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Participation at this year's Member/Guest may have been smaller than in previous years, but those attending had a great time. The weather was perfect, was in course great shape, hotel was very nice, all topped off with a steak that covered a dinner plate. Those that went to downtown Greenville were impressed. Bobby Hawkins won the closest to the pin. Bobby Wheeler's guest Rusty shot a 79 for the lowest round. SGAA members Bob (Doc) Dillon and Ed Gasperini both shot 83. As it turned out all those who attended were winners.

The Par 3 Tournament held October 8<sup>th</sup> was a success. Congratulations to the flight winners: Pat Parisi, Gordo Fowlkes, Danny Boyles, and Bob Lacey. A special thank you to Harry Matthews for suggesting we have this tournament before the Board of Directors. Harry and Danny Boyles put this together.

If you haven't signed up for Gunter'sville do it now. This will be yet another fine out of town trip.

Please note that starting November 2<sup>nd</sup> start time for all tournaments will be 10 am. This is noted on the tournament schedule. Also, commencing November 16<sup>th</sup> we go to our winter schedule with 2 tournaments per week.

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR SATURDAY OCTOBER 31.**

It is election time. As you have seen on the website there is a great list of candidates. An absentee ballot will be emailed soon. For those attending the Closing Banquet voting will take place there as well.

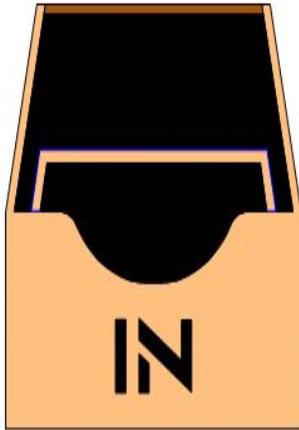
November 19<sup>th</sup> is the Year End Banquet. It will be held again at the Monroe C.C. The food is exceptional, and all COVID protocols are in place. Awards will be given out along with announcing the 2021 Officers and BOD. Send your \$20 to Tom Vardase as soon as possible. We need to know who is attending by the 16<sup>th</sup> so Monroe knows the headcount for Lunch.

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We have managed to play a good bit of golf despite the problems we have all encountered with COVID 19. I hope anyone of our members who has been touched in some way by this Pandemic is able to make a full recovery.

November is upon us, like it or not. I like the cooler weather. It doesn't make me play better, just not sweat so much. The Year End Banquet is Thursday, November 19, so get your money in and make plans to be there as there will be a lot going on; election, raffle, announcements. The last out of town trip is November 9, 10, and 11.

We go to two play dates a week November 16th and 23rd, and our last play date of this year is December 15. This year seems to have passed quickly in spite of all the turmoil. Maybe it's just an "age thing"???

By the way, the Par 3 tournament was a lot of fun. Look for another one next year. I vote for one with friendlier pin placements and not so slick greens. Thanks to the Committee who put this together for us.

## SGAA ANNUAL RAFFLE 2020



**BUSHNELL V5 TOUR  
RANGE FINDER**

**CALLAWAY ROGUE X #3 HYBRID**



**CALLAWAY 56° SURE OUT  
SAND WEDGE**

**TOP FLITE CHIPPER**



**TICKETS \$5.00 EACH OR FIVE FOR \$20.00. WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE YEAR-END BANQUET. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OFFSET SGAA COST. HELP KEEP SGAA COST DOWN AND WIN A GREAT PRIZE!!**

**SEE WENDELL JACKSON OR THURSDAY TABLE FOR TICKETS!**

**EVENTS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**TEE TIMES CHANGE  
10:00 a/m**

November 2  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
Lane Creek \$28

November 3  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
Lane Creek \$28

November 5  
THUR: 10:00 a/m  
Providence \$31

**November 9-11  
LAKE GUNTERSVILLE**

November 16  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
Panola Mountain \$27/29

November 17  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
Panola Mountain \$27/29

**November 19  
THUR: 11:00 a/m  
YEAR END BANQUET  
Monroe CC**

November 23  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
The Oaks \$30

November 24  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
Lane Creek \$28

November 30  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
The Oaks \$30

**MAKE SURE YOUR DUES  
ARE PAID BY  
DECEMBER 1st  
TO REMAIN IN GOOD  
STANDING**

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We begin November 2020 with 270 active members. 11 New Members since January 1<sup>st</sup>. 2 Members deceased (Tom Talley) (Harvey Hancock).

Keep up the good work on the new applications.

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.

Average age for SGAA is 76.26 years old.

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

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

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...

**Tom Talley** member since 1996

SGAA President 2001

**Harvey Hancock** member since 2003

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## *Rambling from Tee to Green*

As I sat down in front of the keyboard I thought, "We're almost to the end of this year..." And what a year it's been. Saw a graphic on the internet that said, "I'm staying up this New Year's Eve, not to ring in the New Year but to make sure this one is gone." After the lockdown, partial reopening and not knowing when we can all go back to church and our world will return as closely to the "normal" that we knew in 2019 I can certainly see the meaning of that graphic.

We have two elections taking place this month. One touted as being a life or death vote for our nation; the other is for the viability of the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta. A bold assessment of both elections for sure. I won't make any comments regarding the national election but as for the SGAA election; here it comes.

The Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta has the motto: "Dedicated to Good Golf and Fine Fellowship". Our elected officers aren't making millions of dollars from their positions; in fact it probably costs them a little bit of money as they are all volunteers. While we all like to play golf and appreciate that SGAA affords us the opportunity to do so on a variety of courses around the Metro Atlanta area; have you ever considered just what it takes to make that happen?

For starters each member of our Board of Directors takes time from their family to attend the Board Meetings four times a year. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer spend a lot of time away from the golf course working to make sure things run smoothly, an affordable location is secured for our Member/Guest outing, records are kept, membership applications are reviewed; the bills are paid and our tax information is correct every year.

These men are assisted in their duties by the rest of our Board of Directors so don't take your vote lightly. Both on the website and here in this newsletter the list of candidates and their background information of what experience they have is provided for you to review.

I urge you to read this information and consider the merits of each candidate and what they offer for the continued success of this organization and its goal of "good golf and fine fellowship".

On November 19<sup>th</sup> at our Year End Banquet – and I do hope you all will attend – votes will be cast in person and all of the absentee ballots will be counted and our 2021 slate of officers will be announced.

I urge you to consider wisely and vote for the continued success of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

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## 2021 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 TOTAL \$30, TOM VARDASE (SGAA TREASURER) WILL APPLY \$25 TOWARD YOUR **2021 DUES**, AND THEY WILL BE PAID.

### **MAIL YOUR DUES NOW TO:**

TOM VARDASE  
TREASURER SGAA

### **HAVE YOU MOVED ??**



If you have moved or plan on moving soon, please email your new address to **Tom Vardase** ([mvp-bestt@att.net](mailto:mvp-bestt@att.net))



# SGAA 2020 Year End Banquet

**November 19, 2020**

11:00 AM-2:00PM



## **Monroe Golf and Country Club**

1414 Alcovy St  
Monroe GA 30655

**\$20.00 PER PERSON**

*(includes tip and tax)*

*[\$1.00 discount on all drinks — member pricing]*

This will be a buffet Luncheon featuring the following menu\*



Fried Chicken  
Pork Tenderloin  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Garden Salad  
Rolls, Tea and Coffee  
Banana Cream Pie



\*CDC guidelines will be followed for social distancing. Hand sanitizing will be required **before** entering the buffet line and **each time** a person returns to the buffet. Wearing masks is recommended when not eating. Only **90** people can be accommodated in the dining room.

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 20084

**Reservations must be received  
No later than November 16, 2020**

# 2020 SGAA CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT**

**WENDELL JACKSON** – I joined the Air Force in 1960 and served 4 years as an Air Traffic Controller in Europe during the Berlin Crisis and Cuban Missile encounter. Scary times for a young man with access to a lot of classified information. Returned home and married Sandra in 1964 and attended Columbus State University (Columbus College then). We Relocated to Atlanta and I attended Georgia State. Pursued a career in Finance and finally settled in the automotive field. Retired from Hennessy Lexus in 2008 As Financial Services Director after 35 years in the Luxury automobile business. Joined SGAA in 2010. Have been On the Thursday Table for 10 years, and have been Table Captain I have also served on the Board of Directors and served as Vice President for the last year.



**Wendell Jackson**  
Member since 2010

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT**

**DAVE MUELLER**– I have been a member of SGAA since 2013. I have chaired the In Town Tournament Committee for the past 3 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 the past 2 years. 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.



**Dave Mueller**  
Member since 2013

## **FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY**

**TED POGUE** – Member since 2007. Widower, 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchild; U.S. Navy 1959-1966; Born in Tenn., resident of Ga. 57 yrs. Retired after 37 years with AT&T; Officer of CWA Local 3250 for 30 years; Elder of Covington Christian Church for 22 years; Table captain 3 years, Table Chairman 2 years, Vice President 2010, President 2011, Board member (2010-2020) Co-Chair for in-town scheduling committee 4 yrs., Nominating committee 2012-2020; Served on various other SGAA committees, SGAA Executive Committee 9 years, Secretary SGAA 2015-2020.



**Ted Pogue**  
Member since 2007

## **FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JOHN CYRAN** – Thanks to Jim Goldsack (please do not blame him), John joined SGA in 2017.



John Cyran  
Member since 2017

Since then, he has made many friends and has enjoyed the fine fellowship within the group. He is currently working the Tuesday table and is also the web master for the SGAA Internet site. After a 30+ years career in Information Technology serving with various companies, John retired from Habitat for Humanity where he was responsible for global voice and data. He has held many different positions, from President to gofer, with various non- profit organizations. These include EMS, Fire, Theater, Saint Vincent DePaul, Golf and Bowling leagues, and several others which he is too old to remember. In all of these, he served with integrity, listening to the members, and trying to do what was right for the members and the organization. John currently lives in Grayson with his wife Kathy. He has five grandchildren living in Georgia and New Jersey. As he has been told, when he hits it left it's a hook, when he hits it right, it's a slice, and when he hits it straight it's a miracle.

**JOHN DAVID** – My degree from Fresno State is in Recreation Administration and most of my



JD David  
Member since 2015

work is related to running a sports league much like the senior golf league. I played 25 years in the Professional Disc Golf Association, but had to retire because of arthritis. I was happy to find out I could swing a golf club and have been playing for 20 years (three or four with SGAA). I even let my beard grow out so I would blend in better with the group. This year I believe I have played as many rounds as anyone and I plan to continue that effort. My accomplishments include induction into the Disc Golf Hall of Fame and several World titles. Play ball golf I have had several Holes in One. I am also working on the Monday Table and hope to elevate myself to a Board position.

**Larry Fauconnet** -- I'm a relative newcomer to the SGAA, only five years, but have



Larry Fauconnet  
Member since 2015

enjoyed my time with the group tremendously. Along with that enjoyment comes the understanding that I need to do my part by volunteering in ways that I can to keep the association a strong and growing group of friends coming together on the course for days of fun and comradeship. I'm a retired Army Intelligence officer (yes, I've heard all the jokes) who's 28 years of commissioned service included, among other things, duty with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, several years with an infantry Battalion in Germany during the final years of the Cold War and in Desert Storm, duty as the Chief of Intelligence Production for Army Central Command's Intelligence Center, and as the Intelligence Planner for the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group and the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force in Iraq. In the civilian world I've worked as a competitive strategist with AT&T and YP. I currently consult on competitive intelligence, market insights, and competitive strategy. My wife of 14 years, Dede, and I have two children by my previous marriage. Our son Laurance (30) works in the field of urban planning and public policy, and daughter Brittany is in film production. While we, and our rescue Jack Russell Terriers, love

travelling, our time at the ocean and lake, and our time with the horses. But for some reason she encourages me to get out of the house and play golf as much as possible!

**JJ GOLDSACK** – Hi, I'm Jim Goldsack and I'm running for the SGAA board. Most of you know me as JJ. In March of 2014 I applied for membership to the group and as was the rules then, I waited until January 2015 to officially become a member. In March of that year, after being asked how Jim Goldsack could win the closest to the on a par 3 for both the A & B divisions, Joe Roberts changed my name to JJ in the computer as my middle name is John. A few months later I was asked to back Joe up doing the month end reports. Several months after assisting Joe, he move to Florida and with the help of Claude Rhen and Danny Boyles, I have been doing the month end reports (divisions, handicaps & awards) ever since. In October of 2016 I was asked to help on the Thursday table and have been assisting with Thursday play since then. Mary and I have been married over 42 years. We have two sons, John who teaches at Kennesaw State University in the Sequential Art Department and Tim who runs a coaching firm in Houston. Tim and his wife Jess have twin 3 year olds, James Ender and Evert Leo, Ender & Ever for short.



JJ Goldsack  
Member since 2015

**FRED JOHNSON** – Fred Johnson was born in Louisville, Ky. on Dec 31 1944. He lived in Louisville for four years, before moving to Owensboro, Ky. He attended grade school and high school in Owensboro. He attended Brescia College in Owensboro and graduated in 1970, with a B.S. degree in Accounting. He met his wife in Owensboro in 1964, she also attended Owensboro Catholic High School as he did. They were married in 1966 in Knottsville, Ky. Three of their children were born in Owensboro, Ky. They moved to Rome, Ga. in 1973. They later moved to Conley, Ga. in 1974. Their fourth child was born in 1978. We had three girls and one boy. The three girls are married and had two grandchildren each for a total of six. Our son is not married. I spent forty-one years working with consumer finance and mortgage companies. I really enjoyed working with customers in handling their financial businesses. I have played golf since I was 21 years old. I really enjoy the game, but I am still learning how to play better. I joined the SGAA in 2016. I really enjoy playing with and meeting new friends. If I am elected to the Board of Directors in the SGAA, I will serve and fulfill my duties with honor and pride.



Fred Johnson  
Member since 2016

**CLAUDE RHEN** – Married to Pattie Rhen for 59 years. We have a son 54 and a daughter 52. We have lived in our current home since moving to Atlanta in 1972. One Grand Daughter who is 13. I am a past president (twice served as president) of the Senior Golf Association of Atlanta which has a membership of 283 members. I have served on the Board of Directors for 8 years. I developed the website for this association and work tournaments and out of town trips as well as the Tuesday table. I am still continually active in the association. I can best use my skills and knowledge by continuing to serve as a Board Member.



Claude Rhen  
Member since 2003



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## OFFICIAL 2020 SGAA ABSENTEE BALLOT

**FOR THE OFFICE OF SGAA PRESIDENT** (Vote for One):

- WENDELL JACKSON
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR THE OFFICE OF SGAA VICE PRESIDENT** (Vote for One):

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

**FOR THE OFFICE OF SGAA SECRETARY** (Vote for One):

- TED POGUE
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

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

- JOHN CYRAN
- JOHN DAVID
- LARRY FAUCONNET
- JJ GOLDSACK
- FRED JOHNSON
- CLAUDE RHEN
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_
- WRITE-IN \_\_\_\_\_

***\*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 19<sup>th</sup>*)

**NOVEMBER 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Lane Creek 10:00a/m \$28	3 Lane Creek 10:00a/m \$28	4	5 Providence 10:00a/m \$31	6	7
8	9 LAKE GUNTERSVILLE TRIP	10 LAKE GUNTERSVILLE TRIP	11 LAKE GUNTERSVILLE TRIP	12	13	14
15	16 Panola Mountain 10:00a/m \$27-29	17 Stone Mountain 10:00a/m \$35	18	19 <b>YEAR END BANQUET</b> 11:00a/m	20	21
22	23 The Oaks 10:00a/m \$30	24 Lane Creek 10:00a/m \$28	25	26	27	28
29	30 The Oaks 10:00a/m \$30	<b>2021 Dues <u>MUST</u> be paid by December 1st</b>				

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