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Welcome June play. I'd like to begin by reinforcing that I will not email any of you requesting gift cards or payments. My email address identifies me as James Goldsack, so if you receive an email from JJ Goldsack, just put it in your spam or junk mail. I cannot stop scammers from sending phishing emails; I hope this information will ease everyone's concerns.

June brings our out of town trip to Smoky Mountain Country Club, scheduled for June 15-17th. Dave Mueller has done an excellent job putting this event together. I encourage you to join us for this fun-filled event. You've still got time to register before the deadline on Monday June 8th

Our last out of town event is the Member-Guest at Lake Chatuge in Hiawassee, set for October 4-7th. The registration deadline for the Member Guest is August 15th. Which sounds like a while away, but will be here before you know it.

Our next Board meeting of Directors meeting is August 6th at Country Club of Gwinnett. Please consider attending to get a flavor of how the organization operates. Develop a better understanding of what each committee does so you can see what volunteer opportunities might fit your skill set. We will elect 3 board members, secretary, vice president, and president. Steve Puster has been publishing the newsletter for over 10 years and could use a break. If you have expertise in communication, consider working with Steve on the monthly newsletter.

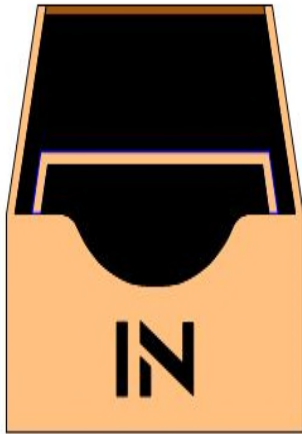
I hope everyone has an enjoyable time playing in June. Please respect the golf courses that work with SGAA. Hit'em well.

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We are just a few weeks away from the Smoky Mountain outing. I am looking forward to that. The deadline is June 8th to sign up. Anyone needing information about this outing can just give me a call. The people there go out of the way to make this a great trip.

The year is in high gear now, so make sure you're able to enjoy the golf without any health problems. Make sure you drink plenty of water and use sunscreen often. I was stupid in my youth, and didn't cover my skin. Today I have to wear long sleeves and cover up due to sun poisoning. Don't let this happen to you. Take the time to put on sunscreen.

After you play in the Smokey Mountains, don't forget about playing in the North Georgia mountains. The Member-Guest will be here before you know it.

Have a great summer and have fun playing golf

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."

Gene Bryant member 1998 – 2022

Harry Chapman member 2017 – 2021

David Mason member since 2008

Gene Latham member since 2007

Jesse Dooley member 2002 – 2026

**EVENTS FOR
JUNE 2026**

**All tee times
are 8:30 a/m**

June 1
MON: 8:30 a/m
Heron Bay \$37

June 2
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Honey Creek \$35

June 4
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Southland \$41

June 8
MON: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

June 10
WED: 8:30 a/m
Heron Bay \$37

June 11
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Bear Creek \$45

June 22
MON: 8:30 a/m
Dogwood \$40

June 23
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Cherokee Run \$45

June 25
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Georgia National \$39

June 29
MON: 8:30 a/m
Ashton Hills \$43



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Membership Overview

As of May 2026, the SGAA has welcomed several new members, bringing the total active membership to 212. This year, we have added six new members, continuing the positive trend of growth. Our ongoing efforts to encourage friends and neighbors to join are making a difference, and it would be beneficial to maintain last year's momentum in membership additions.

Membership Application Process

When inviting prospective members to join, it is essential to ensure that all application forms are completed fully and legibly. Applications that are missing required information cannot be processed, so careful attention to detail is crucial. By assisting with accurate and thorough submissions, you help promote an efficient and effective membership process. Thank you for your continued support and diligence in this important matter.

Board Suggestions

If you have suggestions that could help the board or improve the enjoyment of SGAA activities, please share your ideas with me or any other board member. While not every suggestion can be implemented, all will be carefully discussed at the next board meeting. Your input is valued and plays an important role in the ongoing improvement of our group.

In Memoriam

We honor and remember Gene Bryant, who passed away in January. Gene was a member for over 20 years and was actively involved in the operation of SGAA until he could no longer participate. Gene Latham passed away on 02/09/2026. Gene was a member from 2007 through 2026 and was known for being a likable person and enjoyable golf companion. David Mason, a member for 18 years and well-liked by the membership, and Harry Chapman, who passed away this year after moving away from the Atlanta area, are also remembered. Harry enjoyed his family and time outdoors. Jesse Dooley was an ex-president and involved in all aspects of SGAA. He moved to Carrolton a few years ago so many of you may not have had the privilege of knowing him. All these gentlemen will be greatly missed.

Contact Information Updates

If you change your address, phone number, or email, please notify me at tandgpogue@att.net. Keeping your contact information current ensures you receive timely updates about SGAA news and upcoming events.

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Rambling from Tee to Green

In days of old, when knights were bold... we used to rush to the course and sign our group in so we'd get a "good" starting hole; then we'd mill around the clubhouse and mingle. Those days are in the past as we now pre-register and usually know our hole assignment the evening before the tournament. And with that change the milling around the clubhouse and mingling is all but gone.

This makes the Photo Directory and Member Spotlight more important than ever. The past couple of years have seen an influx of new members which is a very good thing. As Chair of the Photo Directory committee I get a list of the new members at the beginning of each month. Shortly thereafter an email goes out requesting a photo for the Photo Directory and a short bio for the Member Spotlight; or just the short bio if a photo is already in the Directory thanks to the diligence of the committee members.

All but 6 members, as of May 15th, are in the Photo Directory. Four of those seven are long-time members and the other two are new additions to Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta. I am encouraging these gentlemen to help us fill in the Directory gaps by sending a photo (from the waist up) to steve.puster@gmail.com.

Keith Frost [2011]

Bob Moore [2011]

Dean Koehler [2026]

David Ramsey [2019]

Les Lewis [[2008]

Mike Toth [2026]

I'm still awaiting bios from 29 new members for the Member Spotlight. Again, please send these to steve.puster@gmail.com

The change to pre-registration brings to mind there are some things that can change and improve the way SGAA operates while changes to SGAA traditions can have an adverse impact.

*Don't forget to register for the Smoky Mountain trip
before the June 8th deadline*

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Jeff Markert

Member since 2026

Jeff Markert

My name is Jeff Markert, I currently reside just outside of Crawfordville, GA. with my wife and dog. I am proud to say I am a follower of Christ and His presence in my life is profoundly changing my story.

Recently moving from Braselton we were ready to leave the hectic life of what was becoming North Georgia. I still own a business in the Gainesville, GA area, but have been semiretired for several years.

During my time in Braselton I played golf regularly for work and in many scramble tournaments. Also during that time I was bodybuilding and as I advanced in the gym my golf went backwards. In 2003, I walked away from golf, gave my clubs away and pursued bodybuilding, bowling and fishing.

I had ways enjoyed golf because like weightlifting or any individual sport the success and drive comes from within and each one is their own challenge. In 2025 I got my old clubs back from the person I had given them to who didn't use them and I began the journey again.

My wife and I began to play again and then my sister's friend asked me to join them for a round. I really enjoyed that and since then the group introduced me to SGAA where I have really had a great time meeting new guys and golfing on so many different courses that I would never have taken the time to play. One of many positive aspects I have seen with the guys of SGAA is the friendliness and inclusiveness. I have never felt out of place or left out and it seems we all have many commonalities. I look forward to many more years enjoying the game of golf with new friends.



SMOKY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 15-17 2026
1112 Conley Creek Road
Whittier NC 28789

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE FIRST CLASS TWO BEDROOM CONDO UNITS WITH FULL KITCHEN LIVING ROOM W/TV AND PORCH. EACH BEDROOM HAS A TV AND A PRIVATE BATHROOM.
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Package	1 Golfer/Bedroom	2 Golfers/Bedroom
Golf 3 Days, 2 Nights, Meals	\$490.00	\$450.00
Golf 3 days,3 Nights, Meals, Sunday early arrival	\$560.00	\$490.00
Spouse/Meal pack	\$92.00	
Golf Only	\$180.00	

All reservations must be made by SGAA and received by June 8. No refunds after that date

Name		SGAA Member Number	
Guest		Guest Handicap	
SGAA Roommate		SGAA Roommate Number	
Comments			

Make Checks Payable to SGAA annotated Smokey Mountain Mail Reservation Form and Check to:
 DAVE MUELLER
 1167 Vintage Way
 Hoschton, GA 30548

All three days will be a Dogfight format.
Monday will be four-man team A, B, C, D.
Tuesday will be two-man Teams. A/B players against A/B players. C/D players against C/D players.
Wednesday Tournament will be an individual dogfight format.



2026 SGAA MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT

Chatguc Golf Course & Mountain Harbor Golf Course

October 4th – 7th, 2026

Hiawassee, Ga.

Monday – Wednesday T-Time 9:00 am at Chatguc Shores. Tuesday T-time 9:30 at Mountain Harbor.

Guests are welcome. Bring a friend, a family member, a neighbor. The more the merrier. Packages include the following: 3 nights lodging, 3 rounds of golf, 2 dinners, live band on Tuesday, and cash bar on Sunday and Tuesday.

If you are sharing a room and planning to play only two rounds and/or two nights, your roommate must have the same package as you. **RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE August 15th. All reservations must be made through the SGAA. NOTE: A continental breakfast is included with coffee, juices, cereal, sweet rolls and fruit.**

OCCUPANCY	PACKAGE	PRICE	CHOICE
Couple Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 – Lakeview	\$878	
Single Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 – Lakeview	\$776	
Double Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 – Lakeview	\$574	
Couple Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 – Regular	\$811	
Single Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 – Regular	\$709	
Double Occupancy	3 Nights, 3 Rds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2 - Regular	\$540	
Other Accomadations	3 Rounds of Golf, 2 Dinners for 2	\$473	

Other options may be available on an individual basis. Please call Larry Thomas at 770-596-4432 for rates.

Ladies golf on Monday/Wednesday at Mountain Harbor is \$65, Tuesday at Chatguc Shores is \$35. If your companion plans to play any of these days, please provide: NAME _____ Mon___ Tue___ Wed___

Wine Tasting Tuesday 11:00 – 1:00 NAME _____

Sunday dinner: Member – Trout ___ Brisket ___ Dessert – Pecan pie ___ Peach Cobbler ___
Spouse - Trout ___ Brisket ___ Dessert – Pecan pie ___ Peach Cobbler ___

Tuesday dinner: Member – Steak ___ Chicken ___ Dessert – Apple pie ___ Bread Pudding ___
Spouse – Steak ___ Chicken ___ Dessert – Apple pie ___ Bread Pudding ___

Name: _____ SGAA Member Number _____ Shirt size _____

Guest: _____ Guest Stroke Handicap _____ Shirt size _____

SGAA Roommate: _____

COMMENTS: _____

EARLY ARRIVAL: If you plan to come in on Saturday or stay over on Wednesday night, call Chatguc Shores for information on making an early arrival/late departure reservation. Let them know you are with SGAA.

Lake Chatguc Lodge, 653 Hwy 76, Hiawassee, Ga, . Phone 706-896-5253

SEND CHECKS TO: LARRY THOMAS

2065 WOODBERRY RUN DR.

SNELLVILLE, GEORGIA 30078



2026 SGAA MEMBER/GUEST ACTIVITIES



Famous as the home of Georgia's highest peak, Brasstown Bald, Hiawassee is full of gorgeous mountain scenery and recreation opportunities. Hiawassee was originally inhabited by Cherokee tribes. It is located near the Appalachian and Southern Highroads trails. Lake Chatuge is another beloved landmark with countless recreation opportunities, along with the trout fishing favorite, the Hiawassee River. Don't miss the changing color of the leaves.

Brasstown Bald, is a must-see at over 4,000 feet and surrounded by the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. On clear days, visitors can see four states from the observation deck.

Walking Trails in Hiawassee, GA

Hiawassee, Georgia, is a treasure trove for hikers and nature enthusiasts. The town offers a variety of walking trails that cater to different skill levels and preferences. Here are some of the best walking trails in Hiawassee:

1. Wagon Train Trail: This trail is known for its challenging incline and beautiful waterfall views. It has a 4.6-star rating from 401 reviews, making it a popular choice for hikers.
2. Bell Mountain Trail: Offering stunning summit views, this trail is perfect for photography enthusiasts and is open year-round.
3. Tallulah Gorge State Park Trails: With over 20 miles of well-maintained trails, this park is a must-visit for those seeking epic views and waterfalls.
4. Little Tennessee River Greenway: A scenic river trail that provides a peaceful, shaded path with beautiful views of the river.
5. Nantahala Bikeway: A bike trail that runs alongside the Little Tennessee River, offering a unique experience for those who prefer biking.
6. Hamilton Rhododendron Gardens: A hidden gem, this botanical garden features a variety of native plants and flowers, making it a peaceful spot for a stroll. A sprawling botanical garden with more than 3,000 plants, including dogwood, native azaleas, wildflowers, trillium and rhododendron. In fact, the more than 400 varieties of rhododendron make it the largest collection in the state. The garden includes two lovely hiking trails— a 1-mile trail and a 2-mile trail— as well as walking paths that lead along the shore of Lake Chatuge and to a popular fishing hole.
7. High Shoals Falls - One of the area's most stunning waterfalls is High Shoals Falls, five falls in one area that have a total vertical drop of 300 feet. Accessible by the 1.2-mile High Shoals Trail, there are observation decks along the way.
8. The Chatuge trail - The 1-mile, dog-friendly hiking trail takes you through the forest along the banks of a small peninsula, offering sensational views of the shoreline and southern Appalachian Mountains along the way.
9. Rent A Boat - As much fun as a day at the beach can be, there's nothing better than exploring the lake in your own boat or jet ski.

These trails are just a few examples of the many walking opportunities Hiawassee has to offer. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging hike, Hiawassee's trails provide a perfect escape into nature. Remember to pack hiking safety essentials and enjoy the breathtaking scenery along the way.



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Shopping places in Hiawassee

1. Art Works
2. Trailful Outdoor Co.
3. TATA On Main
4. Lakeview Vintage Market
5. Hiawassee Antique Mall
6. Secret's Attic
7. Always Christmas
8. Mountain Quilts
9. The Wishing Well
10. Hen's Nest

Alexander's "Everything Under The Sun" has been family-owned since 1953. And families love coming to Alexander's, where there's something for everyone. With 50,000 square feet of retail space (and expanding all the time), Alexander's sells just about everything. ADDRESS: 4482 Town Creek School Road, Blairsville, GA 30512, 706-745-6450.

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River – A Caesars Rewards Destination - 777 Casino Parkway, Murphy, NC 28906. Take advantage of recreation opportunities such as the casino, or grab a bite at Brew Brothers, one of the hotel's 6 restaurants. A great escape with glorious views.

Enjoy a great afternoon on Lake Chatuge by renting a boat from one of several local venues. Lake Chatuge and the surrounding rivers and creeks are home to a great variety of fish making it the ideal place to relax and enjoy a fishing adventure.

Enjoy the scenery and North Georgia Mountain views while on horseback. There are several trails and horseback riding opportunities around the Lodge.



Cane Creek Winery – Young Harris

Widely regarded as one of North Georgia's best wineries, Crane Creek Vineyards encompasses 20+ acres high in the hills of Young Harris GA. Cane Creek offers full wine service, including tastings, wine by the glass, and bottles, along with drip coffee, espresso drinks, snacks, and pastries. It is the perfect spot to unwind with a glass of wine or freshly brewed coffee—whether you're relaxing in the lounge or enjoying the sweeping vineyard views from the deck. Prices for the wine, cheese, snacks tastings are have not been finalized. This will be updated as soon as they are finalized.



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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



June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Heron Bay 8:30 a/m \$37	2 Honey Creek 8:30 a/m \$35	3	4 Southland 8:30 a/m \$41	5	6
7	8  CC of Gwinnett 8:30 a/m \$45	9	10 Heron Bay 8:30 a/m \$37	11 Bear Creek 8:30 a/m \$45	12	13
14	15 16 17 18 19 20 OUT OF TOWN SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP					
21	22 Dogwood 8:30 a/m \$40	23 Cherokee Run 8:30 a/m \$45	24	25 Georgia National 8:30 a/m \$39	26	27
28	29 Ashton Hills 8:30 a/m \$43	30	★ LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP			

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