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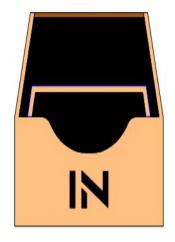
Springtime is here at last! The azaleas are blooming in Augusta and, by the time you read this, we will have completed our first out-of-town event at Little Ocmulgee State Park. The temperatures continue to be a bit nippy when we tee off but our rounds typically end in the sixties or seventies. I don't know about you but I am not going to miss wearing all those layers of clothing and I will enjoy being able to feel my hands and feet on the first tee. It is really going to be nice to have grass on the tee boxes and fairways and greens that are in great shape.

Speaking of the condition of the greens, it was disappointing to find out that all eighteen holes at Little Ocmulgee would be utilizing temporary greens for our tournament. They had originally planned to redo their greens starting this summer but they deteriorated faster than they anticipated. We had 46 members and guests signed up to play before we were notified about the greens. Larry Fauconnet went above and beyond the call of duty (even making a special trip down to Little Ocmulgee) to personally view the condition of the temporary greens and to secure a full refund for those who chose not to play in the tournament. SGAA is very fortunate to have a tournament chairman who takes his job seriously and always does what is best for the organization and its members. Thank you Larry!

If you couldn't make the Little Ocmulgee trip, we still have two other outstanding out-of-town events coming up later in 2025. The Smoky Mountain tournament in Whittier, NC is scheduled for June 16-18. Smoky Mountain is a beautiful mountain course that has a number of fun and challenging holes. The cabins that we stay in are first class and the food is excellent. SGAA has played there for several years and they do a great job of taking care of us. You can find the registration form on page 8 as well as on the website.

The 2025 Member-Guest Tournament scheduled for October 5-8 is shaping up to be a memorable event. Larry Fauconnet and I will be travelling to Gulf Shores, AL at the end of this month to finalize plans with the hotel and golf courses. We'll also be searching for the perfect restaurant for our Tuesday dinner and exploring potential activities for our wives/guests. I hope we will have a great turnout this year. I am going to do everything in my power to make it special for those who attend.

See you on the links!



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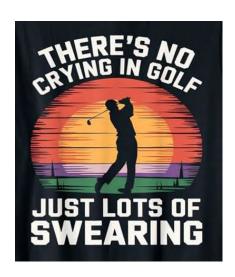


Can you believe we are now a third of the way through the season? In June we will have our second Out of Town event, 6/16-6/18 at Smoky Mountain CC in Whittier, NC.

Speaking of Out of Town events, October 6-8 is our Annual Member Guest, in Gulf Shores, AL. It has been a few years since SGAA has had a Member Guest at the beach and Mike put this together in response to a consensus of requests to return to a beach location. Since being elected VP, several members have suggested it would be nice to stay at a beach location again, with some going so far as to request we play the same venue two years in a row. As I search for a venue for 2026, I am open to suggestions on where our members would like to have next year's Member Guest. Feel free to tell me at one of our tournaments or email me at goldsack@bellsouth.net.

The Par 3 tournament is scheduled for May 15th at Providence. Harry does a great job of organizing these. Everyone has a great time, it moves quickly and it's an opportunity to showcase your short game. I encourage everyone to participate in this event. Maybe we can set a record for most participation in a SGAA tournament since Covid. Have fun and play well.

"GOLF IS THE CLOSEST GAME TO THE GAME WE CALL LIFE. YOU GET BAD BREAKS FROM GOOD SHOTS; YOU GET GOOD BREAKS FROM BAD SHOTS - BUT YOU HAVE TO PLAY THE BALL WHERE IT LIES."



EVENTS FOR MAY 2025

All tee times are 8:30 a/m

May 1

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

May 5

MON: 8:30 a/m Ashton Hills \$40

May 7

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

May 8

THUR: 8:30 a/m Bear Creek \$42

May 12

MON: 8:30 a/m Mystery Valley \$40

May 13

TUES: 8:30 a/m Crystal Lake \$37

May 15 - PAR 3 THUR: 8:30 a/m Providence \$37

May 19

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

May 20

TUES: 8:30 a/m **Dogwood \$40** 

May 21

WED: 8:30 a/m Honey Creek \$35

May 27

TUES: 8:30 a/m

Hard Labor Creek \$39+

May 28

WED: 8:30 a/m

Panola Mountain \$32

May 29

THUR: 8:30 a/m Sugar Creek \$33

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We begin May2025 with 205 active members. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is complete and readable.

One Member, Lamar Frazier passed away in February.

MEMBERS, IF ANY OF YOUR INFORMATION CHANGES

(ADDRESS, PHONE #, OR EMAIL)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT tandqpoque@att.net.

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

#### In Memoriam

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



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Rambling from Jee to Green

#### POINTS - WHY ARE THERE TWO KINDS OF POINTS?

#### PLAYING PIOINTS:

The type of points most members are familiar with are "playing" points. These are the points you earn through your stellar play -1 for bogey, 2 for par, 3 for birdie, and 4 for eagle. These points are used to determine your position in your particular flight [A-B-C-D] for each tournament. A simple enough concept to understand - your play determines the amount of playing points you earn each time you play a round of golf with SGAA.

#### AWARD POINTS:

Playing points have a direct correlation to how many "award" points you earn each tournament. At the end of each tournament your score and playing points are entered into the SGAA computers at which point a <u>magic formula</u> is applied which determines how many award points you have earned based on the number of playing points and your flight ranking for that particular day. In addition to the award points you gained by your score any birdies, eagles, or closest to the pin points you earned are also added to these award points to determine the total number of award points you have earned for that particular day.

I say for that particular day because these award points are added to the SGAA database and are accumulated throughout the year. At the end of the year, each award point has a value of \$1 which is used to offset your dues for the next year. Any monetary value in excess of your dues is sent directly to you shortly after our season ends each December – so make sure your address is correct.

Although your award points accumulate no matter your flight, which can and often does change through the season; it is very important that you are aware of your particular flight for each tournament. Why, because you need to know which pin marker you should use when you make that shot that puts you closest to the pin for your flight.

Yes, each flight has a color-coded marker, "A" is white, "B" is yellow, "C" is red, and "D" is blue. You will find these markers on each par 3 with the exception of the shortest par 3 on the course, that hole has a black marker identifying it as the "designated" hole for that tournament. All flights compete against each other on the designated hole.

So when you make that shot on a par 3 that puts you inside of a marker, <u>make sure</u> it is the marker for your flight before you add your name and member number. If you put your name/number on a closest to the pin marker that is not the marker for your flight, you cheat yourself out of award points for that hole. In addition you have cheated everyone in the flight whose marker you incorrectly used of having a chance of any award points for that hole as well. That marker becomes invalid for the tournament. Remember, using any closest to the pin marker that is not for your flight robs everyone in that flight as well as yourself from award points.

REMEMBER: If you move a marker to make a putt, put the marker back where it was. And if the marker would impact someone's chance of obtaining that elusive hole-in-one put the marker behind the hole.



# PAR 3 TOURNAMENT PROVIDENCE GOLF CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 A/M

### SPECIAL \$10 TABLE FEE

It's great that you long hitters can get 250+ yards off the tee; but how good is your short game?

Don't think you've got it where you want it to be? Then it's time to get it together because in a few short weeks you'll be put to the test.

That's right; SGAA is holding another Par 3 Tournament. This will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a/m. Special \$10 per player table fee applies for this event.

Payouts will be the same as our normal dogfight tournaments plus a low gross for each flight.

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Perry Provost
Member since 2025

Originally I'm a Cajun from south Louisiana in a small town where they make Tabasco sauce (New Iberia). I absolutely love Cajun food, although my dad owned his own restaurant I didn't learn how to cook until after I left Louisiana (to my wife's dismay). I earned a BS in civil engineering from University of Louisiana Lafayette in 1985 and moved to Jacksonville, FL to start my career. I spent most of my work career with Goulds Pumps and Trane Technologies as an Application/Sales Engineer. I spent a couple of years with two IT startup companies that went bankrupt, and then taught math for a year at St. Pius X High School, before moving to IT Project Manager on a Gwinnett Co Schools project for a couple of years before I retired on Memorial Day 2024!

I met my wonderful wife Anne in Jacksonville and moved to her hometown Atlanta in the summer of '91 (we take credit for turning the Braves team around). We have 2 beautiful daughters; one a lawyer, the other an engineer, both happily married within the last 4 years and our oldest is expecting our first grandchild (boy) in June!!! We absolutely can't wait!

From a sports perspective, I played "poor man" sports growing up (baseball, basketball and football) with baseball as my best sport. My wife turned me on to tennis when I moved to Atlanta and I have thoroughly enjoyed playing all these years (as my wife describes my play "it's either a winner or hitting the fence"). But I have reached my peak skill level and with banged up knees I have dialed down my playing time and moved on to golf where there is a TON of room for improvement, woohoo!!

From a spiritual perspective, I joined Holy Cross Catholic Church back in '94 and have been involved in a variety of functions throughout the years and am praying for guidance on where He wants to use me in retirement. We shall see (maybe He'll want me to play more golf!).

So far I am absolutely loving the retired life, traveling a lot and looking forward to playing plenty of

golf and I hope improving my score for the next 10-20 years (hopefully I can still play). Many thanks to Jim Begnaud for recruiting me to the club!! Look forward to meeting everyone!

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Moe Juliao Member since 2025

I've always been one to dive headfirst into projects, whether it was building control systems in my early engineering days or tackling complex software architectures at ADP for 27 years. But when it came to golf, well, life had other plans for a while!

I'm originally from Colombia, South America and growing up in Georgia, I quickly learned the value of hard work and community. I picked up golf in my late 20s, and it was a real passion, but then came marriage to my amazing wife, Andrea, a family physician, and the joy (and challenges!) of raising our three kids. Golf took a backseat, but it was always there, waiting.

Now, with 30 wonderful years of marriage under our belts and the kids all grown, Andrea and I are stepping into this exciting chapter. And for me, that means finally giving golf the attention it deserves! There's something about the focus, the challenge, and the simple joy of being out on the course that just feels right.

I've even started an Instagram group, "The Golf Father Clubs," with my daughter's help. Honestly, social media is a whole new world for me, but I'm loving connecting with fellow golfers and sharing my journey. It's not about being a pro; it's about enjoying the game, the camaraderie, and maybe even learning a few new tricks along the way.

So, if you see me on the course, don't hesitate to say hello. I'd love to swap stories, talk about our favorite holes, and maybe even play a round together. Here's to making some great memories on the fairways!







SMOKEY MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 16-18 2025
1112 Conley Creek Road
Whittier NC 28789

GUEST WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS AND/OR FAMILY -THE MORE THE MERRIER. PRICES ARE PER PERSON, SINGLE OR DOUBLE AND INCLUDES GOLF AND MEALS. 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.

CONDOS HOUSE 2, 3 OR 4 GOLFERS: 2 SINGLES, OR 1 SINGLE AND A DOUBLE, OR 2DOUBLES. WE'VE RESERVED ADDITIONAL ROOMS, BUT CONDO SPACE IS LIMITED. INDIVIDUAL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE "SLEEP INN" IN BRYSON CITY.

Package	1 Golfer/Bedroom	2 Golfers/Bedroom
Golf 3 Days, 2 Nights, Meals	\$476.00	\$440.00
Golf 3 days,3 Nights, Meals, Sunday early arrival	\$546.00	\$485.00
Spouse/Meal pack	\$92.00	
Golf Only	\$180.00	

#### All reservations must be made by SGAA and received by June 9. 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.

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### VETERANS GOLF CLASSIC 11.10.25

### SAVE THE DATE

**MONDAY** 

**NOVEMBER 10, 2025** 

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SUWANEE, GA 30024

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### SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# VETERANS GOLF CLASSIC 11.10.25

### TITLE SPONSOR \$5000 (1 AVAILABLE)

- Company or Individual Name included in the Tournament Name
- Two (2) signs to be placed on the course
- Company banner
- Prominent space on the main banner, website, and all marketing recognition
- Four (4) individual Golf & Dinner Tickets
- One future foursome pass certificate

### GOLD SPONSOR \$2000 (1 AVAILABLE)

- Two (2) signs placed on the course
- Logo on the main banner and website
- Recognition during announcements
- Four (4) individual Dinner Tickets
- One future foursome pass certificate

### BRONZE SPONSOR \$500 (4 AVAILABLE)

- One (1) sign placed on the course
- Logo on the main banner
- Website Recognition
- Two (2) individual Dinner Tickets

### SPONSOR A VETERAN \$100 (UNTIL FULL FIELD)

- Golf & Dinner Ticket for a Veteran
- Sponsor receives company or individual name on the main banner

### HOLE SPONSOR \$150 (UNLIMITED)

- · Logo sign on the golf course
- · Website recognition

### SILVER SPONSOR \$1000 (2 AVAILABLE)

- Two (2) signs placed on the course
- Logo on the main banner and website
- Website Recognition
- Four (4) individual Dinner Tickets

### DINNER SPONSOR \$1000 (4 AVAILABLE)

- Company or Individual Banner Placed at the Dinner
- Logo on the main banner
- Website Recognition
- Dinner announcements recognition
- Ten (10) individual Dinner Tickets

### VETERANS PLAY FOR FREE!

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors like you!

Player Registration Opening Soon!

Col. Vince Apruzzese 770.945.7531

Kenny Weis | Bear's Best GM 678.714.2582

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Ashton Hills 8:30a/m \$40		Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$30	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Mystery Valley 8:30a/m \$40	Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$37		PAR 3 Providence 8:30a/m \$37		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$37	Dogwood 8:30a/m \$40	Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$35			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Hard Labor Crk 8:30a/m \$39+	Panola Mountain 8:30a/m \$32	Sugar Creek 8:30a/m \$33		

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