golf professional to tell us that he would not honor the price per player that was in our contract. We let him know that it was approved and electronically signed by both parties. He said that it was not his signature, and he knew nothing about it and therefore would not honor it. He asked us for \$15 a player more than the contract called for.

There is nothing to worry about concerning us charging each of you more. We took care of the bad situation, and we informed the golf professional that we would NOT be coming back and to pass that along to the new owner. That is our message to you, our members. We regret the decision, as Bartram Trail is one of our favorite venues.

We hope that you understand and support our position.

Your team,
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