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## President

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As I complete my year as President of the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all who have supported and strengthened our organization throughout 2025.

To my fellow officers and the members of our Board of Directors, thank you for your steady support, thoughtful leadership, and wise counsel. Working with you has made this year both productive and truly enjoyable.

To our table captains and table workers, my sincere appreciation for your tireless efforts each week—coordinating with the courses, arriving early, managing check-ins, scoring and keeping everything on track—are essential to our success. Your dedication ensures that every event runs smoothly.

To SGAA committee members, thank you for planning, coordinating, and executing every area of play within our organization. Your behind-the-scenes commitment—whether in scheduling, scoring, rules, handicaps, special events, or logistics—allows our members to enjoy a first-class golfing experience.

To our members, thank you for making each round we play fun, welcoming, and enjoyable. You personify our motto, **"Good Golf and Fine Fellowship,"** every time you step onto the course. Your spirit is what makes this association special.

Finally, congratulations to our newly elected officers and directors. I wish you all the best in 2026, and I stand ready to assist you in any way I can.

It has been an honor to serve as your President. I look forward to many more great rounds together.

I hope you have a safe, happy and restful holiday season with family and friends. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

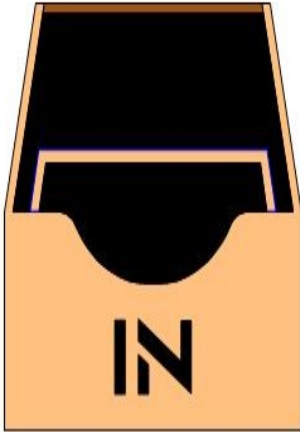
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With 2025 winding down it's time to reflect on the progress SGAA has made this year. We started the year with 198 members, currently we have 231 members. When I joined the organization in 2016 we had 330 members with membership declining a little every year. Then Covid hit and membership plummeted. This is the first year in a long time that we have experienced significant growth in membership. Our growth generally comes by word of mouth, current members inviting friends to join. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to our growth this year.

We have four rounds left to play in December followed by our final Board of Directors meeting on December 11th. The meeting will be at the Country Club of Gwinnett at 10 AM. All are welcome to attend. Some of the topics will be approving the 2026 schedule, the 2026 Member Guest, filling committee assignments, and evaluating the 2025 season.

For those of you who missed the Year End Banquet, Mike did an excellent job breaking down our membership by categories, an interesting statistic being the median age of our group is 76. One of the key points he made is this is a volunteer organization. We are always in need of members to step up and assist in the running and growth of SGAA. I encourage you to consider volunteering if only as a backup.

Let's take this opportunity to build on the outstanding progress made in 2025 and have an outstanding 2026.



**EVENTS FOR  
DECEMBER 2025**

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

December 1  
MON: 10:00 a/m  
**Crystal Lake \$37**

December 3  
WED: 10:00 a/m  
**Pine Hills \$28**

December 9  
TUES: 10:00 a/m  
**Bear Creek \$42**

December 10  
WED: 10:00 a/m  
**Honey Creek \$35**



*Enjoy this festive season  
and celebrate in the manner  
fitting your beliefs*

*Welcome the New Year in  
in a safe manner.*

*We look forward to seeing  
everyone back on the course  
next January*

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## **SGAA Membership Update: December 2025**

### *Membership Overview*

As of the publication of this newsletter, the SGAA has welcomed 38 new members in 2025, bringing the total number of active members to 231. This month, the association was pleased to welcome five new members to the group. Notably, this year marks the first time in several years that membership growth has exceeded member losses from the prior year. This encouraging trend highlights the ongoing commitment and enthusiasm of our members, who consistently invite friends and neighbors to join the SGAA. We encourage everyone to continue this effort, helping us sustain and build upon this positive momentum.

### *Membership Application Process*

When inviting prospective members to join, it is important to ensure that all application forms are filled out completely and legibly. Incomplete applications that lack required information cannot be processed, so your careful attention to detail is crucial. By assisting with thorough and accurate submissions, you contribute to an effective and efficient membership process. Thank you for your ongoing support and diligence in this important matter.

### *Board Suggestions*

If you have suggestions that could support the board or enhance the enjoyment of SGAA activities, please feel free to share your ideas with either myself or any other board member. While not every suggestion can be implemented, each one will be thoughtfully 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 five members who passed away in 2025: Lamar Frazier in February, Lyman Thompson in June, and Danny Harris in August. We also remember two former members, Phil Biggers in June and Gene Kane in August. Their presence and contributions to the SGAA will be deeply missed by all members.

### *Contact Information Updates*

If you change your address, phone number, or email, please notify me at [tandgpogue@att.net](mailto:tandgpogue@att.net). Keeping your contact information up to date ensures you receive timely updates about SGAA news and upcoming events.



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## *Rambling from Tee to Green*

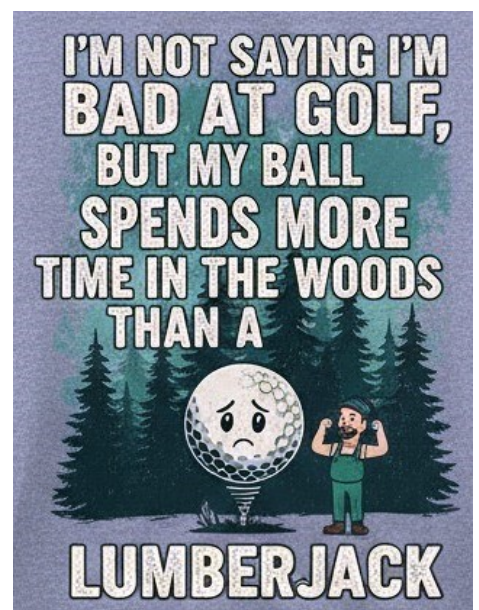
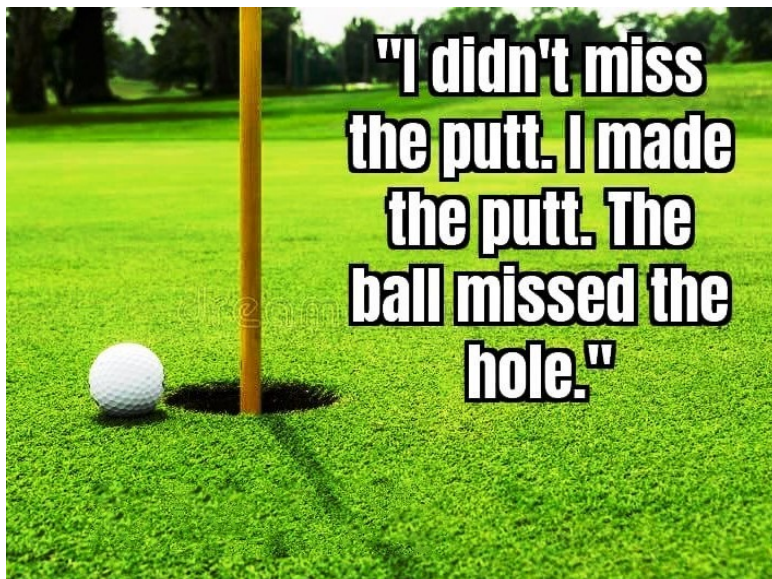
This is the last Newsletter of 2025 so I thought I'd let my mind wander a bit. Yes I know, Claire has told me often enough, at my age I should be careful with letting my mind wander as it might not come back.

I've played in a couple of tournaments with payouts for the top finishers. In each case we were a threesome and had a blind draw to complete our foursome. Not sure who this blind guy was but he must have been pretty good because we ended up in second place in our flight and took home some cash. Two questions come to mind as I reflect on these tournaments. First, how good could this blind guy be if he could see? And second, could I play better with my eyes closed?

Do you struggle with par 3's like I do? For some reason I'm either terrible or terrific on these holes – the balance seems to lean toward the terrible side of the scale. I've told myself it's just an approach shot to the green. I don't usually have a lot of trouble with my final shot to the green so why does a par 3 approach shot (tee) psych me out?

Have you found the practice putting green isn't a true representation of how the greens roll on the course in many cases?

Why drives on the driving range are long and straight, but on the course they're short and lost?



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## Pat McMenomy

My name is Pat McMenomy; I was born in Minnesota and lived there for 23 years before moving to Snellville for my job. I worked 30 years in electronics and computer industry. The last 10 years I worked for Gwinnett County Parks & Rec. I retired in 2023.

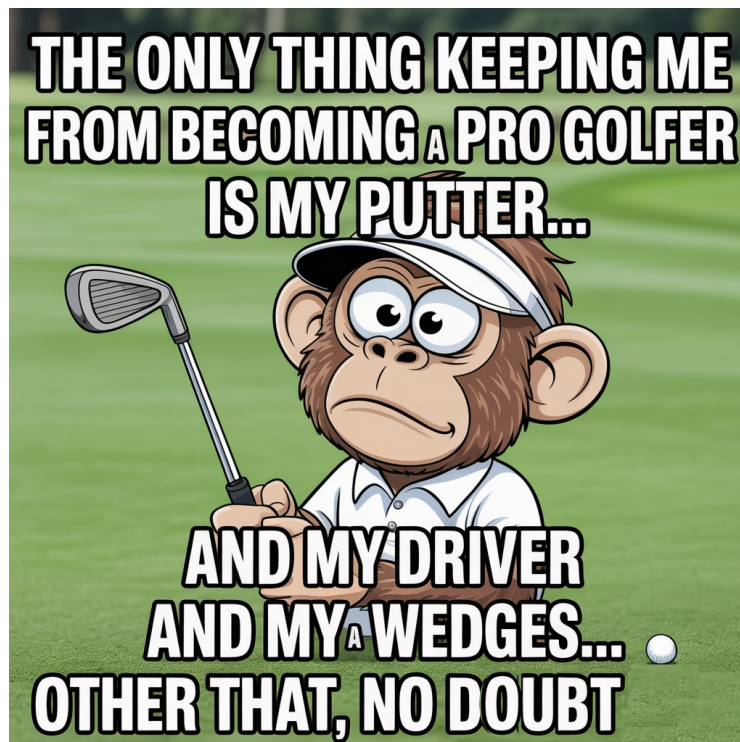
I met my wife Geri in 1978 and we have been married for 45 years. We have 4 sons, Joe, Charlie, Rob, and Patrick and 12 grandchildren ranging from 25 to 1 year. We enjoy spending time with our children and grandchildren.

I started playing golf at age 13, and have always enjoyed the ups and downs of every round. Maybe not the downs so much! I joined the league in late June 2025 and so far have enjoyed meeting a group of great guys and playing at different courses.

Looking forward to playing and meeting more of you in the future.



**Pat McMenomy**  
Member since 2025





## 2026 SGAA OFFICERS & BOARD



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# **2026**

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Newsletters 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 THE 2025 FINAL "ATTENDANCE AND POINTS" REPORT INDICATES YOU HAVE EARNED AT LEAST 25 AWARD POINTS, THOSE POINTS WILL BE APPLIED TO YOUR DUES AND WILL OFFSET THIS REQUIREMENT FOR 2026.**

**IF YOU EARNED LESS THAN 25 AWARD POINTS. PLEASE MAIL IN A CHECK FOR \$25 TO COVER YOUR 2026 DUES.**

**THE TREASURER WILL ABSOLUTELY SEND YOU A CHECK FOR YOUR 2025 EARNED POINTS.**

*(If Required)* Mail your \$25.00 Dues Payment payable to —

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

No, the check wasn't lost in the mail!



And it's easy to make sure your check isn't lost either

2025 "Award Points" checks, minus \$25 for 2026 dues, will go out a few days after the end of our last 2025 tournament (DEC 10<sup>th</sup>) and should arrive before the end of the year.

**If you have moved**

— please send me an email with your new address **ASAP** to: [mvp-bestt@att.net](mailto:mvp-bestt@att.net)

. . . Tom Vardase, Treasurer



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## IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST THIS YEAR

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.*



Phil Biggers



Lamar Frazier



Danny Harris



Gene Kane



Lyman Thompson

**DON'T LAUGH AT KIDS  
WHO BELIEVE IN SANTA**



**SOME OF YOU BELIEVE  
YOU CAN GOLF**

DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Crystal Lake 10:00/m \$37	2	3 Pine Hills 10:00/m \$28	4	5	6
7	8	9 Bear Creek 10:00/m \$42	10 Honey Creek 10:00/m \$35	11 Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HANUKAH		



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