

2026 SGAA CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

JJ GOLDSACK -- I'm Jim Goldsack; most of you in SGAA know me as JJ. I have been a member since 2016 when you could only be a member in January. One day in March of that year my dad won the B group and I won the A group and that confused some of the members. Joe Roberts then changed my name in the computer to JJ.



JJ Goldsack
Member since 2016

Six weeks later Joe asked if I could be his backup calculating the Handicaps. Six weeks after that Joe moved to Florida, I have been calculating the awards & handicaps ever since with Claude Rhen and then Danny Boyles as my backups.

In September of that year I replaced Jim Adams on the Thursday table, a position I left in July 2023 so I could play with my dad who had left the table earlier that year. I was a member of the Board 2021-2023.

Currently I calculate the handicaps and Awards, as well as serving as vice president of SGAA.

FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE MUELLER -- I am once again running for the office of Vice President of SGAA.



Dave Mueller
Member since 2013

I joined the SGAA in 2013, after retiring from 27yrs at Georgia Power. I have held the office of Vice President in 2021. I was President of the SGAA in 2022. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for several years. I am also working the Tuesday table and am on the Out of Town Committee. I was in charge of booking the courses we play for five years.

I have two grown kids, and have been married for 57 years. I was a Corpsman in the Navy, serving with the Sea Bees, and Marines in Vietnam.

I am active member for of the VFW, Am-Vets and a member of the American Legion.

I thank you for your vote.

FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER

TOM VARDASE – After approximately eight years as the SGAA Treasurer, all I can say is, “the check is in the mail.”



I came south in '75 to work in minor league baseball for the Jacksonville Suns – a privately owned club affiliated with the KC Royals. I left after two seasons and in 1980, I got the opportunity to begin a career in broadcast television production for a new independent station. Came to Atlanta in '84 as the Production Manager for WATL, Channel 36, an independent station as well – you may have passed by the station on Ponce de Leon Avenue (an old bank building). In '88, I began to work for myself, incorporated as MVP Inc. In '92, we began working under contract with Georgia Public TV producing Prep Sports +, a high school sports and academics program. When it was all said and done, we completed 405 original half-hour programs as well as approximately 400 live high school football and boys & girls state basketball championship games.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JIM BEGNAUD – I joined the SGAA in 2016 and for the past three years have served on the Wednesday Table. I am a past member of the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee. A CPA by profession I worked in Public Accounting and Financial Management throughout my career, including positions with KPMG, Tenet Healthcare, Pony Express and Hays Financial Consulting.



Jim Begnaud
Member since 2016

I hail from Texas, graduated from Lamar University and served with the US Army in South Korea. My wife Patty, a retired RN, and I have lived in Tucker for forty-six years and have two children and four grandchildren. I look forward to helping guide our organization into the future.

LARRY FAUCONNET -- Larry has been an active member of the SGAA for over ten years. During that time he's served the SGAA in a number of roles to include: BOD, VP, President, Table Chair, Monday Table Captain, Chairman of the In-town tournament committee, and Chairman of the out-of-town tournament committee. During his various tenures he's actively worked alongside and assisted all of the current and recent past leadership teams towards keeping the SGAA a growing, fun, and fair organization.



Larry Fauconnet
Member since 2015

Larry is a retired LTC from the Army's Intelligence corps – a 28-year veteran (roughly split between active and reserve time) with several combat deployments. Most of his time was spent in various combat units, with a little “strategic” time mixed in. In his civilian life he worked on the strategy team of BellSouth and then AT&T's Advertising & Publishing unit.

He and his wife remain quite active in the crazy dog-rescue world and have facilitated the rescue and rehoming of over 1,000 dogs over the past decade – some coming from as far away as California and being sent to new homes as far away as Corsica. In addition to golf, Larry enjoys spending time at his family's fishing cabin on Lake Ontario – among other things.

JEFF HILL -- I'm honored to be considered for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Senior Golf Association of Atlanta. Golf has been more than a sport to me—it's been a source of friendship, purpose, and joy throughout my life, especially in my senior years. I'm eager to give back to the community that has given me so much.



Jeff Hill
Member since 2024

Over the years, I've had the privilege of organizing and leading senior “dog fight” groups at Hard Labor Creek and Lane Creek. These gatherings weren't just about competition; they were about building camaraderie, fostering fairness, and creating a space where everyone felt welcome. I've always believed that good record keeping, clear communication, and a cheerful spirit go a long way in making golf more enjoyable for everyone.

I've also been involved in events like the Hero Golf Tour, which allowed me to combine my love for the game with my support for veterans and charitable causes. Whether I'm helping plan trips for senior golfers or simply showing up to play with integrity and sportsmanship, I try to bring both fun and fairness to everything I do.

I want to serve on this board because I care deeply about the future of senior golf in Atlanta. I believe our association can continue to grow in ways that honor tradition while welcoming new ideas. I'd be proud to contribute my experience, my energy, and my heart to that mission.

Thank you for considering me.

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HARRY MATTHEWS --I moved to Georgia in 1955. After High School I went back to Wisconsin for College. I drove a beer truck for a year and then got a job with Allis Chalmers. That was the beginning of a 40+ years of working in Corporate America manufacturing. I was involved in 7 major new plant start- ups or expansions in my early years and retired as Plant Manager at a printing plant for Weyerhaeuser and International Paper that I started 26 years earlier.



Harry Matthews
Member since 2014

Donna and I have been married for 39 years we have 3 children and 4 granddaughters. We have lived in the Tucker Stone Mountain area since the late 80's.

After retiring in 2013, I joined the SGAA in 2014. Since that time my golf game has gone to Hell but the enjoyment I get out of it has more than doubled. I am currently responsible for the Par 3 Tournaments and host the 2 annual banquets. I wondered could I do more. When Mike Noble announced they were doubling the salary for the Board members I couldn't resist.

I would love to be your new Board member and I will do my best to see you enjoy GOLF whatever level you play.

JEFF McKENNA – Golf plays a key role in my family history. My dad's dad, Earl McKenna, built his own golf clubs. My dad's brother-in-law, Bill Junker, co-founded Golf Pride. My dad, also named Bill, owned a banged-up set of Northwestern clubs that he would let me borrow as a kid for our backyard golf rounds in Indianapolis – aiming at targets like clothesline poles, rose bushes, birdbaths, and basketball goals. I never got any golf lessons, never played on a school team, and never signed an honest 18-hole scorecard until I joined SGAA 3 years ago. But I inherited a smidgen of my dad's skill and all of his passion for the game.



Jeff McKenna
Member since 2022

I met and married my wife Christine in 1979 in the Washington, DC, area, where we were both working at the National Institutes of Health – she as a full-time secretary and I as a science-writing intern as part of my master's program in journalism at the University of Tennessee. I had enrolled at UT a couple years after receiving my degree in environmental science from Purdue. (Go Vols and Boilermakers!)

My three daughters were born in Maryland before we all moved to Atlanta (Duluth) in 1992 when I took a job at CDC, where I managed press relations and communication campaigns for chronic disease issues like preventing smoking and promoting nutrition and physical activity. I was blessed to be able to retire at the end of 2015.

I enjoy woodworking and home repair, so I spent most of my early retirement life fixing up my house. Finally neighbor Ward Humphreys talked me into getting off my ladder and picking up my golf clubs for an SGAA guest round at Chimneys. Now I divide my time among spoiling our three young grandkids, nursing my rickety joints, and hitting countless Titleists out of bounds.

I look forward to joining y'all for many more years of good golf and fine fellowship!

KERRY PHILLIPS -- Hello my name is Kerry Phillips and I am running for the Board of Directors. I have been in SGAA for 9 years.



Kerry Phillips
Member since 2016

I attended college in Cookeville, Tennessee majoring in Health and Physical Education. I taught and coached for 40 years.

I am from Griffin, GA. and my wife, Marilyn, and I have been married 18 years. I love golfing and fishing.

If elected I would like to help SGAA continue to be a great golfing organization.

STEVE YOUNG -- I became a member of SGAA in March of 2024 and have enjoyed the fellowship and the golf ever since. Understanding that it takes volunteers to make SGAA operate, I began working the Thursday Table in 2025 and have appreciated getting to know the members as well as some of what it takes to run the organization.



Steve Young
Member since 2024

We wouldn't be able to enjoy the fruits of SGAA without the many volunteers that make it all happen, so when nominated for the Board I felt the responsibility to step up and accept the nomination.

I spent my career in the Telecom industry, retiring from Verizon in 2009 as a Senior Vice President. I then taught in the Business School at Georgia State University for 8 years. My wife of 43 years, Betsy, and I have two adult children, both living in Atlanta, and we welcomed our first grandchild in April 2025.

If elected, I pledge to do my best to serve the members of SGAA with integrity and to help the organization prosper and grow.

These gentlemen comprise the official list of candidates for the 2025 Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta election and are the only names on the ballot.

The By-Laws, Article IV, Section C paragraph 4; specifically states:

" All names for nominees must be submitted by September 15. Any member desiring to run for office after that date must participate as a write-in candidate. (R15)"

BALLOTS and VOTING

A ballot follows with instructions for mailing your ballot or delivering it in person to the Election Committee.

The ballots will be counted and the results made public at the Year End Banquet on November 13th



Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta

DEDICATED TO GOOD GOLF AND FINE FELLOWSHIP

OFFICIAL 2026 SGAA OFFICIAL BALLOT

FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for One):

___ JJ GOLDSACK

___ WRITE-IN _____

FOR VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for One):

___ DAVE MUELLER

___ WRITE-IN _____

FOR TREASURER (Vote for One):

___ TOM VARDASE

___ WRITE-IN _____

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3yr Term) (Vote for **three***):

___ JIM BEGNAUD

___ LARRY FAUCONNET

___ JEFF HILL

___ HARRY MATTHEWS

___ JEFF McKENNA

___ KERRY PHILLIPS

___ STEVE YOUNG

___ WRITE-IN _____

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****Voting for more than three candidates for the Board of Directors will make your ENTIRE ballot null and void***

If you choose to vote using this as an absentee ballot, mark your ballot and place in an envelope. Seal the envelope and print your name, SGAA membership ID number and "BALLOT" on the envelope. **Either bring your ballot envelope to the Year End banquet; or place your ballot envelope in another envelope and mail to:**

JOHN CYRAN, Chairman, SGAA Elections Committee
360 McKenzie Grace Lane
Grayson, GA 30017

Your mailed ballot **MUST** be received prior to the Year End Banquet (November 13th)