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I have had a great time as President this year. Thank you for your support and all that you do for SGAA. Thanks to Danny and Claude for all the help with the out-of-town trips. I know everyone had a great time. The attendance was down this year, but hopefully that will increase with the new year.

I want you to know that this is my last newsletter. The newsletter is the hardest part of the job, when you're not a writer. I'm not a writer! Thanks for putting up with my ramblings.

I am in complete support of Larry. He will do a great job. He is already working on several things for the new year. Please give him your support.

The SGAA needs volunteers. Please step up and help. We are starting to see a lot of the older volunteers back off. New blood will keep us growing, with new ideas and input.

Once again, a big thanks for all that you do for the SGAA. With that being said, let's go have some fun and play golf in 2023.

Thanks,
Dave

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

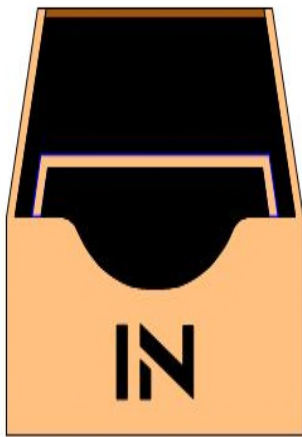
Dave Visscher member 2007 - 2015

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As Thanksgiving approaches it's time to sit at my keyboard and hammer out my submission for our December newsletter (which you'll receive well after Thanksgiving of course). I reflect that it's been a very short year – and somehow each year seems shorter than last. I believe that this is truly what Einstein was talking about when he came up with his Theory of Relativity; time is relative to the observer. When I was only two, it seemed like it would take half a lifetime for Christmas to roll around again. And it did! Now that I'm in my 60s (yes, just a youngster in the SGAA world), the relative length of a year is less than 1/60th of a lifetime, and getting shorter. Still, there's a lot of golf left to play and while some games may seem to last a lifetime, there's no need to cry in our beer just yet.

But again, it's Thanksgiving as I write this, so it's time to give thanks. Therefore, let me take a moment to thank all who make our club work. First we have all of the table volunteers who give their time and effort to try to make each game as enjoyable as possible. While we may get up on a cold, windy day and say "nope, I won't hit my best today so not going to play", the table workers will still head to the event, get there early, and be ready for any who show. For that we are grateful. Then there are those who work tirelessly to set up the tournaments, whether in-town or out-of-town. Dave, Danny, Claude, and others who help. I don't know of another club that allows members to play so many different courses, with play three-times per week in season, has four out-of-town events and an annual tournament and these guys make it all happen. Then there are all the committees, the BOD, and the officers who collectively work to try to keep the club operating as effectively as possible which is an increasingly challenge these days! This is a special organization and the volunteers make it work. I also want to thank all the members for continuing your membership, whether or not you play. Those who remain members without playing much prove that the intrinsic value of the club, though primarily about golf, goes well beyond the fairway and green. Finally, I want to thank a sub-set of "members" – that would be the "players". "Playership" is important to us as it helps us maintain our value-add as we approach courses we want to play and our number of anticipated players helps us get play dates and keep costs down as we negotiate contracts. Economy of scale applies, even to us. So, to all who get up early as often as possible to meet on the tee, thank you.

Now, speaking of "Playership", it's almost winter and it's getting cold. REALLY cold. And windy! So cold that I sometimes wonder why my ball doesn't shatter when I hit it. Then again, I'm not hitting it all that hard. After all, I'm wrapped up in fifteen layers of clothing that serve to restrict my movement so much that playing in a straight jacket might allow more movement while at the same time my fingers and hands are so frozen it's a wonder that they don't shatter along with my ball. And then, there's the wind which is always in your face regardless of which direction you're hitting. Yet, we still play, and I'm happy for the opportunity every time. Ah, the joy of winter golf. I wonder. Is it some sort of mental dysfunction that causes us to yearn for such punishment? Is there some masochistic genetic disorder that we suffer from that motivates us to play in such conditions on courses that seem to be designed by the Marquis de Sade himself? And you know, it's not only us here in the SGAA; it's a global malady. I did some research and found that the most northerly 18-hole golf course, Tromso Golfklubb, is tucked way inside the Arctic Circle in Norway and it is almost certainly chilly! And then, in the South, we have the Scott Base Country Club, near McMurdo Station in Antarctica, operated by the New Zealand Antarctic Program. This "course" is located just above the South Pole. Players there are required to wear full survival gear and only orange golf balls may be used so they may be seen in the ice and snow. So yeah, while it may seem otherwise when we're shivering on the course, we're relative wimps in the world of winter golf. Seriously though, thanks to all of you who brave the elements to meet on the tee in the off-season.

Stay warm, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

EVENTS FOR
DECEMBER 2022

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

December 1
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Bear Creek \$34

December 5
MON: 10:00 a/m
Honey Creek \$28

December 6
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Providence \$33

December 13
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Chimneys CC \$35+

December 14
WED: 10:00 a/m
Southland \$28

December 15
THUR: 10:00 a/m
**Board of Directors Mtg
Gwinnett CC**
All are Welcome to Attend

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We begin December 2022 with 233 active members. Five members have passed away in 2022 (Dave Ellenberg, Tommy Smith, Billy Powell, Bob Michalowski, Joe Farnell). Three past member deceased. (James (Jimbo) Martin, Howard Rodemoyer, Dave Visscher)

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. This will be implemented for all tournaments when education and training for all registration tables is completed. Information will follow by email to all members. **ALL TABLES DO PRE-REGISTRATION. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY. REGISTRATION DONE FROM WEBSITE**

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

My article was written and in the Newsletter prior to our Year-End Luncheon, but the election caused me to pause and redirect my thoughts. Not because of the results, nor because the vote counts weren't made public (they were made available); but because of the **Good**, the **Bad**, and the **Ugly** facts of this election. I congratulate the election winners and thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve this association

The **Good** is that we have members willing to give of their time to serve our association as well as members interested enough to participate in its activities. I'm not talking about playing golf, if you didn't want to play golf you wouldn't belong to this organization.

The **Bad** is that out of 233 active members only 58 ballots were cast in our annual election. Less than 25% of our membership cares enough about the future of our association to vote. I realize we all have things to do and not everyone could attend the Year-End Luncheon; but that's not an excuse, nor even a good reason, to not cast a ballot. The Website, the October Newsletter, as well as the November Newsletter, included a ballot with instructions on how to cast a mail-in ballot.

Which brings me to the **Ugly** truth of the matter is that if less than 25% of the active membership cares enough to cast a ballot, the future of this association looks mighty bleak. We're about to begin our 67th year – **prove me wrong**.

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 Newsletter 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 you earned **LESS THAN 25 Points**, please send me a **\$25 check** for your 2023 dues. **Do NOT, repeat, Do NOT** send me a check for the difference between \$25 dues and your earned points. **I promise**, I will send you a check to cover all of your earned award points. *Thanks*

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

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Get Ready For That Trip To The Bank

2022 "Awards Points" checks, minus the \$25 for your 2023 dues, will go out in the mail 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 a email with your **new address** as soon as possible to mvp-best@att.net

Be safe . . . Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

. . . Tom Vardase, Treasurer

ELECTION RESULTS

After much ciphering, counting on fingers and toes as well as using a hand held calculator the Election Committee tabulated the ballots at the Year End Banquet on November 17th. Committee Chair, Danny Boyles kept an eagle eye on committee members Ray Fruit and Wendell Jackson and after a short deliberation the electon was certified and the following results were announced.

The new officers who will be joining the Board of Directors on January 1, 2022 are President **Larry Fauconnet**; Vice President **Ron Wade**; Secretary **Ted Pogue**; and new three-year Board Members **Dennis Hanson**; **Ward Humphreys**; and **Gary Nelson**

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LARRY FAUCONNET**



**VICE PRESIDENT
RON WADE**



**SECRETARY
TED POGUE**



**TREASURER
TOM VARDASE**

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JJ GOLDSACK**



**2023 DIRECTOR
CLAUDE RHEN**

DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		<p><i>May the holidays find you happy and the New Year in good health</i></p>			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	Honey Creek 10:00a/m \$28	Providence 10:00a/m \$33		Bear Creek 10:00a/m \$34			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Chimneys CC 10:00a/m \$35+	Southland 10:00a/m \$28	Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

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