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Welcome to April, sunny days and early morning tee times. Hopefully the weather will cooperate a bit more and we can get in our 3 rounds each week.

The Little Ocmulgee outing is April 13-15. I've heard we have 40 members signed up for this outing.

Information on the June 15-17 outing at Smoky Mountain is now available. It is always a fun event.

When making your long range plans, pencil in our Members Guest outing in Hiawassee October 4th thru 7th. Information is available on the website.

Thank you to those who inquired about helping Ted with the secretary duties. I appreciate the response; it shows a genuine care for the organization. Travis has informed me he will not be able to do the scheduling next year. It would be helpful if we could get one or two people to work with Travis this year to ease into replacing him. Consider running for the Board of Directors in the fall or volunteering for one of our committees.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is April 23rd at Country Club of Gwinnett. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting starts at 10 AM. It's an opportunity to see what issues the Board addresses.

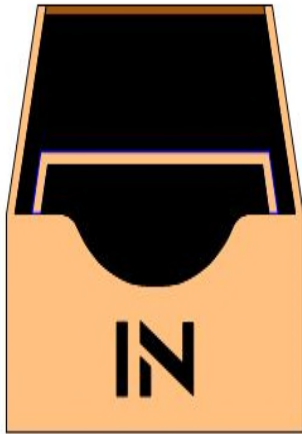


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Well another month has passed. We got a lot of golf in for February. I'll be glad when things dry out and we have grass to hit off. As I write this month's article, it's the middle of March. We have some great golf trips coming up. I hope everyone has registered for our April trip. Larry Fauconnet has done a lot of great work and put a lot time into it.

We also are now taking reservations for the Smoky Mountain trip. I hope to see more people sign up this year. The information is contained in the Newsletter and posted on the web page. Any questions just give me a call, and I'll try to answer them for you. My number is 770-298-2829.

Once again slow play is showing its face. Remember to keep the group in front of you in sight. If a group has played through your group, please keep up with them. You would be surprised to see how fast the entire field slows down. I know it's old news, but it keeps coming up.

If you have any idea's to help make things better, please let someone on the Board know. The more new ideas we can consider, will only make us better.

Have a great time playing golf, and keep up with the group in front of you.

ATTENTION HANDICAPPED CERTIFIED GOLFERS

We have spoken with the courses we play regarding their GPS systems. The courses are:

Ashton Hills – Cherokee Run – Country Club of Gwinnett – Crystal Lake – Dogwood
GA National – Hard Labor Creek – Heron Bay – Providence – Sugar Creek

Each course has a **Person with Disability** setting (**PWD**) and they will activate this for those who show a handicapped credential (your proof of eligibility) when paying your greens fee.

We are not sure what credential you may have but if you don't have a doctor's card, etc., may we recommend you take a cell phone photo of your Handicap Plate or Hanging Handicap Card on your rearview mirror? We believe this should work for you.

This opportunity is **not** available on Cart Path Only days.

**EVENTS FOR
APRIL 2025**

April 2
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Bear Creek \$45

April 6
MON: 9:00 a/m
Dogwood \$40

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

April 13—15
MON—WED
LITTLE OCMULGEE

April 20
MON: 8:30 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

April 21
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Cherokee Run \$45

April 22
WED: 8:30 a/m
***See Webpage* (TBD)**

April 23
THUR: 10:00 a/m
**Board of Directors Meeting
CC of Gwinnett**

April 28
TUES: 8:30 a/m
Sugar Creek \$33

April 30
THUR: 8:30 a/m
Hard Labor Creek \$41



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Membership Overview

As of April 2026, the SGAA has welcomed several new members, bringing the total active membership to 211. This year, we have added four 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 also passed away this year after moving away from the Atlanta area, are remembered. Harry enjoyed his family and time outdoors. 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

Pretty much all my life I have heard the adage; "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." You sure couldn't prove it by the March we just witnessed with tornadoes, high winds, and thunderstorms closing out the month.

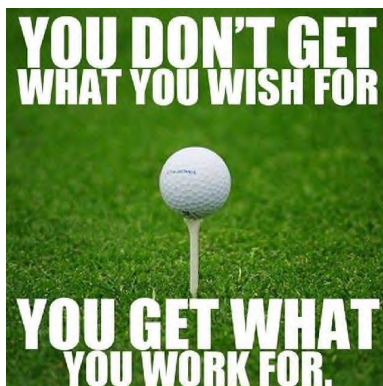
If you've been anywhere near a television lately; you've been subjected to some ridiculous advertisements. Especially regarding an automobile with such a low selling price that friends are compelled to race to the nearest dealership and make their own purchase upon hearing what their friends' paid. And that includes the dunderhead who's on the driving range with his "coach" who leaves him to practice on his own while the coach rushes to get his great deal. Part of the dialogue includes the coach saying, "Practice makes perfect".

No, practice does not make perfect! Practice makes permanent. Think about it. You can spend hours, days, even weeks practicing a particular swing; but if you're not executing the swing properly all you're doing is embedding whatever swing flaw you're making into your brain and muscle mass only to be called forth the next time you attempt that swing.

Perfect (or proper) practice makes perfect.

As I compiled this edition of the Newsletter I couldn't help but notice a recurring plea in the submitted articles – help us improve this organization. Each of the Officers are asking for your ideas and input.

Like a question; the only bad, silly, (whatever you want to call it) idea is the one you didn't express. I personally like all the Board Members and think highly of them; but I can guarantee you no matter how nice, diligent and hardworking they are none of them are clairvoyant. So if you have an idea tell someone (Board Member/Table Worker) what you're thinking.



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Don Lang

Born and raised in central New Jersey (don't hold it against him), Don Lang moved to Atlanta in 1979 for a promotion and hasn't left. Don's career has encompassed a variety of fields, including human resources, operations management, marketing, and management training/leadership development consulting. For the past 23 years, he has owned his own consulting business, focusing on helping companies with management and leadership training and coaching services.



Don Lang
Member since 2025

Don began his career in recruiting and soon after received a promotion and transfer to Atlanta in 1979. He moved into operations management with a health insurance company; and later, marketing and account management with a software firm. He next worked for a leadership consulting firm before launching his own business in 2002.

Don graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, with a bachelor's degree in economics and later received his MBA from Georgia State University.

He has been married to his wife Elizabeth for 35 years and has two adult sons: one in Alexandria, Virginia, and one in Denver, Colorado. Aside from golf, Don enjoys watching college football, exercise, reading, and travel.

Don appreciates long-time friend, Al Shugart, who invited him to play with Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta and, along with Ward Humpries, encouraged him to join. Don has enjoyed playing with the group and looks forward to many more outings.

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



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

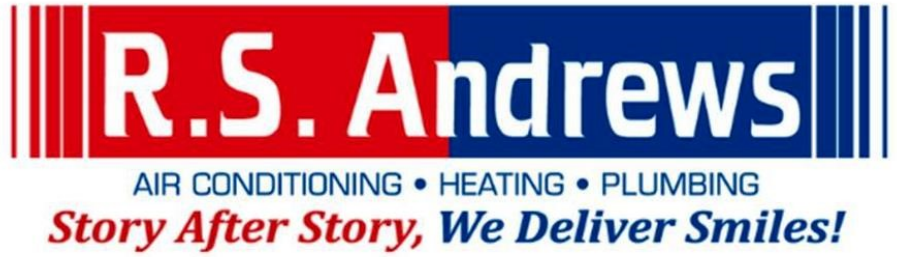
Package	1 Golfer/Bedroom	2 Golfers/Bedroom
Golf 3 Days, 2 Nights, Meals	\$490.00	\$450.00
Golf 3 days,3 Nights, Meals, Sunday early arrival	\$560.00	\$490.00
Spouse/Meal pack	\$92.00	
Golf Only	\$180.00	

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 VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2026 Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure is now open to the public. Use the link below to register if you have not done so already, or if you need to make changes to your registration. Please feel free to share with your friends and family!

Also, don't forget to complete the Volunteer Training Quiz during registration. By completing the quiz, you will be entered to be reimbursed for your volunteer registration fee. Five Winners will be announced after the tournament in May.

REGISTER TODAY

WWW.MITSUBISHIELECTRICCLASSIC.COM

For more information or questions, contact fellow member Ward Humphreys at ward.humphreys@gmail.com or text 404 444-1786

SCORING AND HOW TO DO IT CORRECTLY

The next four pages are a detailed explanation of what needs to be done to correctly complete the scorecard for a round of golf with the Senior Golfers Association of Atlanta.

Whether you and your group pre-registered or just showed up to play, doesn't change the way the scorecard should be completed.

- Arrive at the course in plenty of time to check in with the Table. The Table opens one hour before the scheduled tee time and closes thirty minutes before the tee time. For the summer schedule with the 8:30 a/m tee time that means the Table opens at 7:30 and closes at 8:00. For the winter months with the 10:00 a/m tee time we're talking about the Table opening at 9:00 and closes at 9:30. Give yourself plenty of time to complete the check in process and visit the driving range and/or putting green.
- Although our tee time is 8:30 (10:00), we often go early to help free up the course for their members and for us to finish earlier. Our By-Laws state that if a member arrives after the Table closes; it's the Table Captain's option to let the member play. It has become a growing problem waiting for a registered player to arrive, holding everyone up. Members should notify the Table Captain or their playing partners if they are going to be late or not show at all.
- If you are the first in your group to arrive; complete the scorecard correctly and turn it in to the Table. Table fees (currently \$5/player) are to be paid for the entire group when the scorecards are presented to the table.
- PAY YOUR GREEN FEES **before** loading your clubs onto a cart and going to the practice areas.

HOLE	Courses Rating/Slope	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET
BLUE	71.4/132	334	419	145	297	527	193	415	404	351	3185	502	413	492	414	215	374	151	365	390	3316	6501		
WHITE	69.0/128	315	403	119	385	478	170	386	362	326	2944	469	401	479	379	186	358	134	353	316	3075	6019		
HCP		12	2	18	10	4	16	8	6	14		3	5	1	9	11	7	17	15	13				
PAR		4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	35	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	71		
GREEN		300	292	120	298	470	138	342	350	320	2630	430	288	451	350	125	261	130	340	310	2685	5315		
RED	66.3/118	297	284	103	357	382	141	341	291	239	2435	400	285	449	255	96	260	107	342	294	2488	4923		
HCP		12	4	15	5	2	16	6	8	14		3	10	1	9	18	7	17	11	13				
PAR		4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	35	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	71		

TYPICAL SCORECARD

Date: _____ Scorer: _____

Attest: _____

Now let's look at preparing the score card in closer detail

STEP 1

LEGIBLY* enter each player's name on the scorecard. Only two players per card. These two players will be riding together. (Typically the driver's name is first)

*Make sure the score card can be read. (If the Table can't read the card, it will be difficult to assign the correct score to the player.)

HOLE	Courses Rating/Slope
BLUE	71.4/132
WHITE	69.0/128
HCP	
PAR	
LUKE SKYWALKER	
184	A36
TAM SAWYER	
657	D9
GREEN	
RED	66.3/118
HCP	
PAR	
Date: 5-5-55	

Add the player's Member Number with Flight ("A", "B", "C", or "D") and "Expected" Playing points

Be sure to enter the current date

At the completion of this step for both scorecards (you will have two scorecards for a threesome or for a foursome as **only two player's names per card**)

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF WHICH FLIGHT THEY ARE IN SO THAT ON THE PAR 3's THEY USE THE CORRECT CLOSE-UP MARKER.

Using an incorrect flight marker disqualifies the flight from the Close-up Award thus punishing himself and the rest of the flight with the incorrect marking.

STEP 2

You do not keep your own scorecard.
The driver of each cart maintains the scorecard for the other cart.

SCORING & POINTS:

Bogey = 1 playing point

Par = 2 playing points

Birdie = 3 playing points

Eagle = 4 playing points

Enter the appropriate score for each hole

Enter the appropriate playing points for each hole

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PAR		4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	72	72	
LUKE SKYWALKER		5	4	4	6	5	5	5	5	4	43	5	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	37	80		1 BIRDIE
184 A36		1	3	1		2		1	1	2	11	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	17	28	-8	
TAM SAWYER		5	7	3	6	6	4	6	5	5	47	7	6	6	5	4	5	4	5	4	46	93		
657 D9		1		2		1		1	1	1	7			1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	15	+6	

Note and circle (preferably in red) all birdies and above

The Table tallies the score not the points. Make sure the numbers look like what they should be; if a "2" or a "3" might look like a "5" to the Table — it's a "5"

STEP 3

Tally the score and playing points for each player for both nine holes. **DO NOT** total the points and subtract from 54 to arrive at the score. Not all courses are par 36 for both nines.

36	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	72	
43	5	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	37	80	1 BIRDIE
11	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	17	28	-8
47	7	6	6	5	4	5	4	5	4	46	93	
7			1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8	15	+6

Show the total score with the playing points.

Show the difference between the "expected" points and the playing points

Scorer: *Huckleberry Finn* Attest: *Luke Skywalker*

After verifying the score the Scorer is to sign the card. The scorer for the other scorecard in the group is to sign the card attesting to its accuracy. **Once the scorecard is turned in, it's OFFICIAL. You can't change the score on any hole**

TURN THE COMPLETED SCORECARDS IN TO THE TABLE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ROUND BEFORE TAKING YOUR CLUBS TO YOUR VEHICLE

There may be a tournament when the **TABLE** will alter the score to provide for a more equitable round for all players and make the course a Par 72. Those changes are highlighted with an * and are made only by the Table.

These changes will be noted at check in and the Table Captain will give verbal verification at the start of the round

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HCP		12	2*	10	4	16	8	6	14	*		3	5	7	9	11	7	17	15	13		*		
PAR		4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	5	4	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	36	72	1.06	



REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED
RED

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UNTIL THEY ALL COME HOME**



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8:00 a.m. Check-in/ Range Open
9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony -
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10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

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the Tournament



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11.09.26

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

- 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

SILVER SPONSOR \$1000

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

BRONZE SPONSOR \$500

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

DINNER SPONSOR \$1000

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

SPONSOR A VETERAN \$100

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

HOLE SPONSOR \$150 (UNLIMITED)

- Logo sign on the golf course
- Website recognition



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April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Dogwood 9:00 a/m \$40	7	8 Heron Bay 8:30 a/m \$37	9 Bear Creek 10:00 a/m \$45	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	OUT OF TOWN LITTLE OCMULGEE TRIP					
19	20 CC of Gwinnett 8:30 a/m \$45	21 Cherokee Run 8:30 a/m \$45	22 *See Webpage* 8:30 a/m	23 Board of Directors Meeting CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m	24	25
26	27 Sugar Creek 8:30 a/m \$33	28	29	30 Hard Labor Crk 8:30 a/m \$41		

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