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Another month of golf has gone by. We are beginning to see the grass grow, but the rain seems to keep coming. We just got back from a great Little Ocmulgee trip. I think everyone had a great time. Danny did a great job of running the event. The only complaint I heard was the toilet paper need an upgrade.

We have heard several rumors about Cotton Fields. I talked to them, and they explained that the paper had it wrong, and nothing was happening to the course this year. They are making the course change; in as far as they will be making an 18 hole course made up of only par 3's and 4's. This may turn into a great place for the par three contests for us.

I can't say enough about the work the table workers are doing. They get there early, and stay late at every match we have. Be sure and thank them.

Our next out of town trip is coming up. We'll be heading to the mountains. Information is on the website.

Let's all play some golf and have fun doing it.



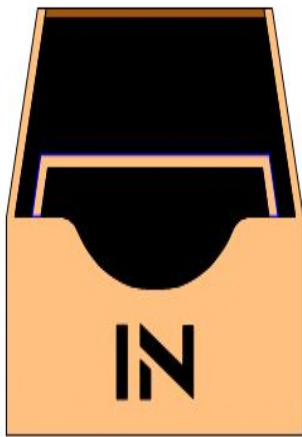
"The easiest way to hook a ball is to try to slice it!"

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April, like March, was a bit rough on us from a weather-perspective. Between the middle of February and the middle of April, we had roughly 30 planned games (not counting the out-of-town at Okmulgee). Of those we've had 8 cancellations – which is a cancellation rate of just over 26%. One in every four games. I believe that those cancellations were all pretty much legitimate due to weather and a few due to low turnout (also, probably due to poor weather). I'm not sure how that compares with previous years, but I'd say that late-winter/early-spring games are more likely to be cancelled due to weather than at other times through the year so I suspect that our cancellation rate will drop going forward.

Little Ocmulgee was fun, as it always is. Many thanks to Danny for putting together another great outing. Don't forget to sign up for the Smokey Mountain out-of-town this summer!

We've had a few interesting hiccups and unique problems at some tournaments, such as:

- Having all of our close-up pins removed by other, non-member, players on the course we were at. Dave said he'd have a talk with the management about that.
- Brown's Mill offered us a unique opportunity to have an impromptu test of Danny & John's pre-registration concept when they informed the table captain, John, that they advised that we didn't arrive until after sun-up forcing the table to open late hence compressing the registration period significantly (and delaying out tee-off time to 9:00). My feeling is that, all things considered, the process went pretty smoothly.
- A traffic-related late start to table ops at Honey Creek provided challenges that led to some valuable lessons-learned: Our table SOP needs to include guidance regarding what to do in the case of unforeseen circumstances causing the significantly late arrival or absence

of the table captain and/or computer; communication between the table-captain and an alternate captain needs to occur prior to the tournament regarding guidance specific to that tournament; and finally, I learned that I need to stay out of the captain's way and not make an issue worse by sticking my nose into it!

Our table teams have been cross-training duties so that we have continuity of operations in the event of an absence of key workers. We appreciate the member's patience as that takes place. Our bench of table alternates has also been put to use with alternates standing in on a few occasions over the past month. We'll continue to have openings on the table arise over the coming year so if anyone has an interest in working the table, either full time or as an alternate. Please let me know.

The BOD approved a trial of the pre-registration initiative to take place on Tuesday games starting in May. Members can expect an email outlining the process in the coming weeks. As always, we'll look forward to thoughtful input and observations from members as that takes place.

Finally, I've had some folks come to me with issues regarding slow play. One possible prospect indicated that he played 18 in 2 ½ hour so he wasn't interested in a 4+ hour game. I'm suspect he was either embellishing or required oxygen and intravenous fluids when he was finished. That said, on average, I think we probably play at about a 4 ½ hour pace, which is ok. However, sometimes we do start to drag a bit. As a senior organization that's not totally unreasonable. However, we still need to be cognizant of our pace of play. It's everyone's responsibility to encourage timely play and to play in a timely fashion themselves. Our club has implemented a number of specific rules designed to speed up play, such as limiting a hole to double-bogey and allowing a club-length (no closer to the hole), and playing "ready-golf". Be sure to take advantage of those time-savers and keep the pace of play moving along!

EVENTS FOR  
May 2022

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

May 3  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**Smokerise \$35**

May 4  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**Honey Creek \$28**

May 5  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**Bear Creek \$34**

May 9  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**Cotton Fields \$25**

May 10  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**Ashton Hills \$32**

May 12  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**Bear Creek \$34**

May 16  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**Mystery Valley \$33**

May 17  
Tues: 8:30 a/m  
**Heron Bay \$35**

May 19  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**Georgia National \$35**

May 23  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**Southland \$28**

May 24  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**Hard Labor Creek \$32**

May 25  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**Gwinnett CC \$35**

May 31  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**Crystal Lakes \$35**

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We begin May 2022 with 222 active members. Four members have passed away in 2022 (Dave Ellenberg, Tommy Smith, Billy Powell, Bob Michalowski).

Keep up the good work on the new applications. We are accepting applications for 2022. 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!!!!!!!!!!**

## ***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."*

**David Ellenburg** member since 2012

**Tommy Smith** member since 2013

**Billy Powell** member since 2000

**Bob Michalowski** member since 2008



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## *Rambling from Tee to Green*

I'm going to go out on a limb and state that every golfer wants to improve their game and lower their score.

Tom Vardase decided that one way to improve his game was to attend a multi-day school at a golf instructional facility. Others may have thought about attending a similar school, or gotten instructions from a visit to a TopGolf store or the like.

At the very least, most of the SGAA members utilize some type of rangefinder to determine the yardage for each shot as a means of improving their game. Garmin and Bushnell are leaders in devices for this purpose; either in a handheld form, wrist mode, or even a small cap brim device. All of these seem to work well and each has a "fan base" that touts their benefits.

Others employ an "app" on their phone. I've discussed several of these over the years and have settled on the *SwingU* as the one I find most beneficial and have learned that John Cyran likes it too. In addition to the standard yardage information most apps provide; the upgraded version of *SwingU* provides tips and instructions daily. I presume any golf app that includes tips and instructions has some type of user fee.

One benefit the apps have over the multi-day schools and in-store instructions is that with the apps you don't have to schedule a time or a short vacation to take advantage of the tips and instructions. But, then again, they aren't necessarily tailored to a particular individual's needs.

You've seen the ads for *Golfpass* claiming to save you a fortune and facilitate booking your next tee-time. I chuckled at this "booking your next tee-time" since Dave Mueller has done all the legwork in setting up the SGAA schedule and that includes booking our tee-times. This is another source for good instructional videos. I have a free subscription to *Golfpass* (and you can sign up for one too) which provides me a daily email with video instructions from the likes of Martin Hall (Golf Channel); Devon Bonebrake (The Golf Fix) and others. You don't have to "join" to get the emails.

By and large YouTube has the most free golf instruction videos of all. My preferences (channels to which I've subscribed) include: in no particular order...

Ali Taylor Golf: <https://www.youtube.com/c/AliTaylorGolf>

Andrew Rice Golf: <https://www.youtube.com/c/andrewricegolf>

GolfLife Golf Tips: <https://www.youtube.com/golftip>

Me and My Golf: <https://www.youtube.com/c/meandmygolf>

Scratch Golf Academy: <https://www.youtube.com/c/Scratchgolfacademyonline>

Top Speed Golf: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TopSpeedGolf>

Tour Striker: <https://www.youtube.com/c/tourstriker>

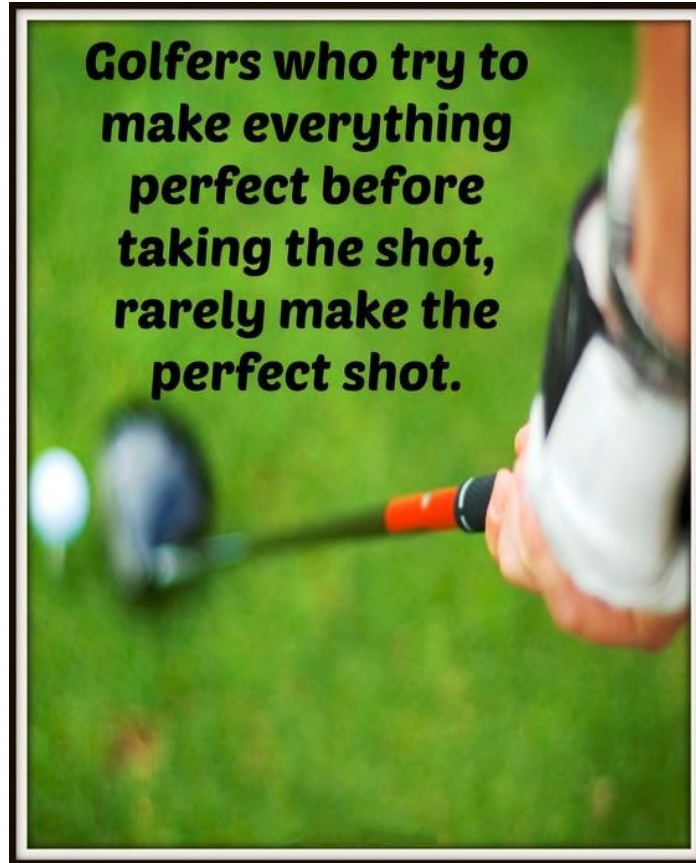
Take your pick, this is just a sampling of what's out there to help improve your game and lower your score.

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**Golfers who try to  
make everything  
perfect before  
taking the shot,  
rarely make the  
perfect shot.**

**“One thing I have  
learned over the years  
is that if you hit a golf  
ball into the water, it  
doesn't float”**

*Arnold Palmer*





## SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

**JUNE 13, 14, 15, 2022**  
**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	SINGLE OCCUPANCY (Price per Person)	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (Price per Person)
3 Golf, 2 nights, meals per person	\$430.00	\$375.00
3 Golf, 3 nights, Meals with <b>Sunday Early arrival</b>	\$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.**

**MAY 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Smokerise CC 8:30a/m \$35	Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$28	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$34	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$34		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Cotton Fields 8:30a/m \$25	Ashton Hills 8:30a/m \$32		Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$34		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Mystery Valley 8:30a/m \$33	Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$35		Georgia National 8:30a/m \$35		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Southland 8:30a/m \$28	Hard Labor Crk 8:30a/m \$32	Gwinnett CC 8:30a/m \$35			
29	30	31	<b>JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup></b>			
		Crystal Lakes 8:30a/m \$35	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE SMOKEY MOUNTAIN TRIP</b>			

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