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It looks like Spring has Sprung. The grass has started to appear thank goodness.

Forty-four of us have just returned from our first outing at Little Ocmulgee. The golf course was in excellent condition, although it played a little tough for some of us. I especially hate holes one and five. We were pleased to have several of our newer members join us and several guests also. Thank you Danny Boyles for putting this together. He puts a lot of hours into setting these events up for us.

The Par 3 tournament was a success. 74 members participated, 16 A, 21 B, 19 C, and 18 D players. I think almost everyone except me won some money. Well Done Harry and your committee!

We should have all the details complete for the Myrtle Beach Member-Guest trip by the first of June. As soon as it is finalized we will get this information to you, so you can start making your plans to attend.

The golf courses are greening up, the weather is looking better and COVID hasn't reared its ugly head within our ranks in some time (thankfully), so if you haven't been playing, knock the dust off your clubs and head to the golf course this month.

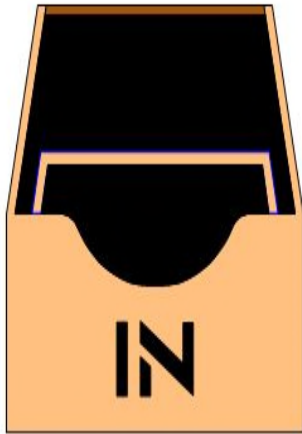


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It's time to start to book next year's golf courses again. We will start the committee sometime this month. I would like input as to where you would like our annual tournament next year. I think it's about time to have somewhere on the south side of town.

I don't know. I would like to see if maybe "The Oaks" would host us. Please pass your ideas to the committee members. We would love your input.

Once again thanks to Harry Matthews for his last par 3 contest. It was a great time had by most. You can't please everyone. Keep having a good time playing golf.

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."

Jon White member since 2017

Bob Lacy member since 2012

Tom Schultz member since 2014

Roy Fruit member since 1990

EVENTS FOR
May 2021

All tee times
are 8:30 a/m

- May 3
MON: 8:30 a/m
Trophy Club \$35
- May 5
WED: 8:30 a/m
Lane Creek \$35
- May 6
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Lane Creek \$35
- May 10
MON: 8:30 a/m
Royal Lake \$35
- May 11
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Heron Bay \$35
- May 12
WED: 8:30 a/m
Southland \$27
- May 18
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$26
- May 19
WED: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$26
- May 20
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$35
- May 24
MON: 8:30 a/m
Crystal Lake \$35
- May 25
TUES: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$32
- May 27
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Crystal Lake \$35

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We begin May 2021 with 247 active members. 4 Members deceased in 2021 (Jon White) (Bob Lacy) (Tom Schultz) (Roy Fruit). We have 13 members that are 90+ years old on our roster this year. HOW GREAT IS THAT!!!!

Keep up the good work on the new applications. We are accepting applications for 2021. 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!!!!!!!!



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Rambling from Tee to Green

Dave Mueller and his committee work tirelessly year round to contract the various golf courses for our tournaments. Even when they are negotiating with a course we've been playing for years most of the dealings are done in face to face discussions.

You might have noticed a couple of the courses we played in 2020 decided not to renegotiate their contracts for 2021. They don't always give a reason. But why give up a couple of thousand dollar revenue days unless things didn't go as expected?

WE need to assist Dave and his committee by doing everything possible to make sure the courses aren't displeased with our stewardship of their course. We've had an incident or two that may cause a course superintendent to rethink his desire to have us return.

The most egregious incident involved a golf cart being driven right up onto the fringe of the green. We've been asked by most courses to KEEP THE CARTS AT LEAST 30 FEET FROM THE GREEN. That's not an unreasonable request even for a group of seniors.

Yes, we're all getting a bit long in the tooth and many of us have some mobility problems and some even have "handicap" flags attached to their carts. That flag doesn't give you authorization to drive up to the edge of the green. You still need to maintain a reasonable (30') distance but you can and should look for the easiest path to walk to the green. If you can't walk 30' to the green might I suggest you select the courses you play? Some courses have more level areas adjacent to the greens like Sugar Creek while others like Ashton Hills; Monroe CC; or CC of Gwinnett have elevated greens. Use some common sense when you're playing golf

CHIPPING PRACTICE

The last time we played Panola Mountain last month, a group of golfers decided to practice chipping to the 14th green while waiting for the tournament to start. The Table Captain, Keith, came out and told group to stop chipping to that green as it was against the rules. He was challenged on this statement when he said it was against SGAA rules.

Keith wasn't exactly correct when he said it was against SGAA rules, I couldn't find it anywhere in our rules. This editor grew up with the ingrained knowledge that you couldn't practice putting or chipping on a regulation green of the course. So that got me to questioning what I "knew" to be true regarding this activity. A simple search of "where is a player allowed to practice chipping" resulted in the following"

"A player may practice putting or chipping on or near any **practice green** [emphasis added] (see Rule 13.1e)". So it may not be in direct conflict with SGAA rules, but it is in violation of USGA rule.

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Not only is Harry Matthews chairing the committee for our Par 3 tournaments, he's also keeping abreast of the political changes the "woke" community has in store for the golfing world. Harry reports the following:

President Biden has recently appointed a Golf Czar and major rule changes in the game of golf will become effective September 1, 2021. This is only a preview as the complete rule book (expect 2000 pages) is being rewritten as we speak .. Here are a few of the changes.

Golfers with handicaps:

- below 10 will have their green fees increased by 35%.
- between 11 and 18 will see no increase in green fees.
- above 18 will get a \$20 check each time they play ..

The term "gimmie" will be changed to "entitlement" and will be used as follows:

- handicaps below 10, no entitlements.
- handicaps from 11 to 17, entitlements for putter length putts ..
- handicaps above 18, if your ball is on green, no need to putt, just pick it up ..

These entitlements are intended to bring about fairness and, most importantly, equality in scoring.

In addition, a Player will be limited to a maximum of one birdie or six pars in any given 18-hole round. Any excess must be given to those fellow players who have not yet scored a birdie or par. Only after all players have received a birdie or par from the player actually making the birdie or par, can that player begin to count his pars and birdies again.

The current USGA handicap system will be used for the above purposes, but the term "net score" will be available only for scoring those players with handicaps of 18 and above. This is intended to "re-distribute" the success of winning by making sure that in every competition, the above 18 handicap players will post only "net score" against every other player's "gross score".

These new Rules are intended to CHANGE the game of golf. Golf must be about Fairness. It should have nothing to do with ability, hard work, practice, and responsibility. This is "The Right Thing to do."

The new rules eliminate the discriminatory word handicap and replace it with CTMPD (circumstances that make progress difficult).



SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB

JUNE 7, 8, 9, 2021

1112 CONLEY CREEK ROAD

WHITTIER NC 28789

MONDAY TEE TIME 12:30 PM EST

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.

GUEST WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS AND/OR FAMILY - THE MORE THE MERRIER. PRICES ARE PER PERSON, SINGLE OR DOUBLE AND INCLUDES GOLF AND MEALS.

PACKAGE	SINGLE OCCUPANCY (Price per Person)	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (Price per Person)
3 Golf, 2 nights, meals	\$405.00	\$350.00
2 Golf, Mon and Wed 2 nights	\$365.00	\$310.00
2 Days golf Monday and Tuesday, 1 night	\$250.00	\$215.00
COUPLE: 3 Rounds Golf for one Member 2 nights lodging and no meals		\$335.00 per bedroom
3 Golf, 3 nights, Meals with Sunday Early arrival	\$470.00	\$400.00

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 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Trophy Club 8:30a/m \$35	4	5 Lane Creek 8:30a/m \$35	6 Lane Creek 8:30a/m \$35	7	8
9	10 Royal Lake 8:30a/m \$35	11 Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$35	12 Southland 8:30a/m \$27	13	14	15
16	17 Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$35	18 Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$26	19 Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$26	20 Georgia National 8:30a/m \$35	21	22
23	24 Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$35	25 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	26	27 Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$35	28	29
30	31	<p><i>Don't let time run out on you!</i> <i>Register early for the</i> SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP</p>				

LAST DAY
TO REGISTER
FOR SMOKY
MTN TRIP

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