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Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta

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I am really sorry to see our turnout for our tournament. To those who played, a big "Thank you".

How do we get golfers going again? Is it still Covid, or gas prices? Are we playing too much in the summer? Do we need to cut back to twice a week? Our numbers are down for the Member-Guest this year. How do we get more involved?

Don't forget we have the Guntersville trip up coming. Let's fill this one up. Danny has done a great job putting this together. There's a lot of hard work behind the scenes going on.

Let's all play some golf and have fun.

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

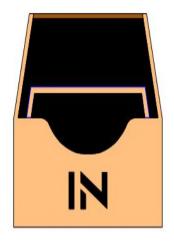
Billy Powell member since 2000

Bob Michalowski member since 2008

Jim (Jimbo) Martin member 2010 – 2019

Joe Farnell member since 2007

Howard Rodemoyer member 1997 - 2021



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While you're reading this in October, I'm writing it in September. And, being mid-September, I'm sitting at the family's Lake House on Lake Ontario, preparing the place for the long winter months ahead. The air temperature this time of year is routinely colder than the water temperature here, which makes my efforts on the shoreline (removing boats, boat lift, dock, etc.) a little surreal (let me jump into the water to get out of this cold air!).

That said, I've not been taking part in our annual tournament, though I have been watching from afar and keeping track of the leaderboards.

It's been a different tournament as it coincides with our efforts to make pre-registration operational for all play days. While there were a few hiccups, it seems to be going well enough (albeit from a distance). Then again, there are always some hiccups, even using the traditional registration methods. At worst we trade some issues for others and as always, we'll continue the ongoing efforts to make it easy to get on the course while ensuring we always have places to play.

Speaking of places to play, a good one is coming up for the Members Guest. I look forward to seeing many of you at Sea Palms on St. Simons Island. In fact, that may well occur prior to this newsletter being published!

Following that, we have Lake Guntersville. I hope to see many of you there as well. It's a course I enjoy (even if it isn't nice to me). The views from the lodge in fall are great and Danny always finds us good food.

And, finally, be sure to get your tickets for our annual raffle of wildly stupendous items of interest to all avid golfers.

Wishing you all good golf and hoping you stay out of the woods and waters.

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2022

October 3 MON: 8:30 a/m Monroe CC \$33

October 5 WED: 8:30 a/m Cotton Fields \$25

October 6

THURS: 8:30 a/m Cherokee Run \$30

October 10 MON: 8:30 a/m

Hard Labor Creek \$32

October 11 TUES: 8:30 a/m **Georgia National \$35**

October 12 WED: 8:30 a/m Georgia National \$35

October 18 TUES: 8:30 a/m Crystal Lakes \$35

October 19 WED: 8:30 a/m Smokerise CC \$35

October 20 THUR: 8:30 a/m **Southland \$28**

October 24 MON: 8:30 a/m **Providence \$35**

October 26 WED: 8:30 a/m **Pine Hills \$25**

October 27 THURS: 8:30 a/m Panola Mountain \$30

October 31 MON: 8:30 a/m **Monroe CC \$33**

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We begin October 2022 with 230 active members. Five members have passed away in 2022 (Dave Ellenberg, Tommy Smith, Billy Powell, Bob Michalowski, Joe Farnell)). Two past member deceased. (James (Jimbo) Martin, Howard Rodemoyer)

8/18/2022 SGAA Board of Directors Meeting. The # of players to have an official tournament was reduce from 20 to 15. Implementation of the pre-registration for tournaments was approved. Registration for all tournaments has now been implemented.

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!!!!!!!



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Rambling from Tee to Green

Let me set the scene for you. The ground starts out relatively flat, then slopes down about a third of the way to the hole, and then rises for the last third of the way; oh, and the terrain tilts a bit right to left as you approach the hole. He addresses the ball, probably takes a practice swing to make sure the tempo is correct; and then swings his 7-iron through the ball. All that's left is to watch the ball fly that last 175 yards to the green and track into the hole.

No, that wasn't a hole-in-one; it was an infinitely rarer albatross – or double eagle – *three under par*. The odds of making an ace for an amateur golfer are 13,000 to 1 and for a professional golfer 2,500 to 1. An albatross has astronomically higher odds, with a 1,000,000 to 1 ratio. Golfers have a better chance of getting struck by lightning (1 in 555,000) than scoring an albatross. Furthermore, only 10% of golfers can hit the green in two shots on a par 5, meaning that 90% of players will never get the chance to make one.

This is 80 times more difficult than making a hole-in-one (13,000 to 1 odds). All golfers have the potential of reaching the green in one on a Par 3 and having the ball roll into the cup.

Pat Parisi got his first albatross on the par 5, 13th hole at Gwinnett Country Club on June 19, 2018. And against astronomical odds Pat got his **second albatross** September 1, 2022 on the par 5, 5th hole at Honey Creek Golf Club.

Pat has scored "only" one hole-in-one and that came during the Club Championship 8 years ago at Providence Golf Club. The rest of the flock (birdies and eagles) aren't such a rarity and Pat has had his fair share of them over the years. He has shot his age (76) too many times to count.

Pat's skill and athleticism isn't limited to golf; he has 30 perfect games (300) bowling too.

Lake Guntersville State Park Guntersville, AL

Lake Guntersville State Park Eagle's Nest Golf Course Nov 7, 8, 9, 2022 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 NOV 1, 2022

Packages includes the following: 2 nights lodging, 3 days of unlimited golf, 1 dinner and 2 continental breakfasts. Add \$30.00 for spouse meals. All prices listed are per golfer.

	Pr	ice per	Sunday
Occupancy	Package Pe	rson	Arrival
Single Occupancy	2 or 3 Nights/3 Rounds Golf	\$445.00	\$590.00
Double Occupancy	2 or 3 Nights/3 Rounds Golf	\$310.00	\$380.00
Cabin Triple Occupancy	Three People – Price per Golfer	\$310.00	\$380.00
Cabin Double Occupancy	Two People – Price per Golfer	\$380.00	\$505.00
Chalet Triple Occupancy	Three Golfers – Price per Golfer	\$275.00	\$330.00

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 <u>SGAA</u>
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.

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

SGAA 2022 Year End Banquet

And Raffle*

November 17, 2022



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 — made out to **SGAA** — for **\$20.00** annotated as "Year End Banquet" to:

Tom Vardase 3502 Johns Road Tucker, GA 30084

Reservations <u>MUST</u> be received no later than <u>November 11, 2022</u>

*RAFFLE

Raffle items are 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 17th.

2022 ANNUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Pat Parisi & Jim Poje (tie) A Flight Winner



Cal Leipold C Flight Winner



Pat Parisi Club Champion





Brian Holbrook B Flight Winner



Tom Bruce D Flight Winner

I believe I speak for all who played in this year's Annual Tournament when I say THANK YOU to all who were involved behind the scenes to make the 2022 SGAA Annual Tournament such a great success. The groundskeepers did an excellent job as the course was in great shape and was as challenging as ever, particularly the fast greens. But a SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Danny Boyles and his team for all the work they did with keeping the scores straight after each round and doing the tabulations needed to determine this year's winners.

2022 SGAA CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

LARRY FAUCONNET – Larry Fauconnet joined the SGAA in 2015. Larry is currently Vice President and is serving as the chairman for the Table workers.



Larry Fauconne

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 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Division, 513th Intelligence Brigade,

Army Environmental Policy Institute, 10th Special Forces Group, 5th 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 VICE PRESIDENT

RON WADE – Ron Wade joined the accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co. after graduation from Mississippi State University in 1960. As of his retirement in 1995 he was Regional Managing Partner of Andersen offices in western Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. He has extensive experience with not-for-profit organizations having served two terms as Board Chairman and as Campaign Chairman of the Greater Kansas United Way and two terms as Board Chairman of the Pensions and Benefits Board of the Evangelical

Covenant Church, among others.

After his retirement, Ron and his wife Dot, to whom he has been married (and who he has obeyed assiduously) for over 60 years, moved from Kansas City to Reynolds Plantation. They moved from Reynolds to Snellville in 2014.

At Dot's specific direction Ron took up golf after his retirement (there was mention of too much idle time in **her** house). After some initial resistance to the idea, he found, as others have, that the game can be addictive. He joined SGAA in 2017 and has served on a registration table for the last 4 years.

Faith is an important influence in Ron and Dot's lives. Both are active in The Church on Main in Snellville.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY

TED POGUE – I've been a member of SGAA since 2007. I am a widower with 3 children, 6

To the second

grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; I served in the U.S. Navy 1959-1966. I was born in Tennessee and have been a resident of Georgia for 59 yrs. I retired after 37 years with AT&T; and having served as an Officer of CWA Local 3250 for 30 years. I have been an Elder of Covington Christian Church for 22 years. I served as Table captain 3 years, Table Chairman 2 years, Vice President 2010, President 2011, Board member

(2010-2022) Co-Chair for in-town scheduling committee 6 yrs.; Nominating committee 2012-2022; and served on various other SGAA committees, SGAA Executive Committee 9 years, Secretary SGAA 2015-2022

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KEVIN ANDERSON -- I would consider it a privilege to serve as a member on the Board of Directors for the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta (SGAA). In this capacity, my focus would be to promote initiatives designed to increase membership, and enhance our organization's relationship with both existing, and potential golf course partners.

After serving 20 years as a Naval Flight Officer, I retired as a Commander (O-5) from the United States Navy Reserve. During my flying days, I deployed on the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CV-69), and USS Constellation (CV-64). In addition to my at-sea deployments, I served 4 years in Ramadi, Iraq, as a Senior Economic Advisor on the U.S. Department of State's Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). After my service In Iraq, I deployed to Afghanistan at a Team Leader for a Human Terrain Team (HTT), first in Logar Province, and later in Herat Province. Upon returning home from Afghanistan, my wife, Cindy, and I purchased, and have successfully operated, the Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Snellville, GA.

Cindy and I have been married for 38 years. We have four children Ashlyn (Scott), Nathan (Suemy), Haley, and Olivia. We are also the proud grandparents of Isabel, and Phoebe.

DENNIS HANSON – I joined the SGAA full-time upon retiring in 2018. Before retiring I played as a guest. I have enjoyed every round of golf with the organization, the good golf days and the not so good golf days. I now work on the Tuesday table and seek to join the Board of Directors.

The wife and I have been married for 48 years which produced two children and two grandchildren.

PAT HOLDER -- I was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island. My introduction to golf was during my teenage years as a caddy at Newport and Wanumetonomy Country Clubs. I played on my high school golf team for three years which gave me a passion for the game that is still with me today.

In October 1967 I was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in South Korea on the DMZ for 15 months. Upon returning to the states at the rank of Sargent (E-5) and completing my two years I was honorably discharged.

I studied at Salve Regina University and received my degree in Business Management. Moving to Atlanta in 1985 I worked for Mitsubishi Motor Sales as a District Manager for the Southeast Region. After 11 good years I took a position with the consultant firm of Automotive Dealer Management Inc. as a Field Operations Manager.

Currently I live in Cumming with my wife, Maggie and our two Shizu puppies Bella and Lucy.

We are members of St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Johns Creek.

I joined SGAA in 2016 and enjoy being a member. There is a lot we all can contribute to keep this association growing.

This year is the 65th Anniversary of the SSGA providing good golf and good fellowship which we all have benefitted from. My position as table worker allowed me to interact with many of the players and influenced my decision to serve on the board. It would be my honor to give back to this association.

WARD HUMPHRIES -- For all the members I have not met, or had the pleasure or pairing up with on the course, let me introduce myself. My name is Ward Humphreys and I have been nominated for a position on the Board of Directors of SGAA. Originally from Lakeland, Florida, I moved to Athens, Georgia in the mid-sixties to attend the Ward Humphreys University of Georgia, earning a BBA '69. Go Dawgs

With my soon to be wife Laura, I moved to Atlanta in 1972 and started a twenty five year career in retail motorcycle sales, parts, and accessories. After selling the motorcycle business in 1998, I began a second career in retail grocery, continuing to the present in a contract grocery merchandising capacity.

Laura and I have lived in Duluth for thirty plus years enjoying our two grandchildren in close by Suwanee.

Searching for a safer hobby than motorcycles, I took up golf and joined SGAA in 2012. As a proud member, I have enjoyed the golf, but especially enjoyed the fellowship and friendships made with a great group of guys. During my ten years in SGAA I have been impressed with the volunteer participation and leadership and figure it's time for me to 'pitch in.'

Jim Knapp -- I was born in Cleveland, Ohio. While attending Solon High school, in Cleveland. I was a member of the golf team and served on the Student Council. I earned a degree in Business Administration from Clayton State College.

I worked in the logistics industry for fifty years and was an active member of the Atlanta Air Cargo Association. In 2002 I was founder and owner of Pro Air Cargo

Sales, Inc. I retired in November 2020.

I currently attend Community Bible Church in Stockbridge, Georgia.

GARY NELSON -- Gary became a member of SGAA in 2015, serving as rules coordinator for the last three years. It's been a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoyment of the game!

Gary Nelso

Gary is a native from Loganville, Georgia. He and Chris have been married for 46 years. They have two daughters, son-in-law and three granddaughters.

He worked for AT&T as an electronic technician. During those years, he was in the Georgia National Guard for six years. Gary retired from AT&T with 31 years of service. Upon his retirement, he went to work for Atlanta Equipment Company and retired from AEC with 15 years.

Gary always enjoyed running and basketball. Playing basketball in high school and until he was 55 years old. He ran in two half-marathons, 100 10K's and collected 29 Peachtree Road Race t-shirts, running in the very first race. Gary started playing golf shortly after joining AT&T, giving it up only to coach his daughters in softball and basketball.

These gentlemen comprise the official list of candidates for the 2023 Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta and are the only names on the ballot.

The By-Laws, Article IV, Section C paragraph 4; specifically states:

"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)"

BALLOTS and VOTING

A ballot follows with instructions for mailing your ballot or delivering it in person to the Election Committee.

The ballots will be counted and the results made public at the Year End Banquet on November 17, 2022.



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OFFICIAL 2022 SGAA ABSENTEE BALLOT

FOR PRESIDENT (Vote for One	2):
LARRY FAUCONNET	
WRITE-IN	
FOR VICE PRESIDENT (Vote f	or One):
RON WADE	
WRITE-IN	
FOR SECRETARY (Vote for One	e):
TED POGUE	
WRITE-IN	
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTO	ORS (3yr Term) (Vote for three*):
KEVIN ANDERSON	
DENNIS HANSON	*Voting for more than
PAT HOLDER	three candidates for the
WARD HUMPHRIES	Board of Directors will
JIM KNAPP	make your <u>ENTIRE</u> ballot
GARY NELSON	null and void
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	

If you choose to vote using the absentee ballot, mark your ballot and place in an envelope. Seal the envelope and print your name, SGAA membership ID number and "BALLOT" on the envelope. **Either bring your ballot envelope to the Year End banquet**; <u>or place your ballot envelope in another envelope and mail to</u>:

LAMAR FRAZIER, Chairman, SGAA Elections Committee 4194 Lake Rill Ct. Marietta, GA 30062

Your <u>mailed</u> ballot <u>MUST</u> be received prior to the Year End Banquet (November 17^{th})

2023 DUES NOTICE

From Article 1 Paragraph D of the Bylaws

D. DUES: Each member is required to pay annual membership dues of \$25.00. New members applying for membership after October 1st in any year shall be granted membership and the dues collected shall include membership dues for the following year. A dues notice will be posted in the Newsletters at least 60 days prior to January 1. All dues and fees must be paid by January 1 or the member will be dropped from the membership rolls. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by March 31st of the next year with a majority vote of the Board of Directors provided all monies (including a penalty of \$20) due SGAA are paid in full. (R13)

IF THE 2022 FINAL "ATTENDANCE AND POINTS" REPORT INDICATES YOU HAVE EARNED AT LEAST 30 POINTS; 25 OF THOSE POINTS WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR DUES AND WILL OFFSET THIS REQUIREMENT FOR 2023

(If Required) Mail your \$25.00 Dues Payment payable to — SGAA — to:

TOM VARDASE
TREASURER SGAA
3502 JOHNS ROAD
TUCKER, GEORGIA 30084



Get Ready For That Trip To Your Bank

2022 "Award Points" checks, minus \$25 for 2023 dues, will go out a few days after the end of our last 2022 tournament and should arrive before the end of the year.

If you have moved — please send me an email with your new address ASAP to: mvp-bestt@att.net

. . . Tom Vardase, Treasurer

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