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Only two out of town trips left, the Member-Guest and Lake Guntersville. If, by chance you weren't going to the Member-Guest, but would like to, please call Claude Rhen. I'm sure he could make it work for you. Don't let the Guntersville trip slip up on you.

The Annual Tournament is this month starting on the 7th. Based on the scores I've seen in the last few months this one promises to be a great one. With those scores a lot of you have moved up a notch or two, so the challenge is there! Gwinnett Country Club should be in excellent shape for this tournament.

Dave Mueller has excelled this year in setting up the golf courses for us and negotiating reasonable prices for us. That said; there will be some price increases next year. Operating expenses for golf courses are rising; therefore fees will go up some.

This seems to have been the year of Hole in One (I should say Holes in One, as there have been several this year). Congratulations to Ed Gasperini for his last month. It's a shame he couldn't have seen in go in as #3 at Bear Creek has an elevated green. If he had seen it go in he wouldn't have spent so much time looking for his ball

***Do you know who this is...***



Well, wonder no more, head on over to the SGAA website (<http://www.sgaofatlanta.org/>) and select "Photo Directory" from the "More" menu and you will discover who both of these members are and possibly many more.

***Or this member?***



While you're checking out the Photo Directory, look to see if your picture is included.

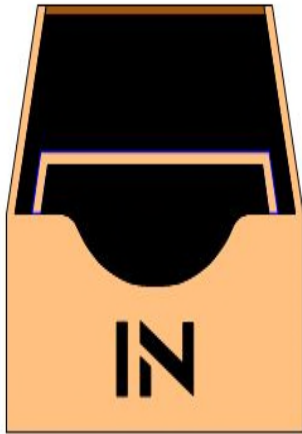
If not, take a minute to snap a picture and send it along with your name and membership number to [steve.puster@gmail.com](mailto:steve.puster@gmail.com) or look me up at the golf course and I'll take your picture

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Well another month has passed, schools are back in, and hopefully the weather will cool down a little.

This past month we saw the return to Browns Mill play. I was glad to get them back.

This is a very important time for SGAA. The elections are just around the corner. I urge each one with a desire to get involved to do just that. I'm amazed at the work that goes on off the course as well as on.

We also have the raffle coming up. This year we feature a golf bag, 2 56 degree wedges, a Garmin GPS Watch, and other items. The price is the same, 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

The 2022 season is shaping up. We've added 3 courses so far. We will be playing Hard Labor Creek, Mystery Valley and Pine Hills Golf Club.

The 2022 tournament will be played at Browns Mill. Speaking of tournaments, I hope to see everyone at Myrtle Beach. Looks like fun to me.

## ***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."*

**Jon White** member since 2017

**Bob Lacy** member since 2012

**Tom Schultz** member since 2014

**Roy Fruit** member since 1990

**Don Wood** member 1996-2012

SGAA President 2002

**EVENTS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2018**

September 1  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**The Oaks \$30**

September 2  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**Sugar Creek \$25**

September 7  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 8  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 9  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 13  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 14  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 15  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 20  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 21  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

September 22  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
CC of Gwinnett \$32**

**MEMBER/GUEST**

September 26 - 29  
**CARAVELLE RESORT**  
Myrtle Beach, SC

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We begin August 2021 with 248 active members. 5 Members deceased in 2021 (Jon White) (Bob Lacy) (Tom Schultz) (Roy Fruit) and (Don Wood).

We have 13 members that are 90+ years old on our roster this year. HOW GREAT IS THAT!!!!

We have had only one new member in the last 4 months.

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!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Check out the SGAA website

<https://sgaofatlanta.org/>

For tournament schedules; results; points awarded; current handicaps; and much more

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*Rambling from Tee to Green*

Wear a mask! Don't wear a mask! Get the vaccine! Don't get the vaccine! Follow the science! There is no science! It's my life and my freedom! We've all heard the arguments and confusion, but here are a few tips that I know will make your life a bit safer.

A home alarm system is a pretty good thing to have, but not everyone has one for a variety of reasons. But what we do have is a vehicle that has a built-in security system on it, unless our vehicle qualifies for an historical vehicle tag.

Place your keys on the nightstand when you go to bed so that if something should happen that you need help with; just press the "alarm" button on your key fob and your vehicle's horn will begin to honk summoning help. In the middle of the night a honking horn can be heard for quite some distance and will wake your neighbors.

If you have a navigation system, don't program your actual address into the "home" designation. Put in your church, grocery store, corner convenience store; someplace close, but not your actual address. This is especially important if you have a garage door opener in your vehicle.

If your car was ever stolen, your navigation system will lead the thieves to your front door; entry to your garage with the garage door opener; and if your keys were stolen too, entry to your house.

This next tip was passed along to me by one of our long-time members. Ray Fruit. Ray will tell you he's not just a pretty face.

We all have a bag tag with our name and SGAA information on it and that's good. But how many of us have left our bag next to the green as we moved to the next hole?

But that "go to club" we use around the green can be left without a second thought. So it would be a good idea to put our name and address on each of our clubs.

Not everyone has a labeling system; but as Ray suggested, seems like everyone gets a solicitation from St. Jude, Wounded Warriors, etc., and periodically they will send some personalized return address labels in their solicitation packet. Use 14 of those labels to identify each club in your bag. Don't worry if they wear out, you should have a new supply along any day now.

I agree, Ray's not just a pretty face; he's a pretty smart fella too.

# Lake Guntersville State Park

## Guntersville, AL

Lake Guntersville State Park  
 Eagle's Nest Golf Course  
 Nov 8, 9, 10, 2021  
 Guntersville AL  
 Monday T-Time 12:30 pm



Guests are welcome. Bring a friend, a family member, a neighbor. The more the merrier.

**RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE OCT 25, 2021**

Packages includes the following: 2 nights lodging, 3 days of unlimited golf, 2 dinners and 2 breakfasts. All prices listed are per golfer.

Occupancy	Package	Price per Person	Sunday Arrival
Single Occupancy	3 Days Golf	\$413.00	\$509.00
Double Occupancy	3 Days Golf	\$310.00	\$358.00
Cabin 1K/2Q Bed	Three People – Price per person	\$310.00	
Cabin 1K/2Q Bed	Two People – Price per person	\$365.00	
SPOUSE MEALS		\$68.00	

All reservations must be made through the SGAA.

If you need a different package, send an email, or call 770.329.6316 and I will try to accommodate your request.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SGAA Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Stroke Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

SGAA Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to SGAA  
 Mail Reservation and Check to:  
 Danny Boyles  
 PO Box 390506  
 Snellville GA 30039

Individual room reservation cancellations received 6 days or less prior to the arrival date will result in a charge of one night's room and tax. Please keep your cancellation number, as "No-Show" reservations, as well as "Early Departures", will be charged at 100% of the daily rate of the reservation for the entire reserved stay.

If you need additional info call Danny Boyles (770) 329-6316 or email at [utuga012@bellsouth.net](mailto:utuga012@bellsouth.net).

Lake Guntersville State Park, 1155 Lodge Dr., Guntersville AL 35976

Our Annual Tournament begins on Tuesday, September 7th at the Country Club of Gwinnett. Tee time is 8:30 a/m for all rounds of the tournament. There is a special one-time table fee of \$10.00 to be paid at the start of your tournament play. Green fees (\$32.00) are to be paid to the course before each round. There are 9 rounds scheduled for this tournament. You may play as many rounds during the tournament schedule as you like, but you **MUST PLAY** a minimum of 4 rounds to be considered as competing in the Annual Tournament. No matter how many rounds you complete during the Annual Tournament, your 4 best rounds will be used to determine your tournament standing.

The following SGAA rules are provided as a refresher as we begin tournament play. Additional information may be provided by the Table Captains, or on the SGAA website, as the tournament progresses.

1. Rules of Play—USGA, PGA and local course rules shall govern play except as listed below. While SGAA Rules may seem to be very tolerant it is for the benefit of members of the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta and to promote speedier play. Any member or members wishing to abide strictly by USGA and PGA rules are welcome to do so.
2. A PLAYER--May pick up to identify, clean or exchange a ball that comes to rest anywhere within the boundaries of the golf course and replace the ball one club length, or within one club length, no closer to the hole without penalty except on the green (see rule #3), or in a sand trap (see rule #4). The ball must be placed in the same general environment (1st cut, 2nd cut, rough, etc.) as it originally came to rest. If a ball cannot be played within one club length and still considered unplayable it can be moved any distance on a line of entry back towards the last point the ball was struck with a one stroke penalty.
3. ON THE GREEN—A player may mark the ball's location and pick up to identify, clean or exchange his ball. Ball must be replaced at the mark where it was picked up.
4. SAND TRAP PLAY—If your ball is in a fairway bunker or greenside sand trap and lies in a foot print (human or otherwise), any untended sand marks from previous a player, maintenance equipment, you can pick up your ball, rake the area of untended marks and replace your ball in the same spot without penalty. Also, any ball resting in water or mud can be pulled out and placed one club length no closer to the hole but still in the trap or bunker, without a penalty.
5. BALL OUT OF BOUNDS, UNPLAYABLE or LOST—When a ball is hit out of bounds, declared unplayable (see rule #2) or lost, after searching for a maximum of three (3) minutes, the player may place his ball any distance along the flight of the ball where the ball went out of bounds, is presumed lost or determined unplayable. A one (1)-stroke penalty shall be counted.
6. 14 CLUB RULE—Each player shall have no more than 14 clubs in his bag or face disqualification from that round.

7. DROP LOCATION—A ball hit into a water hazard must be marked off from the side of initial entry into that hazard as stated above (where the ball first crossed the yellow line).

8. NEAREST TO THE PIN—The position of the marker shall identify the edge of the ball nearest the cup. In the event of a tie the first ball posted in the winner. A player making a hole in one will place his name on the marker and place the marker directly behind the cup. It is also suggested any marker that would be in a direct line from the tee box to the hole be moved one club length left or right of that line but keeping the same distance from the flag.

9. GUEST PLAY—Members may bring a guest during the year except to the Annual Tournament, or other designated tournaments when published to the membership. However, members have priority in the event of a cart shortage. The cards for this foursome will be held by the table captain until all member players have checked in, holes and carts assigned. After this time, the foursome with a guest can be assigned a hole. As stated, in the event of cart shortage the guest will not be allowed to play and the remainder of that foursome has the choice of playing (if there are openings in a group) or not playing. Never will an SGAA member be asked to leave and a guest allowed to play.



# 2021 SGAA CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT**

**DAVE MUELLER**– I have been a member of SGAA since 2013. I have served as Vice President for the last year. I have chaired the In Town Tournament Committee for the past 4 years. This includes getting the contracts for all golf courses we play in town and includes signing the course for the Tournament. I have served on the Board of Directors for 2 years.



**Dave Mueller**  
Member since 2013

I am a veteran having served as a Corpsman with the US Navy I am a Vietnam Veteran. I have been married for 52 years. I have 2 children. I retired after 27 years from Georgia Power. I also held the job of Regional Promotion Manager for MCA & Motown Records for 5 years in the early 70's. I want to be involved and enjoy the SGAA.

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT**

**LARRY FAUCONNET** – Larry Fauconnet joined the SGAA in 2015. Larry is currently finishing a term on the Board of Directors (filling out the remainder of Dave Mueller's place on the BOD upon Dave's election to VP) and is also serving as the chairman for the Table workers. Larry is hoping to continue to serve the SGAA as VP in the coming year.



**Larry Fauconnet**  
Member since 2015

Larry is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, completing 28 years of commissioned service in 2008. Larry was an intelligence officer (with specialization in tactical and counterintelligence) for the bulk of his time in service. While with the Army he served with 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division, 513<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Brigade, Army Environmental Policy Institute, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, and in other assignments. Larry is a combat veteran of both the Gulf War (operations Desert Storm, Desert Shield, and Provide Comfort) and OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom). However, Larry knows that even with 28 years in uniform, his service still can't compare with the significant service of the Vietnam Vets who served just before him.

In his civilian life, Larry worked as a competitive strategist with AT&T and continues to work, along with his wife, Dede, as a competitive intelligence and strategy consultant with Inovis - a Swiss-based market insights firm - where Larry advises a number of fortune 500 companies regarding competitive strategy.

Larry holds a BA from Carson-Newman College in TN, an MA from Towson University in MD, an MBA from Mercer University in GA, and has graduated from the Army's Command & General Staff College.

Larry and his golf-supporting and very understanding wife, enjoy working with several Dog Rescue groups in GA, SC, and France. They have two grown children (Laurance II who works with NASA and the JPL and Brittany who works in movie production in California).

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER**

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



**Tom Vardase**  
Member since 2014

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 SGAA in 2016 and currently serve as a substitute on the Monday table. Jim is a CPA retired from Hays Financial Consulting, LLC. Hays is appointed by courts as trustees, receivers or accountants of distressed businesses. Jim has worked in public accounting and financial management through his career including holding positions with KPMG, Tenet Healthcare, and Pony Express.



Jim hails from Texas, graduated from Lamar University and served with the US Army in Korea. He lives with his wife Patty, and RN, live in Tucker and have two children and four grandchildren.

**TOM GRYDER** – When Tom retired three years ago from FMLS IN Atlanta he joined SGAA on the recommendation of Jim Carroll. Tom now serves on the Monday table with Jim Means, Ron Wade, and John David.



Tom Gryder  
Member since 2018

Tom and Denise have been married for over 50 years and Denise says if Tom doesn't straighten up he won't make 51. They have two grandchildren with another on the way and three grand dogs.

Tom is a Vietnam veteran; his hobbies include golf, travel, volunteering at the VA hospital in Decatur and volunteering with the American Red Cross. He has also volunteered with Soldiers' Angels.

**LOU HERRIG** – I humbly accept my nomination to the Board of Directors.



Lou Herrig  
Member since 2019

Since joining SGAA in 2019, my experience has been pure pleasure. Every outing in which I've participated, the fellowship of the entire group has been welcoming and supportive. My fellow nominees are all deserving, as they are willing, as am I, to continue to support and promote the legacy of the organization serving in the best interest of every former, current, and new member.

After 47 years in the Wholesale Electrical business in the Atlanta area, with numerous professional titles and responsibilities, I'm currently retired and enjoying, as my wife Lynda of 40 years states, "recess". Family is important to both Lynda and me and we're blessed

**Jeff Hyland** – I have been a member of SGAA since 2016. I retired from public education after 35 years in 2012. I was a teacher, athletic director, and administrator. I am currently the safety director for Atlantic Workforce.



Jeff Hyland  
Member since 2016

Karen and I have been married for 39 years and have two children.

**ART MAYES** – I joined SGAA in 2013. I grew up in the Syracuse, NY area and graduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1974. I was in the US Army from 1967 to 1970. I owned and ran a small business (selling airfield lighting products) for 25 years before retiring in 2012.



Art Mayes  
Member since 2013

I've been married for 50 years and have one son and two grandchildren in Phuket, Thailand and another son and three grandchildren in Atlanta. And I currently have contracted an intermittent case of the shanks

**RON PANTER** – I was born in Oak Ridge, TN in 1945. After high school I moved to Atlanta where I worked for two years. Joined the Navy was station at Philadelphia Naval Base where I met my wife of 41 years. I moved to Voorhees Township N.J. and worked in Parks and Playgrounds Public Works for twenty years. I have two sons and three grandchildren. I coached basketball five years for Voorhees Community Education. I retired in 2010 and moved to the Atlanta area in 2015.



Ron Panter  
Member since 2015

I played many years as a guest before becoming a full time member. I have done volunteer table work. I have really enjoyed playing golf with different members listening to jokes and stories.

**KERRY PHILLIPS** – I have been a member of SGAA since 2016. I won the club championship in 2016. I taught school and coached for 36 years in Georgia and taught and coached in Tennessee for 4 years



Kerry Phillips  
Member since 2016

I have 5 grandkids and one great grandson. My wife Marilyn and I have been married for 14 years

## **BALLOTS and VOTING**

A ballot with the final slate of candidates will be provided in the October Newsletter and again in the November Newsletter with instructions for mailing your ballots or delivering them in person to the Election Committee.

The ballots will be counted and the results made public at the Year End Banquet on November 18, 2021.

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 The Oaks 8:30a/m \$30	2 Sugar Creek 8:30a/m \$25	3	4
5	6	7 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	8 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	9 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	10	11
12	13 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	14 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	15 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	16	17	18
19	20 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	21 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	22 Annual Tournament CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$32	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
<b>MEMBER/GUEST</b>						
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