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**President**  
**Wendell Jackson**  
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I've been staring at this screen for ten minutes and all I can think of is where has the time gone. Seems like we just kicked off 2021 and now it's almost gone. I guess that means time to remind all of you of the year end luncheon and the elections coming up this month. Last year COVID put a real damper on our year end gathering, so I urge all of you to try and attend this one. Dave Mueller has some really nice prizes for our raffle, and we have a great slate of nominees for officers and board of directors. This is also a great time for fellowship for us seniors.

I guess we've said goodbye to Lane Creek. Hate to lose that course as we've always had excellent turnouts there even though it was a little far. We won't forget them and will keep in touch and hopefully add them back to our schedule sometime in the near future. We go to twice a week on November 16, for the remainder of our schedule so make your plans to get in as much golf as you can before we're done for 2021.

Attendance at our out of town tournaments has been down lately. A lot of work goes into planning and putting these trips together. I hate to see this drop off as we have some good venues for the costs. We always have great fellowship and good tournaments at a reasonable cost. Please make an effort to join us next year if you haven't in the past, and if you've missed a few lately we'd like to have you back again.

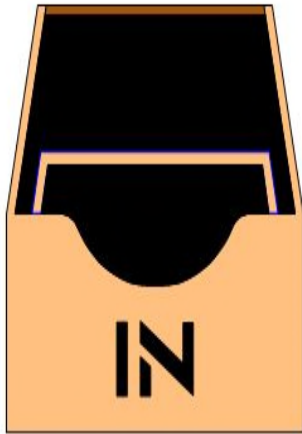


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November is going to be a very busy month for us. A great trip to Alabama is on planned, with a golf course that is fun to play. If you haven't signed up, please do.

The year-end banquet is coming up on Nov.18 at Monroe Country Club. We still have plenty of raffle tickets for sale, see me.

I would like to thank Wendell, Danny, and Claude for all they do for us. They have done an outstanding job. I would also like to thank the table workers for their hard work. I look forward to another great year coming up.

We have plenty of great golf left to play this year, so keep it in the short grass.

## ***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

**Paul Kiel** member since 2007

**EVENTS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2021**

**All tee times  
are 10:00 a/m**

- November 1  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
**Ashton Hills \$30**
- November 2  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
**Providence \$31**
- November 4  
THUR: 10:00 a/m  
**Panola Mountain \$28**
- November 16  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
**Providence \$31**
- November 17  
WED: 10:00 a/m  
**CC of Gwinnett \$32**

*November 18*  
*THUR: 11:00 a/m*  
**YEAR END BANQUET**  
**Monroe CC \$20**

- November 22  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
**Sugar Creek \$25**
- November 23  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
**The Oaks \$30**
- November 30  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
**Heron Bay \$35**

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We begin November 2021 with 248 active members, 1 inactive. 6 Members deceased in 2021 (Jon White) (Bob Lacy) (Tom Schultz) (Roy Fruit) (Don Wood) (Paul Kiel).

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

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

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



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## *Rambling from Tee to Green*

2021 is a year that is almost over, and many may wish it on its way with a "good riddance." But let's not forget the fine fellowship and good golf we've experienced this year and be thankful that we can still swing a club and breath in some fresh air.

November is the month of Thanksgiving and I for one have a great deal for which to be thankful. Utmost on my list of blessings is the freedom go to Church each weekend; next would be the life I get to share with my family. And one blessing that is high on the list is the ability, both financially and physically, to join a group of old men, whom I have come to call friends, on the golf course every week. And I am thankful for the many volunteers who make Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta the fine organization that it is.

And on my list of things for which I am thankful in November is that this is the month of my birthday. In fact it was the day before Thanksgiving seventy-five years ago. I'm told that upon my arrival, my mother (God rest her soul) was heard to utter, "Thank God!" I'm not sure if that meant she was glad that I was born or that her pregnancy was over at last. I do know that she was a wise and patient woman who loved me dearly.

I was the fourth of five children born to my parents. My siblings and I were born almost as two groups. My oldest sister and older brother are ten and nine years respectively older than I am. My other sister is two years older and my other brother two years younger than I am. So in some respects that makes me the "middle" child. So some of you who have wondered what's wrong with me, now you know.

There are many childhood memories I count as blessings. My father was pragmatic if I complained about things my oldest siblings could do that I could not; his response was a simple, "Life isn't fair, get over it." My mother was the sympathetic ear to my trials and tribulations.

Long about second grade I lamented to my mother that I never got to have a birthday party at school. (My birthday usually falls on Thanksgiving, the day before of the day after).

She simply explained that I was so special school was let out for my birthday. This seven year old never felt better in all his life.

How's the song go?? "Raindrops on roses..." What are the things for which you are thankful?

**SGAA 2021 Year End Banquet  
And Raffle\***

**November 18, 2021**

11:00 a/m—2:00 p/m



**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 12, 2021****

**\*RAFFLE**

Raffle items include — *Tour Edge* golf bag; *Cleveland* wedge; *Callaway* wedge;  
*Garmin* wrist GPS; dozens of golf balls and other assorted prizes

See Dave Mueller 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Larry Matthews*

# 2022 DUES

IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID **BY DECEMBER 1ST**, YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER **DROPPING YOU FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST**. REINSTATEMENT AFTER DECEMBER 1ST **WILL COST YOU** DUES OF **\$25** AND A PENALTY OF **\$20** FOR A TOTAL OF **\$45**. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR **DUES ARE PAID** BY DECEMBER 1ST.

IF YOUR AWARDS POINTS TOTAL \$30, TOM VARDASE (SGAA TREASURER) WILL APPLY \$25 TOWARD YOUR **2022 DUES**, AND THEY WILL BE PAID.

**MAIL YOUR DUES NOW TO:**

TOM VARDASE  
TREASURER SGAA  
3502 JOHNS ROAD,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA 30084

**SGAA Constitution and By-laws: Article One:**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** Each Member is required to pay Annual Membership dues of \$25.00. A Dues Notice will be posted in the Newsletter at least 60 days prior to December 1st. **All dues and fees must be paid December 1st** 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 suspension, by a majority vote of Membership Committee.

# 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** – Jim Begnaud joined SGAA in 2016 and currently serves 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. He has worked in Public Accounting and Financial Management throughout his career including positions with KPMG, Tenet Healthcare, and Pony Express.



Jim hails from Texas; he graduated from Lamar University and served with the US Army in Korea. He and his wife Patty, an 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 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.



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.



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

**CLEVE SHUPE** – I would like to submit my name to the Nominating Committee for a position on the Board of Directors.



Cleve Shupe  
Member since 1977

I have been a member since 1996 and have served on the Board several times. I have worked the Table for five years. I have served two years as Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee. I have served nine years as Chairman of the Rules Committee.

I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

## **BALLOTS and VOTING**

A ballot with the final slate of candidates is included in this Newsletter and will be again in the November Newsletter 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 18, 2021.



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## OFFICIAL 2021 SGAA ABSENTEE BALLOT

**FOR PRESIDENT** (Vote for One):

- DAVE MUELLER
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR VICE PRESIDENT** (Vote for One):

- LARRY FAUCONNET
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR TREASURER** (Vote for One):

- TOM VARDASE
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (3yr Term)** (Vote for **three**\*):

- JIM BEGNAUD
- TOM GRYDER
- LOU HERRIG
- JEFF HYLAND
- ART MAYES
- RON PANTER
- KERRY PHILLIPS
- CLEVE SHUPE
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_
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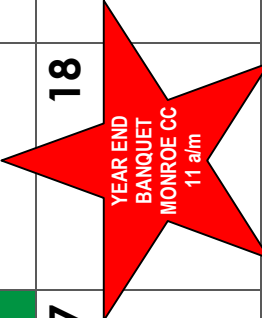
***\*Voting for more than three candidates for the Board of Directors will make your ENTIRE ballot null and void***

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; or place your ballot envelope in another envelope and mail to:**

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

Your mailed ballot **MUST** be received prior to the Year End Banquet (*November 18<sup>th</sup>*)

**NOVEMBER 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ashton Hills 10:00a/m \$30	2 Providence 10:00a/m \$31	3	4 Panola Mountain 10:00a/m \$28	5	6
7	8 <b>OUT of TOWN LAKE GUNTERSVILLE, AL</b>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Providence 10:00a/m \$31	17 CC of Gwinnett 10:00a/m \$32	18 	19	20
21	22 Sugar Creek 10:00a/m \$25	23 The Oaks 10:00a/m \$30	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Heron Bay 10:00a/m \$35	<b>NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 11 A/M - MONROE CC YEAR END BANQUET -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS -- ANNUAL RAFFLE</b>			

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McDonough, GA 30253