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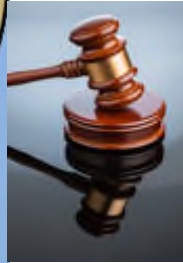
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The month of August has slipped away, and the year is coming to an end. We only have two more out of town trips on our schedule; the Member/Guest at St. Simons Island the last week of this month and the trip to Lake Guntersville in Alabama November 7-8-9th. These trips are always enjoyable and the more the merrier.

The number of rounds played this year seems to be increasing. That's a great sign. Maybe Covid is losing its grip on us. (Easy for me to say, I'm in my 7th day of isolation with Covid.) Please take care of yourself.

We'll be electing new officers for 2023 at the Year-End Banquet on November 17th. Please volunteer if you can; we're always looking for more help. It's easy to help; just say, "Yes".

Let's play some golf and have some fun.

Lake Guntersville State Park

Guntersville, AL

Nov 7, 8, 9, 2022

Lake Guntersville State Park

Eagle's Nest Golf Course

Guntersville AL

Monday T-Time 12:30 pm



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

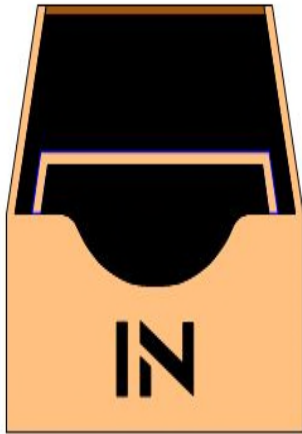
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It's September and, as always, it's a busy time for the SGAA. We have our nine-game annual tournament at Browns Mill, and a lot of planning and preparation for the coming year actually picks up pace a bit in the second half of the year. In addition, we just completed our August Board of Directors meeting where many topics were explored.

Let me start by reminding everyone that our program isn't a perfect science, but it's not bad either. We make mistakes on *rare* (tongue-in-cheek) occasion and which get corrected if possible. One example of this was the handicap report for August. The very first edition of the report that was published didn't have the flight splits adjusted properly and was later republished. However, some members read that first edition and never read the corrected version. As a result, several members had memorable close-ups that, unfortunately, couldn't be recognized because they filled out the card for the wrong flight. Our lesson learned - ensure we notify everyone *multiple* ways that the report was adjusted and hence should be rechecked. Your lesson learned (particularly close to the publication of reports) - double check to ensure it hasn't changed since it was first published.

Now, to address the elephant in the room: pre-registration. By now you have likely heard that the BOD approved this motion for implementation within the coming months. You either will, or have, received communication regarding this change. Please read the notices and become familiar with the program. We anticipate shifting to full pre-registration this month. (Tuesdays will remain pre-registration days through then). In short, members will be able to pre-register as early as a week out from an event. While members will still be able to simply just show up and play, we hope that most can register by the deadline that is currently set a day and a half prior to games which provides sufficient time for courses to manage membership & staff. Registration is currently via email or a form on our website.

This was a hotly debated and somewhat difficult proposal. With caution in mind, the BOD, in an earlier meeting, voted to table the motion in order to test the concept over a three-month trial period. Over the course of the trial months BOD members received observations/opinions from members at large. Those concerns were considered by BOD members both leading up to and during the BOD meeting itself. While some members felt that this change was unneeded placed an additional unnecessary demand on the membership and others were concerned that the move would yield a loss of fellowship and comradery that were part of every game day as players/groups rushed to get their cards to the table early to get a "good hole". Still others understood the need to provide the courses with good estimates of the number of players, they weren't sold on the idea of hole assignment. However, most members seemed more favorably disposed to the trial overall than were counter to it. While not a true believe in the beginning (I tend to be a slow-adopter and change averse), I became somewhat more convinced of the need for this initiative over the course of the trial, and I became more aware of the immediate and second-order benefits of the program for our members.

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Over the course of the trial many issues and concerns arose and learning and adjustments were implemented making the process more flexible and fair. The BOD briefly considered an amendment to the motion that would remove hole-assignment from the motion; however, after considerable discussion, the motion to amend (to remove hole-assignment from the proposal) was defeated, a second motion to change some wording, and then the original motion then passed.

To review, the primary goal of pre-registration is to get in front of an issue arising in courses that we play while realizing some additional benefits for both players and table volunteers. Perhaps due to COVID, or other drivers, golf courses are finding that they are well-attended both by members and walk-ins. In short, while we bring as much as several hundred dollars to the local golf economy, we have simply lost a lot of negotiating strength. Course management is under increasing negative pressure from their members regarding our utilization of what they consider their course and they are increasingly hard-pressed to manage our presence around their regular membership (and vice-versa).

Providing course management a more accurate estimate of our attendance both helps them manage their membership, their own staff and course maintenance more effectively. This will have an overall beneficial impact our ability to continue to play the courses we enjoy. Dave reports that it already starting to yield very positive results as he works to negotiate next year's schedule. Pre-registration also presented the possibility of hole-assignment, as well as pairing singles and twosomes to make a game, prior to the day of play which is another benefit for members. The initiative also has the added benefit of reducing the workload for the tables.

Now, some other things in no particular order. Spots on the Thursday table are opening up. Ed is moving to Florida and JJ and Jim are retiring from the Thursday table for a well-deserved rest from service as table volunteers so we'll be looking for at least two new full-time table workers (we've had one member volunteer to fill one of the slots so far).

Hopefully everyone was able to sign up for the Member-Guest by our deadline of 24 August. It's sure to be a great outing at a wonderful venue. That said, we're still trying to nail down the Member-Guest for 2023. Price increases at many venues are making it a bit difficult. If anyone has any ideas regarding a stay and play venue we should consider, let us know!

The deadline for nominating officers and BOD members for 2023 is September 15th so get your nominations in. Three BOD positions are opening up and I'm particularly interested in knowing who might be interested in running for VP!

I know that some folks have had some trepidation regarding the venue for our tournament this year. We've been assured that additional ambassadors/security will ensure a safe three weeks at Browns Mill. Also, thanks to John's Herculean efforts, the course has agreed to set up a temporary tee to shorten the 172 yard par 3 14th. I hope we have a good strong turnout for the tournament.

Finally, the end-of-year tournament is approaching and we'll be having our annual raffle of valuable and rare (or maybe not so rare) golf-related items. So, make sure to see me (or Dave, in my absence) to get your tickets!

See you on the course –

**EVENTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2022**

September 1
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$28

September 6
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
TUES: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 7
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
WED: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 8
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
THUR: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 12
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
MON: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 13
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
TUES: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 14
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
WED: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 20
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
TUES: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 21
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
WED: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 22
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
THUR: 9:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$32

September 25—28
MEMBER/GUEST

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We begin September 2022 with 229 active members. Five members have passed away in 2022 (Dave Ellenberg, Tommy Smith, Billy Powell, Bob Michalowski, Joe Farnell). One past member deceased. (James (Jimbo) Martin).

8/18/2022 SGAA Board of Directors Meeting. The number of players to have an official tournament was reduce from 20 to 15. Implementation of the pre-registration for tournaments was approved. This will be implemented for all tournaments when education and training for all registration tables is completed. Information will follow by email to all members. **Tuesday table registration will continue for now.**

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

Jim (Jimbo) Martin member 2010 – 2019

Joe Farnell member since 2007

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Rambling from Tee to Green

As we were awaiting the final words before we teed off on a recent daily tournament a couple of members were talking about some facet of our organization. I was not part of the conversation and was not paying attention to what was being said however one comment caught my attention. "I'm just a member and a new member at that..." Whatever the discussion entailed, I took this comment to mean that anyone who is "just a member" and especially "a new member" has no bearing on how this organization functions.

That idea is so far from fact, it's almost laughable. EVERYONE, including new members, has the right and -- dare I say -- obligation to speak up if they think something isn't right. If you have an idea to improve the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta by all means speak out and let someone know. Every Officer and Member of the Board of Directors is anxious to hear your ideas. We are a dynamic organization that thrives on ideas.

Until last year we never had a Par 3 tournament. Harry Matthews had an idea and now we have a couple of Par 3 tournaments every year. They are a lot of fun. We wouldn't have any Par 3 tournaments if Harry had thought, "I'm just a member..."

The month of September is a turning point in our organization. September is the month the first Slate of Candidates for the upcoming year is published.

Here's a reminder of the procedure and the 2023 offices for consideration.

We will elect a President; Vice President; Secretary, and 3 members to the Board of Directors at the Year End Banquet, November 17th.

If you think a friend would make a good candidate for one of these offices, secure their permission to nominate them, and then forward the name to Wendell Jackson, or any member of the Election Committee. Or if you think you'd like to run for office, nominate yourself. Election Committee Members are listed on the website. Deadline for nominations is September 15th.

The candidate's biographical information will be included in the October Newsletter.



**WE WILL ELECT A
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY**

**3 MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AT THE YEAR END BANQUET, NOVEMBER 17TH.**

IF YOU THINK A FRIEND WOULD MAKE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF THESE OFFICES, SECURE THEIR PERMISSION TO NOMINATE THEM, OR IF YOU THINK YOU'D LIKE TO RUN FOR OFFICE, NOMINATE YOURSELF.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 15TH

**To nominate someone, contact any member of the Nominating Committee:
Wendell Jackson (Chair), Ted Pogue, Kerry Phillips, or Bruce Maney**

* Kevin Anderson and Larry Fauconnet have been the only people willing to have their name put on the upcoming ballot.

SGAA 2022 Year End Banquet And Raffle*

November 17, 2021



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 similar to our Tee-Off Luncheon

Reservations can be made by sending your check for **\$20.00** made out to **SGAA**
annotated as "Year End Banquet" to:

Tom Vardase
3502 Johns Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Reservations MUST be received no later than **November 11, 2021**

***RAFFLE**

Raffle items include — TBA (golf related items)

See Larry Fauconnet for tickets

\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

This is not so much "going to lunch" as it is about the friends and fellowship we've enjoyed this season. We will be voting for the 2021 slate of officers and taking part in our annual raffle.

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 November 18th.

Harry Matthews

— NINE DAYS IN SEPTEMBER —

The Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta Annual Tournament takes place over nine days in September. This year is no different than years passed with the event commencing on the Tuesday after Labor Day on the fairways and bunkers that is Browns Mill Golf Course.

Many have found Browns Mill to be a very challenging course. Some may even call it intimidating thanks to the likes of the daunting 384 yard par 4 third hole with the all uphill narrow tree lined fairway. Rumor has it we'll be using a temporary tee box, positioned especially for SGAA on the mile long (okay it's not really a mile lone, just seems to play that way) par 3 fourteenth hole.

A special tee time is in place for this year's tournament, instead of the normal 8:30, we're going to tee off at 10:00 a/m.

During our time at Browns Mill security will be in place in the parking lot to ensure our vehicles will be just as we left them.

Tournament Rules:

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 used to determine your tournament standing.

You do not have to enter the tournament to play. You may just show up, notify the table of your intentions, get a hole assignment, and pay your green fee.

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 balls 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, or 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.

Who can play in the Annual Tournament?

ANY SGAA member is eligible to play in the Annual Tournament — regardless of the length of membership. Your membership became effective September 1st? You're eligible.

The only difference in the Annual Tournament and any of our weekly tournaments is that the Annual Tournament has one-time \$10 table fee and you must play at least 4 rounds to be considered as a participant in the Annual Tournament. You have to pay your greens fee to the course for every round you play.

Can I still play if I'm not in the Annual Tournament?

Yes, just show up, check in with the Table for a hole assignment and pay your green fees to the course and you can play without being part of the tournament. There is no table fee.

A SHORT COURSE FOR NEW MEMBERS AND A REFRESHER FOR OTHERS

1— Arrive at the golf course in plenty of time to check in with the Table. If you are the first in your foursome to arrive, complete the scorecards (no more than two players per card) for your group and turn them in with the table fee (currently \$3 per member) and await your hole assignment. No scorecards will be accepted without full table fees.

2 — After receiving your hole assignment immediately go to the pro shop and pay the appropriate green fees.

3 — If carts have been designated by the course for a particular hole grouping put your clubs on the designated cart; if carts are not pre-assigned by the course select an empty cart.

Scoring is defined in the By-Laws and various "handicap" points are given for your score on each hole and is as follows:

An example of how to complete a scorecard is as follows:

1 — *Legibly enter each players name

2 — Legibly enter each players member number, flight (A,B,C,D) and points required

3 — Enter the current date

Now you are ready to give your scorecards to the Table with each player's table fee

4 — As the round is played, enter each player's actual score for each hole

5 — On the line below the score, enter the appropriate points earned for each hole (If no points are earned the points line can either be left blank or a dash (-) inserted as a place marker

6 — Tally the actual score at the end of each nine holes

7 — Total the number of points earned at the end of each nine holes

At the end of the round

9 — Tally each player's score

10 — Total the number of points earned by each player

11 — If you'd like to know how each player fared in regard to their required points, subtract the points earned from required number and the difference (insert +/- sign as needed)

12 — *Sign your card as "Scorer" and "Attest" the scores on the other cart's card.

RETURN ALL SCORECARDS AND PIN MARKERS TO THE TABLE BEFORE UNLOADING YOUR CLUBS AT YOUR VEHICLE

* Place only two names (riding partners) on a scorecard. You and your riding partner will keep the score of the players in the other cart in your playing group and they will keep your score.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	P	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Tot	Req	Net
Championship 71.0/138	524	446	214	418	430	169	418	428	401	3448		451	162	528	349	396	448	406	161	558	3459	6907		
Back 71.0/138	491	422	193	401	407	146	404	409	375	3248		433	158	504	325	364	415	357	151	542	3249	6497		
Middle 69.0/120	459	395	169	343	354	119	336	328	319	2822		378	142	451	291	345	369	333	121	489	2919	5741		
Handicap	11	9	15	3	7	17	1	5	13			4	18	6	14	12	2	10	16	8				
GERLING, R	5	4	4	6	5	3	6	6	4	43		5	3	6	4	3	6	5	3	6	4	84		
1904 B24	2	2	1		1	2			2	10		1	2	1	2	3		1	2	1	13	23	3	
Par	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	35		4	3	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	36	71		
Handicaps	6	6	3	4	5	3	6	4	4	43		6	5	5	5	6	5	4	7	4	48	91		
Diff	1	-2	2	1	2	-	-	2	10			-	-2	1	1	-	1	1	-	6	16	2		
Green 69.0/120	491	395	193	343	407	146	339	328	319	2861		378	158	451	325	364	369	357	151	489	3042	6003		
Middle 74.5/136	459	395	169	343	354	119	336	328	319	2822		378	142	451	291	345	369	333	121	489	2919	5741		
Forward 70.6/125	422	365	128	279	304	92	302	289	278	2459		325	117	383	248	306	324	306	95	446	2546	5005		
Date: 5/15/19	Scorer: Roy Deuff										Attest: Rob Sealing													

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$28	2	3
4	5	6 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	7 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	8 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	9	10
11	12 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	13 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	14 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	15	16	17
18	19	20 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	21 Annual Tourney Browns Mill 9:00a/m \$32	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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