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First, I want to wish all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year! With luck, the economy will improve, costs will moderate, we'll see more new members, retain more old members, and experience greater numbers of players at our events throughout the year.

I want to thank Dave again for his leadership throughout 2022. I also want to thank the retiring board members – Danny Boyles, Bruce Maney, and Jim Means - for their years of dedication to our organization. Your presence on the BOD will be missed. In addition to those three, another member of the Board who has been a pivotal presence in our club for quite some time has opted to retire early. Claude Rhen, our own "godfather of golf" will be backing off from his role on the Board as well as from a number of significant "behind-the-scenes" efforts that he has shouldered through the years. While his active participation will be sorely missed, he remains a valued member of the organization and mentor to the leadership of the SGAA.

I want to welcome our incoming Board Members – Dennis Hanson, Ward Humphries, and Gary Nelson – who are starting their three-year tenure on the board in 2023. In addition, we welcome Kevin Anderson to the board. Kevin received the fourth greatest number of votes for the BOD in the last election and has accordingly been appointed to the Board by the out-going President, Dave, to fill the remaining BOD tenure of retiring Claude Rhen. I agree with that appointment and look forward to seeing Kevin on the Board.

The tables have seen some challenges and process changes over the past year. As such, we are currently working to secure a time and place for our annual table workshop for current and aspiring table workers. At this workshop we'll review the table processes, share best practices, and consider or debate improvements that may be made to those processes. Look for updates regarding when and where this will take place (likely early January) via email and the website.

There have been a few end-of-year shifts on the table team. Jim Goldsack and Jim Means have both decided to take a well-earned break following years of dedicated table duty. I want to thank Lou Herrig for stepping up to the plate (appropriate because Lou also plays baseball) that Jim Goldsack leaves on the Thursday table. Kevin Anderson has agreed, at least temporarily, to fill the critical role of table Captain on the Monday table that Jim Means' departure leaves open. This will leave the Monday table short so we'll be looking for a strong candidate to volunteer for Monday

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Now, for an update on the Member-Guest tournament for 2023. After months of searching for reasonable properties, negotiating with four different venues, and losing some sleep in an effort to provide a fun and affordable Member-Guest tournament in 2023 (the availability of high-quality competitive courses at cheap prices have, in the current economy, become quite limited) I've finally contracted (after briefing the BOD) with the Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center near Waynesville NC to host our annual event. The Member-Guest event will be from Sunday, October 1st through Wednesday, October 4th, with participants arriving on Sunday evening, playing golf Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, and departing after the final game on Wednesday. We'll have two group dinners (Sunday and Tuesday) and breakfast each morning. The key elements of my decision process included having a golf course that met our club's requirements; an overall (lodging, dining, and golf) price that was relatively affordable; a location that was closer; and a venue that provided quality lodging and dining facilities and that afforded a number of non-golf activities either on the property or nearby. We'll determine what activities will be available for the guests shortly; however, one attractive option is a pontoon boat tour of the lake followed by a light lakeside lunch. For the golfers, Lake Junaluska offers a unique, fun golf course that was originally designed over 100 years ago. It's a shorter course (but greater than 5,000 yds our club requires) from the days of the likes of Francis Ouimet and Harry Vardon, that still offers a fair challenge to the amateur golfer of today. Dave, Ron, and I played it and had fun with it. I believe that, with our treatment of the course, it will provide a fair chance for all players to both have fun and hit their points. Due to reduced turn-out last year, I've blocked a reduced number of rooms (which reduces risk to the club) that all have a lake view. If we go over the number of blocked rooms, additional rooms will be best-available. The nature of the venue is to cater to groups. Because of that, they look for early commitment. We can reduce the number of rooms blocked on or before 1 April, 2023 if needed as a way to reduce risk. With that in mind, this year we'll be looking to start taking reservations for the member-guest very early and incorporate ways to gauge interest early in the year. Look for more on this topic in later monthly newsletters, on the web, and via email blasts early in 2023.

So, with that I close my first newsletter article as president. I look forward to a great year of golf and fellowship as we work to grow both membership and Playership.

See you on the course –

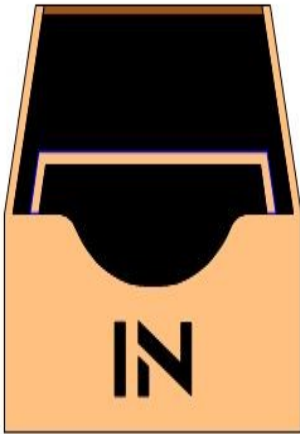


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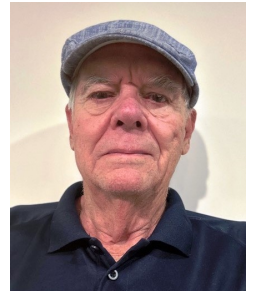
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Vice President

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Let me express my sincere appreciation for being elected to serve as your vice-president for 2023. Questions have been raised as to whether my election was the result of my being unopposed or my arduous campaign. Nevertheless, it is what it is. And, finally, be assured that I received no campaign contributions from either Sam Bankman-Fried or George Soros.

I look forward to working with Larry and the Board this year. Among the issues confronting us are membership; participation in both local and out of town events; the substantial increase in the cost of out-of-town events; and the refinement of the pre-registration system. If you have ideas on any of these issues, please discuss them with any officer or board member.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you on the course in January.

Remember: Nothing straightens out a nasty slice like a sharp dogleg to the right.

Blondie



EVENTS FOR
JANUARY 2023

*All tee times
are 10:00 a/m*

January 17
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Providence \$35

January 19
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Bear Creek \$36

January 23
MON: 10:00 a/m
Cherokee Run \$36

January 25
WED: 10:00 a/m
Georgia National \$35

January 31
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

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We begin January 2023 with 234 active members. Five members have passed away in 2022 (Dave Ellenberg, Tommy Smith, Billy Powell, Bob Michalowski, Joe Farnell). Three past member deceased. (James (Jimbo) Martin, David (Santa) Visscher, Howard Rodemoyer.

The number of members will be reduced after Tom Vardase, Treasurer and I finish our collection of dues for 2023. The date for dues due for the next year was changed to January 1 so we will not have a true number when this newsletter is published.

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.

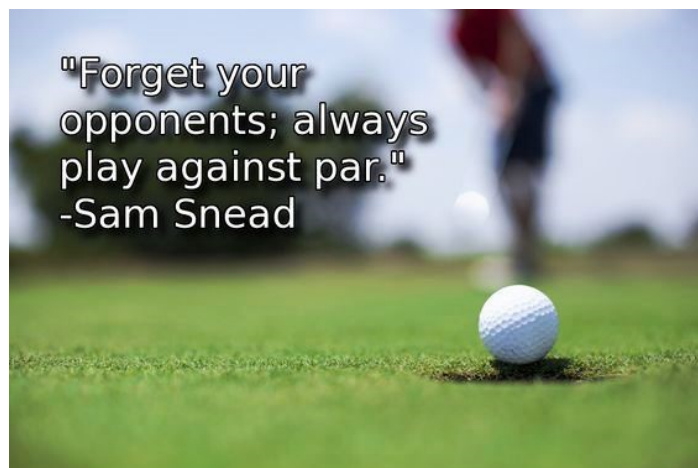
New applications should include a check for \$50 to insure membership.

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!!!!!!!!!!



"Forget your
opponents; always
play against par."
-Sam Snead

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Rambling from Tee to Green

Here it is the beginning of a new year already. One tradition has been to make some resolutions with which to start the new year; only to have those resolutions fall by the wayside within a couple of weeks. Let me offer some resolutions that should be easy to keep and help Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta maintain the goal of "fine fellowship and good golf."

Resolution #1 – Do whatever I can to make the SGAA tournaments relaxed and enjoyable. That means I will strive to assist in any way my unique set of talents can be used; whether that's volunteering to be a regular, or alternate, Table Worker; or just being willing to help out whenever I am needed.

Resolution #2 – Do whatever I can to keep the tournaments moving and not delay the rest of the players unnecessarily. That means I will play ready golf so our tournaments are completed in no more than four and a half hours. This helps everyone; the players, the Table Workers, and the Golf Club.

Resolution #3 – Play as often as I can and invite friends to join us. This is probably the easiest one of all. Not only will playing more strength SGAA it's good for your health. Have you ever heard a doctor tell a patient to stay indoors and not enjoy the fresh air and sunshine? Neither have I. Inviting friends and neighbors to join us just makes it more enjoyable.

Resolution #4 – Do whatever I can to be a good steward of the game. You just have to be aware that this is indeed a game – no ranting and raving and making a scene – and that we are guests of the course and as such are obligated to take care of it – fix our divots, repair ball marks, and keep the carts away from the greens.

Any, or all, of these resolutions will help you make this new year better than last year for both you and Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.



SGAA 2023
Tee Off Luncheon
February 23, 2023

11:00 a/m—2:00 p/m



Monroe Golf and Country Club

1414 Alcovy St
Monroe, GA 30655

\$20.00 PER PERSON

(includes tip and tax)

This will be a buffet Luncheon—with a new menu — similar to our Year-end Luncheon

Reservations can be made by sending your check for **\$20.00** made out to **SGAA**
annotated as "Tee-Off Luncheon" to:

Tom Vardase
3502 Johns Road
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Reservations MUST be received no later than February 17, 2023

This is not so much "going to lunch" as it is about the friends and fellowship as we kick off a new season. .

Moving forward I encourage your feedback regarding any changes you'd offer. Cost and location are probably the foremost, but the menu and other suggestions to attract better attendance is welcome.

You can't put a price on friendship. I look forward to seeing you on February 24th.

Harry Matthews

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