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**President**

**Ron Wade**

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We need a few good men. At the Year End banquet we will elect officers and directors for 2025. Early in the new year the president and board will appoint committee chairmen and committee members. And we have a perpetual need for table workers.

Larry Fauconnet is Chair of the Nominating Committee. He or any other officer or director would be pleased to discuss the duties of the officers, directors and committees. Larry would welcome the opportunity to submit your nomination.

An effective way to learn more about SGAA is to serve as a registration table worker. Most officers and directors first served as table workers. It's not rocket science; look who's doing it now.

Please carefully consider running for an office and/or joining a table crew. Without good volunteers Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta just doesn't work.



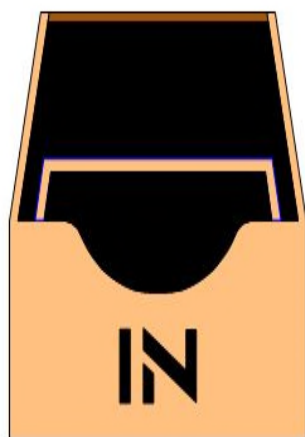
**We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers**

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**Vice President**

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September is here! Hopefully the sweltering heat and humidity of the summer have given way to milder temperatures and cool breezes for the next couple of months. As I'm writing this article, we have yet to have a tournament canceled this summer due to inclement weather or lack of participation. That is pretty amazing, considering that we had nine rounds canceled during the first five months of the year. Here's hoping the autumn rains only come on non-tournament days as we head into hurricane season.

We have a busy couple of months ahead of us as we prepare for the Annual Club Championship and Member Guest Tournaments. I strongly encourage each of our physically able members to participate in these events. It is fun to occasionally play the same course multiple times over the span of one to three weeks to see if you can improve your score from one round to the next. Those fortunate enough to win their flight or the overall club championship get special recognition on the SGAA website and bragging rights for a whole year.

The Member Guest is a great time of fellowship between participating members and their guests. Ron Wade has done a lot of work to make 2024's tournament a success, so I hope you'll support him in his efforts!

Our 2024 Year-End Banquet is scheduled for November 14. One of my primary responsibilities as SGAA Vice President is to manage the raffle that we have during the banquet. I have started selling raffle tickets prior to each of our in-town tournaments. We will have some super prizes this year including a Golf Digest award winning Cobra driver, Odyssey putter, cart golf bag, laser range finder, ball retriever, umbrellas and magnetic towels. I'm also asking each of the courses that we play to donate rounds of golf and other prizes for our drawing. Raffle tickets are five dollars each or five tickets for twenty dollars. You do not have to be present to win (but I hope you will come to the banquet and celebrate the season with us). The more tickets you buy the better chance you will have to win a prize.

Thanks to all members who participated in the 2025 Member Guest Survey! I am excited to announce that, due to the positive response, our 2025 Member Guest Tournament will be October 5-8 at Gulf Shores, Alabama. I have signed the contract and we have a block of 35 single king rooms and 5 double rooms reserved for those dates. We also have very reasonable rates negotiated (i.e. \$149 plus tax for Saturday night and \$79 plus tax per night for Wednesday and/or Thursday night) for those who want to arrive early or stay a day or two after the tournament. I will include more details when we get into the 2025 season. Start saving your pennies and dollars now so you and your guest can take part in this special event. I promise that I will do everything in my power to make it a fun and memorable event!

Last thing, we need volunteers to step up and run for leadership positions and to assist with table duties. SGAA cannot survive unless we have those who are willing to dedicate some time and energy to keeping its operations running smoothly and membership growing. Please consider how you can help!

**EVENTS FOR  
SEPTEMBER 2024**

September 3  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 4  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 5  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 9  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 10  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 11  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 17  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 18  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 19  
THUR: 8:30 a/m  
**ANNUAL TOURNAMENT**  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 23  
MON: 8:30 a/m  
**Honey Creek \$32**

September 24  
TUES: 8:30 a/m  
**Providence \$37**

September 25  
WED: 8:30 a/m  
**CC of Gwinnett \$0**

September 30  
**MEMBER/GUEST**  
Santee Cooper Golf Course

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**Secretary**  
**Ted Pogue**  
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We begin September with 214 active members. Two members have passed in 2024 and three past members. Past members Bill Lewis, Bill Almand and Stan Shaw and present members Don Helm and Charles King. They all will be missed.

Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is **complete** and **readable**.

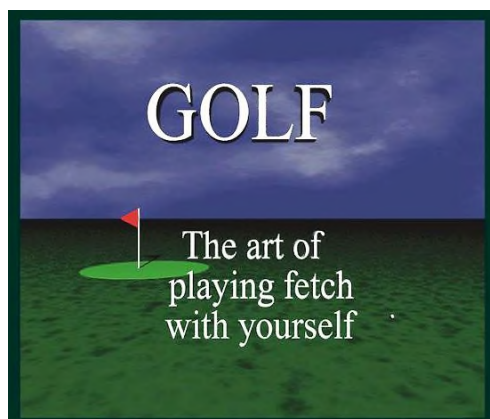
New applications should include a check for \$50 to insure membership.

**MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE BLANKS ON THE APPLICATION FORM ARE FILLED OUT. MAKE SURE THEY ARE EASILY READ.**

Get your blank applications from the registration tables. New applicants must have two (2) sponsors. We have 28 new members this year, the most we've had in several years. Keep up the good work.

**SEE YOU ON THE COURSE!!!!!!!!!!**

**ENJOY THE FINE FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD GOLF!!!!!!!!!!**







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## *Rambling from Tee to Green*

Article IV, Section C, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the By-Laws state:

"4 The names of the appointed members of the nominating committee shall be made known to the membership at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting in order that members may submit, for committee consideration, their recommendations of candidates for office. All names for nominees must be submitted by September 15. Any member desiring to run for office after that date must participate as a write-in candidate. (R15)

5. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to place before the membership the approved list of nominees in writing at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting."

The members of the Nominating Committee are: **Larry Fauconnet** (Chair); **Jim Begnaud**; **Kerry Phillips**; and **Ted Pogue**. These men are the official nominating committee and they are looking for members to place in nomination for the vacancies that will occur at the end of this year.

We WILL be electing a **President**; a **Vice President**; a **Secretary**; and **three (3) members to the Board of Directors** at our Year End Banquet on Thursday, **November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

All of these positions are vital to the continuation and success of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta – there's just one catch; they're all volunteers. Per the Secretary's Report we have a record number of new members this year. That means we have an abundance of new ideas as well. Yes, many past Officers and Board Members spent time working the registration table at our in-town tournaments; but that is not a requirement to run for office.

Although being a table worker is a very good path to take since you get familiar with both the membership and an insight into how SGAA runs; the **ONLY REQUIREMENT** needed to put your name on the ballot is to volunteer. All of the current Officers and Board Members who are not up for re-election this year are more than willing to help you in your duties, so don't be shy let it be known that you are willing to serve.

The deadline for nominations is September 15<sup>th</sup>.



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**Jim Whitlock**  
Member since 2024

I was born on April 16, 1942 and the world hasn't been the same since. After what seemed like a life in the academic world; I earned a Bachelor of Science from Mercer University, then my Master of Science from Georgia State University, and finally my Doctorate from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Along the way I married my wife, Carol, and together we raised three children to adulthood; Dan, Jon, and Laurie.

I spent thirty years as a hospital CEO before moving to Gainesville in 2000 to become a Professor at Brenau University. I retired in 2012.

When not playing golf I like to work on my photography and hone my skills as a woodworker. On Sunday you can find Carol and I at the Gainesville First United Methodist Church.

I'd like to thank Danny Harris and Frank West for introducing me to the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

## ***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."*

**Bill Lewis** member from 1998 – 2020

**Don Helm** member since 2002

**Charles King** member since 2019

**Bill Almand** member from 2002 – 2023

**Stan Shaw** member from 2000 – 2020

**SGAA 2024 Year End Banquet  
And  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
November 14, 2024**

**11:00 AM-2:00PM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT**

The 2025 Slate of Officers will be determined  
(and we'll have a good meal and fine fellowship)

The Elks Lodge is relocating in the Tucker area  
The location will be announced in the October Newsletter

**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

*(includes tip and tax)*

Reservations can be made by sending your check — made out to **SGAA** — for **\$25.00**  
annotated as "Year End Banquet" to:

**Tom Vardase  
3502 Johns Road  
Tucker, GA 30084**

**Reservations MUST be received no later than November 8, 2024**

This is not so much "going to lunch" as it is about the friends and fellowship we've enjoyed this season. We will be electing the 2025 slate of officers.

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 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Harry Matthews*

## SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	4 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	5 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	6	7
8	9 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	10 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	11 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	12	13	14
15	16	17 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	18 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	19 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$32	20	21
22	23	24 Providence 8:30a/m \$37	25 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$40	26	27	28
29	MEMBER/GUEST Santee, SC	30	UPCOMING EVENTS November 4-6 -- Last Out of Town Trip November 14 -- Year End Banquet & Election of Officers December 12 -- Last Board of Directors Meeting for 2024			

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