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The 2025 SGAA season has officially begun! I hope you got some well deserved rest and relaxation during the break and were able to give those stiff joints and aching muscles a little time to recuperate from an active season in 2024. If you are like me, you are probably ready to give some of the new golf accessories that Santa brought you a try. I received a few things (i.e. Under Armor cold gear, electric hand warmers and ear muffs) that are going to help me stay a little bit warmer when playing in the winter months.

It looks like we are going to start this season with about 200 active members. We closed out 2024 with 222 members on the role, so we have experienced about a 10% attrition rate due to health issues, relocation, work schedule and other miscellaneous reasons. There were also a few members that we could not get in touch with because of outdated phone numbers or email addresses. While it is not unusual for SGAA to lose members from one year to the next, we are going to have to double down on our efforts to reach out to potential new members in 2025. Please continue to encourage family members, friends, neighbors and any other golfers that you know who may be looking for a group to come try SGAA.

I am nearing completion of committee assignments for this year. I am excited to have several new members step forward and agree to serve on a committee in 2025. Planning, coordinating and executing over 100 in-town and out-of-town tournaments each year takes a lot of manpower and effort. The more members that we can get to help distribute the workload, the more efficient we can be. We still have openings for permanent and fill-in table workers on a couple of tables. If you think you might be interested in serving on the tables, see Larry Fauconnet or one of the table captains.

It won't be long until we start the registration process for our first out-of-town tournament at Little Ocmulgee State Park (April 14-15). If you have never been to one of our out-of-town events, I would strongly encourage you to give one a try. It's a great way to get to know some of the members that you don't know very well and it's fun to play new courses or ones that we don't play very often. I am really looking forward to our Member-Guest Tournament at Gulf Shores, Alabama this year. I am going to do everything I can to make it a memorable event.

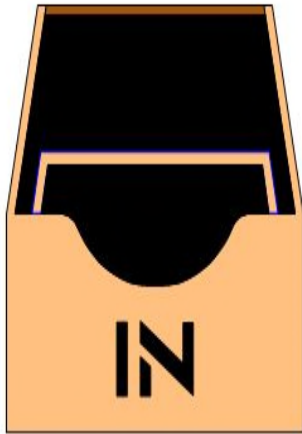
Let's make the 69th year of the SGAA one of the best ever! See you out on the links...

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As most of you know by now, the annual Tee Off Banquet will be held at Honey Creek on February 20th from 11AM till 2PM. Please send your \$25 check by February 14th to:

Tom Vardase
3502 Jones Road
Tucker, GA 30084

If we have 75 members (including proxies) in attendance, we can vote on a proposed amendment to the constitution.

Our end of the year banquet in December was very successful. We were able to spend quality time with new members and old friends. I encourage everyone to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

The Proposed Amendment for Consideration

Although we currently have no specific amendments, other than this change, to our constitution, we wish to make it equivalent to what was originally intended. Currently, the constitution states:

"At any meeting of the membership of this Association, this Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all members who are present and voting. Seventy-five (75) members shall constitute a quorum."

With the membership capped at 355 members, the above represented twenty-one percent of the total membership.

The proposed change would keep the percentage the same but based upon the total members as of February 1 of the current year. The wording would be:

"At any meeting of the membership of this Association, this Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of all members who are present and voting. Twenty one percent of the members as of February 1 of the current year shall constitute a quorum."

We encourage all members to review the proposed amendment carefully before the meeting. Assuming we meet the seventy-five-member requirement (in person or via proxy votes), there will be a chance for questions and discussions.

If you are not able to attend, please use the proxy form to voice your opinion. A proxy form was attached to the email notice of this proposal. If you need a proxy form contact John Cyran (icyran@gmail.com)

**EVENTS FOR
FEBRUARY 2025**

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

February 3
MON: 10:00 a/m
Ashton Hills \$40

February 5
WED: 10:00 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

February 11
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Dogwood \$40

February 12
WED: 10:00 a/m
Browns Mill \$30

February 17
MON: 10:00 a/m
Crystal Lake \$37

February 19
WED: 10:00 a/m
Georgia National \$37

February 25
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Providence \$37

February 26
WED: 10:00 a/m
Chimneys \$5

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We begin January 2025 with 192 active members. We have 30 inactive members that did not pay their dues to renew their membership. Several attempts by email and phone have been made to try and find out why they have chosen not to continue with us. We did not reach several of those who did not renew. We had some whose health would not let them renew. Some have moved out of the area. Some did not respond to our inquiries. They all will be missed.

Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is complete and readable.

The list of those who did not respond is below. If you know any of these people, please contact them and see if they would like to continue with the SGAA. Now the fee is \$25 plus a late fee of \$20 for a grand total of \$45 per our bylaws.

Mike Fowler, Len Lancette, John Alexander, Erv Hunter, Sandy Welch, Bob Henderson, John Strock, Jim Whitlock, Keith Frost, Ervin Boyd

There are more who did not renew, but we have spoken with them and they have informed the SGAA of their status.

A past member, Marvin Gibbs passed away in December. He was a member for 20 years.

MEMBERS, IF ANY OF YOU CHANGE ANY OF YOU INFORMATION (ADDRESS, PHONE #, OR EMAIL) PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT tandgpogue@att.net. WE CANNOT KEEP YOU INFORMED IF WE DON'T HAVE CORRECT INFORMATION.



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Rambling from Tee to Green

Rules of Golf Review: What do I do if my ball just hit another ball on the green?

The *Rules of Golf* clearly addresses what to do if you hit a shot from off a green and it hits another ball on the green. [Rule 11.1](#) says to play your ball as it lies. There is no penalty when this happens. (As for the ball that was hit and likely moved on the green, that ball should be replaced to where it lay before your ball hit it, with no penalty.)

However, if your ball is on the putting green and you accidentally hit another ball that was on the green before you played your stroke, it's a two-shot penalty. You also have to replay from the previous spot. *Do not think you play the ball as it now lies.* If you do not replay the stroke from the previous spot, you get the general penalty.

One thing to keep in mind is that a ball is considered on the putting green when even the smallest piece of it is touching the surface. It's also considered on the green when it comes to rest on top of something like a leaf and is inside the edge of the green ([Rule 13.1](#)). Also keep in mind that it's permissible to mark and lift a ball on the putting green to avoid a collision. You can even do this if the other ball is in motion ([Rule 11.3](#)).

And to be clear, if you hit a putt and then someone from off the green plays onto the green and the balls collide, there is no penalty. The ball you strike has to be on the green before your stroke is made. (Sometimes golfers unknowingly play shots at the same time.)

(Excerpt from Golf Digest Online)

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."

Marvin Gibbs member 1993 - 2023

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Ronnie Jenkins

Member since 2024

Ronnie Jenkins

Ronnie Jenkins is a retired professional nonprofit leader with 50 years of dedicated service. He concluded his career as the National Director for Governance & Transformation Services for Boys & Girls Clubs of America, America's largest youth serving organization. Prior to this key role, he served as the National Director of Club Advancement Services and as an Organizational Development Specialist.

Ronnie earned a Master of Human Resource Development from Clemson University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies/Affairs from Georgia State University. He has been honored by being inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tennessee Hall of Fame, the Georgia Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame, and the Masters Legacy Hall of Fame of the national organization. Ronnie was also a youth member of the Boys Club growing up.

In addition to his professional achievements, Ronnie has served as an Elder at Lifebridge Christian Church for 44 years. This coming year, he will celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Jayne Jenkins, a retired teacher. Ronnie finds great pleasure playing golf with friends and his grandson, AJ.

"For some time, my wife's had this ridiculous idea that I'm playing too much golf. Actually, it came to a head at about 11.30 last night. She suddenly shouted at me: 'Golf, golf, golf. All you ever think about is bloody golf!' And I'll be honest, it frightened the life out of me. I mean, you don't expect to meet somebody on the 14th green at that time of night"



SGAA 2025 Tee Off Banquet

February 20, 2025

11:00 a/m — 2:00 p/m



Honey Creek Golf and Country Club

635 Clubhouse Drive SE
Conyers, Georgia 30094

\$25.00 PER PERSON

(includes tip and tax)

The menu details are being finalized as we go to print. Rest assured you will have a good meal along with some mighty fine fellowship

Reservations can be made by sending your check — made out to **SGAA** — for **\$25.00** annotated as "Tee Off Banquet" to:

Tom Vardase
3502 Johns Road
Tucker, GA 30084

Reservations MUST be received no later than **February 14, 2025**

This is not so much "going to lunch" as it is about the friends and fellowship we expect to enjoy this season.

Moving forward I encourage your feedback regarding any changes you'd offer. The menu and other suggestions to attract better attendance is welcome.

You can't put a price on friendship. I look forward to seeing you on February 20th.

Harry Matthews

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Ashton Hills 10:00a/m \$40	4	5 CC of Gwinnett 10:00a/m \$45	6	7	8
9	10	11 Dogwood 10:00a/m \$40	12 Browns Mill 10:00a/m \$30	13 Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m	14	15
16	17 Crystal Lake 10:00a/m \$37	18	19 Georgia National 10:00a/m \$37	20 TEE OFF LUNCHEON HONEY CREEK GOLF CLUB 11:00a/m	21	22
23	24	25 Providence 10:00a/m \$37	26 Chimneys 10:00a/m \$45	27	28	

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE LITTLE OCMULGEE TRIP

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