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Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta

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As you read this, half of the 2025 SGAA season is behind us. We have played almost fifty tournaments in the Atlanta area and six tournaments in out-of-town events. Twenty-one new members have joined our ranks and many other golfers have played with us as one-time guests. Three members (Dave Graybeal, Jim Knapp and Bruce Maney) have made holes-in-one and one of our newest members (Steve Budrewicz) shot a season's best score of 62 at Bear Creek. It has been a great season thus far and we have a lot of exciting things yet to come (e.g. Par 3 Tournament, Annual Tournament, Member-Guest Tournament, Volunteer Outing and Year-End Banquet).

As we begin the second half of the season, I would like to make you aware of a few issues that continue to come up. The Table Captains and I really need your help to mitigate these:

Registering to play and then not showing up or notifying someone in your group or the table captain that you are not going to be there. Emergencies happen sometimes and not contacting someone is understandable in those instances. Otherwise, we really need you to let someone know that you are not coming so our start time is not delayed while waiting on you.

Not registering (i.e. walking up) and then expecting to get put in a specific group when you get to the course. The Table Captains usually wait to assign walkups to a group until just before the table closes because they never know how many walkups might join us. If the number of walkups exceeds the number of open slots we have available, a new group has to be created and the walkups and other singles usually make up that new group. I would encourage everyone to register online either as a single or as a group. If you forget to register or cannot register for some reason, you can still walk up and the Table Captains will try to put you in the group that you want ... but they cannot guarantee that will happen.

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Not replacing pin markers that are in your line after you putt. This causes that marker to get disqualified and prevents everyone in that flight from being eligible to win the closest-to-the-pin award on that hole.

Failure to mark your name and member number on the correct marker for your flight. Including your name and member number makes life easier for the table when tabulating the results for the day. Marking that info on the pin marker for a flight other than yours disqualifies you and all others in that flight from being eligible to win the closest-to-the-pin award on that hole.

Failure to pick up your ball when your next shot will result in a double bogey. We have this rule in place to improve our pace of play and make the rounds more enjoyable for everyone. We have seen a few six-hour rounds from some groups in recent weeks. Even with the wet, "cart path only" conditions that we have experienced in the last couple of months, six hour rounds are excessive. Please continue to work on your pace of play!

Registration forms for the 2025 Member-Guest Tournament at Gulf Shores, AL on October 5-8 are available on the website and in this Newsletter (*page 7*). Completed forms and checks must be submitted to me no later than August 15th but it would be helpful if you get them to me as soon as possible. Many of you requested that we have our Member-Guest Tourney at a beach location and I did my best to make that happen while keeping the cost reasonable. We have a nice hotel, great golf courses, a fantastic dinner venue and lots of options for ladies' activities. I am going to do my best to make it a fun and memorable experience for all who attend. If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an email. SGAA needs your support. I hope you will give strong consideration to participating and bringing one or more guests with you. You won't regret it!

In Memory

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."

Lamar Frazier member since 1995

Lyman Thompson member since 2008

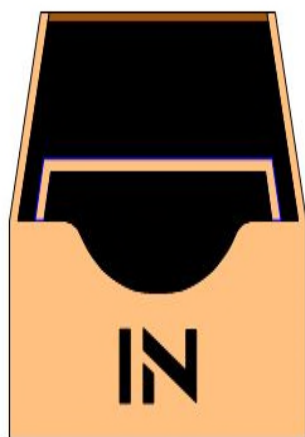
Phil Biggers member 2002 - 2018

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Can you believe the year is almost half over? Currently there are 33 members up in North Carolina enjoying themselves at Smoky Mountain. Our next out of town will be October 5-8 at Gulf Shores, Alabama. This year's Member Guest will be played over three different and unique golf courses, Cypress Bend GC, Cotton Creek at Craft Farms and Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club. Home base will be at Courtyard Craft Farms in Gulf Shores. Additional details along with possible options for spouses are available on the website and this Newsletter. Deadline for reservations is August 15th.

With the warm weather, getting to tee off early is always an advantage. While we list starting times as 8:30 AM, many times the courses will allow us to tee off early. In order to do this, we need everyone to arrive by 8 AM. Let's take advantage of the cooler temperatures when we can. The table workers arrive early and must stay until all cards are turned in, scores and closest to the pins are recorded. Please help them out by handing in your cards before putting your clubs in your car.

With just over two months of play before the annual tournament at Panola Mountain, we have approximately 30 rounds to work on our games. Enjoy the opportunities to play the courses on the schedule. Hit'em well.

**Golf is the only sport
where you can play worse
after taking lessons,
spend more money
trying to fix your game,
and still convince
yourself you're
improving.**

**But hey... I only lost
3 balls today,
so that's progress.**



**EVENTS FOR
JULY 2025**

July 1
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Panola Mountain \$32

July 2
WED: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

July 7
MON: 8:30 a/m
Dogwood \$40

July 9
WED: 8:30 a/m
Browns Mill \$30

July 10
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Mystery Valley \$40

July 14
MON: 8:30 a/m
Monroe CC \$35

July 15
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Sugar Creek \$33

July 17
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Providence \$37

July 21
MON: 8:30 a/m
Heron Bay \$37

July 22
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$42

July 23
WED: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$37

July 29
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Cherokee Run \$45

July 30
WED: 8:30 a/m
Pine Hills \$28

July 31
THUR: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

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We begin July 2025 with 215 active members. We've added 3 new members since last month. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is complete and readable. Keep up the good work.

Two Members passed away in 2025, Lamar Frazier, Lyman Thompson and past member Phil Biggers

MEMBERS, IF ANY OF YOUR INFORMATION CHANGES

(ADDRESS, PHONE #, OR EMAIL)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT tandgpogue@att.net.

**WE CANNOT KEEP YOU INFORMED IF WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT
INFORMATION.**



I think we've all tested the same....

So fill out the registration form (see page 7**) for the Member-Guest and send it along with your check to Mike today!!!**



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Rambling from Tee to Green

I have a "subscription" to the daily instructional email service from GolfPass. I put subscription in quotes because I'm not really sure how I came about receiving these daily emails. There have been times when some highly valuable skill that I need to acquire is not available to me unless I "join" GolfPass; which I have declined to do. Other than these daily instructional emails the only advantage to joining GolfPass is an avenue to book a tee time at some golf course somewhere with the possibility of discounted greens fees.

And since I'm a member of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta I have no need for discounted greens fees at some course somewhere. There is a Committee that spends a great deal of time and energy throughout the year scheduling tournaments in and around the Atlanta metro area putting together next year's schedule.

The instructors in these videos all come with a golf cart load of credentials, and as with any time you deal with humans some are better at their explanations and instructions than others. In my opinion the female instructors do a better job than their male counterparts.

I was somewhat surprised to see one instructor suggest using a 7, 8, or 9 iron for a greenside shot instead of a wedge. I say somewhat surprised because this is something I was taught when I first took up the game some 60+ years ago. In today's environment the more common technique would be to use a high-lofted wedge and fly the ball to the hole. Again it was pointed out to me as I started my golf journey many golfers tend to use a club with too high of a loft around the green.

I am sure the purpose of these daily instructional video emails is to help improve the skill level, lower the score, and make the game more enjoyable for the average golfer.

I've seen the instructional videos demonstrating the proper stance and swing pattern to hit a high draw, a fade, and how to keep the ball low in the wind. Did you know that the position of the ball in your stance, combined with a distinct ball height on a tee can cause the ball flight to change depending upon the attack angle and whether you have a strong or a weak grip? Well it all plays a part in where your ball is going to land once it has been struck by a club with the force of a nuclear detonation.

I mean some of the things these instructors demonstrate are quite amazing and even things that can help my game. But the ONE thing I have yet to see demonstrated in these videos is how to hit the ball **STRAIGHT**. Now THAT is something that will really improve my game.

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Steve Budrewicz



Steve Budrewicz
Member since 2025

My name is Steve Budrewicz. I was born in Massachusetts and raised on a small farm north of Boston. We moved to Florida in the late seventies where I worked for Disney for thirty of the years I was there. I retired in 2000.

I met my wonderful wife Christina in 1986 while working a convention casino themed event. ...Our eyes met "across a crowded room"... It was not South Pacific but the rest is history. We got married in 1988 and have 2 wonderful daughters Meghan, the oldest who still lives in Florida and Alexandra who lives here in Decatur.

I started playing golf at the age of 15 while working on the maintenance crew on a private course in Mass. Needless to say, the golf bug bit me and I never recovered. I graduated University of Mass in 1976 majoring in turf grasses and golf course maintenance.

I moved to Florida to work golf courses year round as in New England you are laid off in the winter. I got a job at a course right next to Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill course. I took a part time job working as a busboy in a restaurant and discovered I could make twice as much money as a busboy as I could on a golf course. I quit my day job which worked out great; now I could golf during the day and work nights. Two months later they made me a waiter and then I'm making twice as much as a busboy. After doing some quick math I never looked back.

We are very happy to make our new home here in Decatur and looking forward to some good golf and fine fellowship.






2025 SGAA MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 5-8, 2025



MEMBER INFORMATION	MEMBER NAME: _____ SGAA NUMBER: _____				
	MEMBER SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S NAME: _____				
	BEDS: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 KING BED <input type="checkbox"/> 2 QUEEN BEDS				
	MEN'S SGAA SHIRT SIZE: <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/> LARGE <input type="checkbox"/> X-LARGE <input type="checkbox"/> XX-LARGE				
	MEMBER'S TUESDAY DINNER ENTRÉE: <input type="checkbox"/> 14 OZ RIBEYE <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZED GROUPER <input type="checkbox"/> GRILLED MAHI-MAHI				
	SPOUSE / S.O.'S TUESDAY DINNER ENTRÉE: <input type="checkbox"/> 14 OZ RIBEYE <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZED GROUPER <input type="checkbox"/> GRILLED MAHI-MAHI				
GUEST INFORMATION	GUEST NAME: _____ HANDICAP: _____				
	GUEST SPOUSE / SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S NAME: _____				
	BEDS: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 KING BED <input type="checkbox"/> 2 QUEEN BEDS				
	MEN'S SGAA SHIRT SIZE: <input type="checkbox"/> MEDIUM <input type="checkbox"/> LARGE <input type="checkbox"/> X-LARGE <input type="checkbox"/> XX-LARGE				
	GUEST'S TUESDAY DINNER ENTRÉE: <input type="checkbox"/> 14 OZ RIBEYE <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZED GROUPER <input type="checkbox"/> GRILLED MAHI-MAHI				
	SPOUSE / S.O.'S TUESDAY DINNER ENTRÉE: <input type="checkbox"/> 14 OZ RIBEYE <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZED GROUPER <input type="checkbox"/> GRILLED MAHI-MAHI				
ROOM MATE	IF ROOMING WITH ANOTHER SGAA MEMBER				
	MEMBER NAME: _____ SGAA NUMBER: _____				
PACKAGES	SELECT YOUR PACKAGE	BASE PACKAGE	EARLY ARRIVAL (SAT)	LATE DEPARTURE (THUR)	LATE DEPARTURE (FRI) TOTAL
	INDIVIDUAL (SINGLE OCCUPANCY) PRICE PER INDIVIDUAL INCLUDES ACCOMODATIONS, GOLF, MEALS	\$962 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$190 <input type="checkbox"/>
	COUPLE (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) PRICE PER COUPLE INCLUDES ACCOMODATIONS, GOLF, MEALS	\$1,072 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$190 <input type="checkbox"/>
	2 GOLFERS (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) PRICE PER GOLFER INCLUDES ACCOMODATIONS, GOLF, MEALS	\$792 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$55 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$110 <input type="checkbox"/>
	COUPLES (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) PRICE PER COUPLE INCLUDES ACCOMODATIONS AND MEALS (NO GOLF)	\$570 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$175 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$95 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$190 <input type="checkbox"/>
	GOLF ONLY PRICE PER INDIVIDUAL INCLUDES GOLF (NO ACCOMODATIONS OR MEALS)	\$503 <input type="checkbox"/>			
POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE LADIES	ACTIVITIES BEING CONSIDERED AND EXPLORED BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST. MEMBERS AND GUESTS PLEASE HAVE YOUR SPOUSE/S.O. PROVIDE INPUT.		RATE 1-4	INTERESTED YES NO	
	(1) DAY TRIP TO BELLINGRATH GARDENS & HOME (TOUR PRICE \$28 + GAS MONEY)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(2) SIGHTSEEING, SHOPPING & LUNCH IN HISTORIC FAIRHOPE, AL (~ \$20 TO ?)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(3) CHEF'S COOKING CLASS & LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT (~ \$50 TO \$75)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(4) BEACH CHAIRS / UMBRELLA AND PICNIC LUNCH (~ \$50 TO \$60)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MAIL	 SEND COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO SGAA TO:		MIKE NOBLES 2289 BRIGHT WATER DR. SNELLVILLE, GA 30078		RESERVATION DEADLINE AUGUST 15, 2025

***** NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 *****

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL REQUEST OR NEED A UNIQUE PACKAGE, CONTACT MIKE NOBLES AT (678) 294-2363.

Pack your clubs and prepare for three unforgettable days on the Alabama Gulf Coast! The SGAA is headed to **Gulf Shores**, a hidden gem where southern charm meets stunning coastal beauty. This vibrant beach town offers more than sugar-white sands and warm breezes—it's also home to some of the finest golf in the region, making it the perfect destination for our upcoming Member Guest Tournament.

Our home base for this trip is the **Courtyard by Marriott Craft Farms**, conveniently located near top-tier golf courses and local attractions. Nestled beside the Craft Farms Golf Resort, this modern, comfortable hotel provides spacious accommodations, an inviting lobby, and easy access to everything Gulf Shores has to offer. With a relaxed atmosphere and attentive service, you'll rest easy and wake up ready to tee off each morning.

Each day will bring a new challenge and new scenery as we take on three of the area's most respected golf courses. The specific date that we will play each course has not been determined but our first tee time will not be earlier than 8:00AM. Unfortunately, the courses do not allow shotgun starts unless the size of your group exceeds 40 golfers.

1. Cypress Bend Golf Club

Set amidst the peaceful woodlands just north of Gulf Shores, **Cypress Bend** is a local favorite known for its laid-back atmosphere and scenic surroundings. This 18-hole course is perfect for players of all skill levels, offering wide fairways and forgiving greens. It's a great warm-up for the days ahead, with just the right balance of fun and strategy.

2. Cotton Creek at Craft Farms

Designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer, **Cotton Creek** is a must-play championship course. Rolling fairways, challenging water hazards, and beautifully manicured greens make for an exciting round every time. Just steps from our hotel, this course is known for its excellent conditions and Southern hospitality. It's a true showcase of Palmer's architectural genius in the heart of Alabama.

3. Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club

Our final round will be at **Peninsula**, a stunning 27-hole facility nestled between Mobile Bay and Bon Secour Wildlife Preserve. With live oaks, cypress trees, and scenic lake views, this course offers breathtaking natural beauty and a top-rated golf experience. The generous layout and pristine conditions make this one of the most enjoyable and picturesque rounds on the Gulf Coast.

We're in for a delicious time in Gulf Shores, with a variety of meal experiences planned throughout the stay. Complimentary breakfast will be provided at the Marriott Courtyard Gulf Shores from Monday through Wednesday to help you start each day right. Lunch will be on your own each day, giving you the chance to explore the local culinary scene at your leisure. On Sunday evening, we'll kick things off with a Dessert Reception at the hotel—a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and guests. Dinner on Sunday and Tuesday will be on your own, allowing for flexibility and personal dining choices. On Monday evening, we'll come together for a group dinner at **Cobalt Restaurant**, a local favorite known for its waterfront views and fresh Gulf seafood; attire is business casual, with an optional sports jacket. Get ready to enjoy great food and even better company throughout your time in Gulf Shores!

As we finalize plans for our Gulf Shores trip, we're exploring a few activity options for the ladies to enjoy while the golfers are out golfing. Nothing is set in stone yet—we're just gathering input to help us plan something fun and relaxing!

Here are a few possibilities being considered:

- **Tour of Bellingsrath Gardens and Home** – Explore the beautiful gardens and historic home.
- **Sightseeing & Shopping in Fairhope** – Visit local shops, galleries, and enjoy the historic coastal town.
- **Chef-Led Cooking Class with Lunch** – A fun, hands-on culinary experience followed by a meal.
- **Beach Day with Picnic Lunch** – Lounge under an umbrella with a provided lunch and Gulf views.

We'd love your feedback! Please have your spouse or significant other indicate her preferences on the registration form so we can tailor the plans to the group's interests.

This three-day Gulf Shores golf getaway promises to be a perfect blend of competitive fun, relaxation, and coastal flavor. Whether you're chasing birdies or just enjoying the camaraderie, it's a trip you won't want to miss!

Purple Heart Memorial Golf Classic

In honor of Pete Wheeler

August 4, 2025

Heritage Golf Links

Hosted by Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 465

All proceeds go to support Metro Atlanta Veterans and their families in need and the First responders Recognition Program



Sponsor Packages

Purple Sponsor \$1,500

- Logo on all publicity materials, corporate banner(s), promotional items, carts and contest areas
- Eight (8) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box
- Special recognition at banquet

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

- Logo on all publicity materials, corporate banner(s), promotional items, carts and contest areas
- Six (6) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box
- Special recognition at banquet

Silver Sponsor \$600

- Logo on reception table
- Four (4) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box

Veteran/First-Responder Sponsor \$125.

- Signage with logo on Tee Box

Hole Sponsor \$100

- Signage with logo on the Tee Box

Par Sponsor

Donate merchandise and be recognized in the tournament Program. The following items would be appreciated.

Name will be placed on tournament banner.

- Coupons/Gift certificates / Water bottles / Mugs
- Towels / Pens / Souvenir bags / Sunscreen

Other tax-deductible donations are appreciated from those who do not participate in the golf Classic.

Sponsor Reservation Form

Register early!

Contact Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____

Please indicate sponsorship package you wish to support:

_____ Purple Sponsor (\$1,500)
_____ Gold Sponsor (\$1,000)
_____ Silver Sponsor (\$600)
_____ Veteran/First-Responder Sponsor (\$125)
_____ Hole Sponsor (\$100)
_____ Par Sponsor (please list merchandise you will provide):

Please make check payable to:

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Send check and sponsorship form to:

MOPH Chapter 465
P.O. Box 370345
Decatur, GA 30034-9997

For more information call:

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Sponsor registration deadline is

July 31, 2025

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DATE**

MONDAY
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8:00 a.m. Check-in/ Range Open
9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony -
National Anthem & Parachute Jump
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Catered Dinner Following
the Tournament



JULY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$32	2 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$45	3	4	5
6	7 Dogwood 8:30a/m \$40	8	9 Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$30	10 Mystery Valley 8:30a/m \$40	11	12
13	14 Monroe CC 8:30a/m \$35	15 Sugar Creek 8:30a/m \$33	16	17 Providence 8:30a/m \$37	18	19
20	21 Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$37	22 Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42	23 Georgia National 8:30a/m \$37	24	25	26
27	28	29 Cherokee Run 8:30a/m \$45	30 Pine Hills 8:30a/m \$28	31 CC of Gwinnett 8:30a/m \$45	REGISTERED FOR THE MEMBER/GUEST YET?	

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