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Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta

DEDICATED TO GOOD GOLF AND FINE FELLOWSHIP

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An old proverb says, 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.' This year, March brought plenty of blustery days, and April delivered abundant rain. As a result, pollen levels have surged, and flowers began blooming right on cue in May. Unfortunately, the rain has lingered into the new month. So far, two rounds have been canceled and two others restricted to cart path only. I'm eagerly looking forward to the warm, dry rounds that summer promises.

As June arrives, it's time to get ready for our second out-of-town tournament at Smoky Mountain Country Club in Whittier, NC, taking place June 16–18. The staff at Smoky Mountain always provides outstanding hospitality, and the unique mountain layout offers a playing experience unlike any other on our schedule. Special thanks to Dave Mueller for his hard work in organizing and planning this event. I encourage all members to sign up and bring a guest. Registration closes on June 1, so be sure to get your payment to Dave as soon as possible.

Many of you have asked for an update on our 2025 Member-Guest Tournament, scheduled for October 5–8 in Gulf Shores, AL. Larry Fauconnet and I recently took a road trip to check out the accommodations and golf courses, and we're excited about what's in store.

We'll be staying at the newly renovated Marriott Courtyard Gulf Shores, which is just three miles from the beach and very close to the two Craft Farms courses—Cotton Creek and Cypress Bend—that we'll be playing. The third course, Peninsula, is only about 15 minutes from the hotel. Larry and I played both Craft Farms courses and visited Peninsula, and all three are in excellent condition and very well maintained.

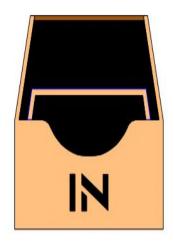
We've also secured a fantastic venue for our dinner, featuring a beautiful view of the Gulf and a delicious menu. There's a live band outside for those who want to stay and socialize after the meal. Please note: the dinner will be held on Monday instead of Tuesday due to the venue's availability.

In addition, my wife is planning several optional activities for spouses and guests, including:

- 1. A day trip to Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile
- 2. Sightseeing, shopping, and lunch in historic Fairhope, AL
- 3. A chef-led cooking class and lunch
- 4. Beach chairs and a picnic lunch

She'll finalize the offerings once we know how many spouses plan to attend.

I'm very excited about this year's Member-Guest and hope you'll join us. I'm working hard to keep costs down, and your participation is key to making it a success. A signup form will be posted on the website within the next two weeks.



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We are now finishing our fifth month of play for 2025. June play will include our second out of town event, Smoky Mountain, June 16-18. Deadline for sign up is June 1st. There is information on the SGAA website including an application. Should you have additional questions, contact Dave Mueller @ 770-298-2829.

With the warmer weather we anticipate greater weekly participation. Please register ahead of time for the daily tournaments, this allows the table to provide the courses with a reasonable approximation of our participation. This keeps the courses happy with our organization.

The Member-Guest will be October 5-8. Detailed information should be out soon. This is always a special outing. I know Mike is working on special events for the wives. Now is a good time to block off those dates on your calendar.

On a separate note, I would like to thank John Cyran for all the work he does with the website and email blasts. We are a volunteer organization and there are numerous opportunities to assist the SGAA. Table workers and backup workers, committee members, and backup for the handicap calculator are all positions that are available. Please consider being a volunteer.

Go out and play well, most of all have fun.

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

EVENTS FOR JUNE 2025

All tee times are 8:30 a/m

June 2

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

June 3

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

June 4

WED: 8:30 a/m

Georgia National \$37

June 9

MON: 8:30 a/m Southland \$41

June 10

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

June 11

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

June 16—18 OUT OF TOWN SMOKY MOUNTAIN CC

June 23

MON: 8:30 a/m Pine Hills \$28

June 24

TUES: 8:30 a/m **Providence \$37**

June 25

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

June 30

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

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We begin June 2025 with 212 active members. We've added 7 new members since last month. Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to join our group. Make sure the application is complete and readable.

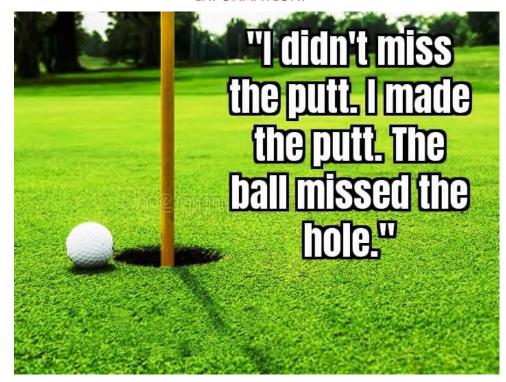
One Member, Lamar Frazier passed away in February.

MEMBERS, IF ANY OF YOUR INFORMATION CHANGES

(ADDRESS, PHONE #, OR EMAIL)

PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT tandgpogue@att.net.

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





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Rambling from Jee to Green

According to what I can ascertain from a quick review of past Newsletters we had 222 active members on December 31, 2024. There were 30 members who for whatever reason did not renew their membership for 2025, bringing our membership to 192 as we started this year.

Ted reports we have 212 active members as we begin the month of June which means we have 20 new members so far this year. Think about that for a moment, approximately 10% of our membership are new members. And with the way things have been going, that percentage is only increasing.

Traditionally, our organization has held four multi-day out of town tournaments each year. Three of these trips, although not restrictive, are normally attended by players.

The one exception is our Annual Member-Guest held in early October. This four-day event is an opportunity for our members and their guests to bring their wives or significant others to join in a fun filled time that epitomizes the "fine fellowship" part of our motto. We schedule golf tournaments throughout the year – from mid-January to mid-December focuses on the playing members. This is the one time a conscious effort is made to include the women* in our activities. While we play golf for three of the four days, activities are scheduled for the women to make new friendships, or renew old ones. They have a chance to get away and have some fun as well as socialize and feel like they too are a part of Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

Yeah, we're the kings of our castle and do as we please — at least that's what we like to think. But the reality of it all boils down to this, if mama ain't happy nobody's happy. Admit it, if she didn't approve of you playing golf; you wouldn't be playing golf (especially multiple times a week).

The Member-Guest is your chance to show her that you appreciate her tolerance of your golfing and to include her in what we do.

So, that being said; plan to make the trip with your wife or significant other to Gulf Shores, Alabama October 5-8, 2025.

*(I know I'm old school and not politically correct; I used the word "women" because that's what wives or significant others were when I was raised. The word was not meant to offend anyone and I apologize if I have offended you.)

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Dwight Specht Member since 2025

Dwight Specht

I was born in Miami, FL. I spent the first 38 years of my life in Miami, Ft Lauderdale, school at Florida Atlantic University (FAU '86), and the final 16 years in Tampa before moving to Chicago with my wife, Kerri. After 3 years, we relocated to the City of Decatur, where we remain (18.5 years).

For my career, I spent 30+ years in technology and management consulting, focusing on software engineering, data and analytics. Most of my time was spent working on high-volume/high-speed systems for Fortune 1000 clients. I retired earlier this year after completing a two-year stint with Bridgestone, helping them integrate a series of newly acquired digital products and systems.

For golf, I started playing at 3 with my grandfather and stayed active as a player until my late teens. After decades of neglect due to family and work obligations, I returned to playing actively about 4 years ago.

Kerri and I have two daughters, Sadie and Audrey, who are freshmen at NC State (Sadie) and Decatur High School (Audrey).

Many thanks to Tim Dickinson to helping me get registered and sponsored after my first guest appearance at Sugar Creek!

Do you know who this is...



...or this member?



Well, wonder no more, head on over to the SGAA website (http://www.sgaofatlanta.org/) and select "Photo Directory" from the "More" menu and you will discover who both of these members are and possibly many more.

While you're checking out the Photo Directory, look to see if your picture is included.

If not, take a minute to snap a picture and send it along with your name and membership number to

steve.puster@gmail.com

or look me up at the golf course and I'll take your picture





SMOKY 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 1. 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.

Purple Heart Memorial Golf Classic

In honor of Pete Wheeler

August 4, 2025

Heritage Golf Links

Hosted by Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 465
All proceeds go to support Metro Atlanta Veterans and their families in need and the
First responders Recognition Program

Sponsor Packages

Purple Sponsor \$1,500

- Logo on all publicity materials, corporate banner(s), promotional items, carts and contest areas
- Eight (8) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box
- Special recognition at banquet

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

- Logo on all publicity materials, corporate banner(s), promotional items, carts and contest areas
- Six (6) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box
- Special recognition at banquet

Silver Sponsor \$600

- Logo on reception table
- Four (4) players in tournament
- Signage with logo on the Tee Box

Veteran/First-Responder Sponsor \$125.

Signage with logo on Tee Box

Hole Sponsor \$100

• Signage with logo on the Tee Box

Par Sponsor

Donate merchandise and be recognized in the tournament Program. The following items would be appreciated. Name will be placed on tournament banner.

- Coupons/Gift certificates / Water bottles / Mugs
- Towels / Pens / Souvenir bags / Sunscreen

Other tax-deductible donations are appreciated from those who do not participate in the golf Classic.

Sponsor Reservation Form

Register early!

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Please make check payable to:

MOPH Chapter 465

Send check and sponsorship form to:

MOPH Chapter 465 P.O. Box 370345 Decatur, GA 30034-9997



For more information call:

Lou Zayas

(770) 634-0333

or

Graywolf0210@yahoo.com

Sponsor registration deadline is July 31, 2025

Purple Heart Memorial Golf Classic

In Honor of Pete Wheeler

August 4, 2025

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Heritage Golf Links 4445 Britt Road Tucker, GA 30084 Ph (770) 493-4653



Format:

Ft. Lauderdale Scramble
Teams of 4 players
August 5th Registration @7:00am
Shotgun starts at 9:00am

Tournament Fee:

\$125 - per player includes green fees, cart, range ball, Breakfast and Lunch.

Extra lunches for family and friends:

\$35 each

Prizes:

1st Place Team gross
Longest drive (male/female)
Closest to the pin (male/female) – [par 3)

3rd Place Team gross



--clip here and mail registration--

Player Registration

Tournament (4 August 2025) fees are due by 31 July 2025

Make checks payable to:

MOPH Chapter 465 - Veterans and Family Support

Send Checks to:

MOPH Chapter 465 - P.O. Box 370345 - Decatur, GA 30034-9997

Team Players (Captain)	P	Phone #

HOSTED BY
BEAR'S BEST ATLANTA
CHARITY CLASSIC & INVITED FOUNDATION

VETERANS GOLF CLASSIC 11.10.25

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

BEAR'S BEST ATLANTA
5342 ALDEBURGH DR
SUWANEE, GA 30024

www.bearsbestatlanta.com

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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	Crystal Lake 8:30a/m \$37	Cherokee Run 8:30a/m \$45	Georgia National 8:30a/m \$37			
8	6	10	11	12	13	14
	Southland 8:30a/m \$41	Bear Creek 8:30a/m \$42	Browns Mill 8:30a/m \$30			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Pine Hills 8:30a/m \$28	Providence 8:30a/m \$37	Honey Creek 8:30a/m \$35			
29	30		DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR		GISTER	FOR
	Heron Bay 8:30a/m \$37			THE BER/GU		

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