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Welcome to March, the first month of 2026 with 3 SGAA outings each week starting on the 9th. The weather has not been very cooperative so far this year, hopefully that will change with the new month. Sign up for Little Ocmulgee in April has begun. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this always popular annual outing.

As I have said before, this is an organization run by volunteers. While there are many opportunities to volunteer, currently our greatest need is someone to backup our Secretary. Ted has held this position for 9 years. Many of you are aware of his health situation. He has informed the board he will likely not run for reelection in the fall. Anyone interested in filling this position should consider becoming Ted's backup now so there can be an easy transition next year.

Our constitution states you must be a resident of the state of Georgia to be a member of SGAA. We have a situation where members have moved out of state, however come multiple times a year for weeks at a time to visit family and would like to continue to play as a member of SGAA. In order to facilitate this we would need to amend the constitution. In order to amend the constitution we must have a vote of 25% of our membership. Sometime in the next couple of months, we will have a vote on this. It could occur at one of the outings where we have more than 53 members. A recommendation on the proposed wording of the change is in the works and will be presented via email to the association.

The Member/Guest is scheduled for October 4-7 in Hiawassee, GA. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite friends and family to experience the fellowship of SGAA as well as play three fun rounds of golf in north Georgia and western North Carolina. There are additional details on our website. Signup to be released soon, highest cost is \$878 for 3 round of golf, 3 nights with a Lakeview room, and 2 dinners for 2. All packages are on the website. My goal is to get at least 50 players for this event.

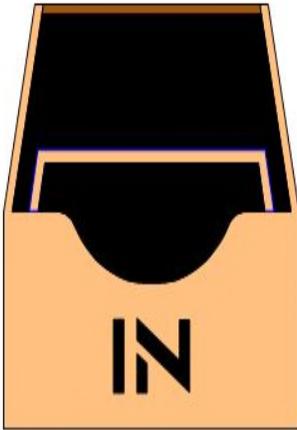
Finally on a personal note, I'm told that some have inquired as to my situation. Our son John, 46, had a stroke in late January. As of the writing of this newsletter he is currently in rehab. Upon his release, he will still need help adjusting to his situation until he gains full use and strength of his right side. Until then, Mary and I will be assisting with his needs. Thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers.

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We have had a rough start with the weather this year. It has brought forth a problem we need to address. We have a policy to pre-register before we play a tournament. This is to ensure we have the 15 player minimum requirement for a tournament. Registration opens a week – 7 days -- before the tournament and runs until noon the day before the tournament.

Although you're not required to pre-register to play, our policy allows for you to come to the course on the day of the tournament and sign in. Pre-registration works for your benefit and here are two examples of why.

The first instance took place in early February. At the end of the pre-registration period (*noon* the day before the tournament) there were only 14 players registered – one short of the required minimum. The Table Captain had no choice but to contact the course and cancel our scheduled tournament. Lo and behold, later that afternoon 2 more players pre-registered; but it was too late – the tournament had been cancelled.

The second instance involved our tournament on Presidents' Day. The course wanted to limit the number of SGAA members so they could allow their members to play that day as well. Pre-registration revealed we had 49 members registered to play that day. Armed with this information, the Table Captain was able to negotiate with the course to allow 44 SGAA members to play that day. Unfortunately, all 49 pre-registered didn't get to play; but participation was determined based on the time of pre-registration.

Pre-registration is a tool and like all tools it doesn't work unless you use it.

Incidentally on the afternoon/evening of the closing of pre-registration the list of registered members (and guests) and corresponding hole assignments is posted on the website. Just one of many bits of information on our website <https://sgaofatlanta.org/>

The SGAA Newsletter provides up to date information – but it's only published once a month. We are a dynamic organization, so things change from time to time and the only way to make sure you have the latest information is to check the website. It would be beneficial to check the web before leaving for the course to play — if there's a last minute change there will be a pop-up to keep you up to date.

I suggest you might want to develop the habit of checking it out at least once a week.

**EVENTS FOR
MARCH 2026**

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

March 2
MON: 10:00 a/m
Heron Bay \$37

March 5
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Ashton Hills \$43

March 9
MON: 10:00 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

March 11
WED: 10:00 a/m
Collins Hill \$45

March 12
THUR: 10:00 a/m
CC of Gwinnett \$45

March 16
MON: 10:00 a/m
Pine Hills \$28

March 18
WED: 10:00 a/m
Honey Creek \$35

March 19
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Georgia National \$39

March 23
MON: 10:00 a/m
Sugar Creek \$33

March 25
WED: 10:00 a/m
Cherokee Run \$45

March 26
THUR: 10:00 a/m
Providence \$37

March 30
MON: 10:00 a/m
Ashton Hills \$43

March 31
TUES: 10:00 a/m
Crystal Lake \$39

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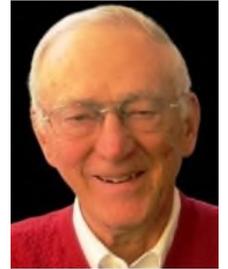
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SGAA Membership Update: MARCH 2026 Membership Overview

As of the publication of this newsletter, the SGAA has welcomed two new members in 2026, bringing the total number of active members to 209. Some of these members, currently listed as active, will be reclassified as inactive shortly. Notably, 2025 marks the first time in several years that our membership growth has exceeded member losses from the previous year. This positive trend demonstrates the ongoing dedication and enthusiasm of our members, who frequently invite friends and neighbors to join the SGAA. We encourage everyone to continue these efforts, so we can sustain and build upon this momentum.

Membership Application Process

When inviting prospective members to join, please ensure that all application forms are completed fully and legibly. Applications missing required information cannot be processed, making your careful attention to detail essential. 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. 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, who was a member for 18 years and well-liked by the membership, and Harry Chapman, who passed away this year after moving away from the Atlanta area. Harry enjoyed his family and time outdoors. All these gentlemen will be 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.

2026 Dues Collection

As the dues collection process continues, our membership numbers will decrease. There are 22 members who have not renewed their membership, and we are actively working to reduce that number. The following members have not responded to the Membership Committee

- Donald Abberger
- George Sammons
- Charles Wilson
- James Brock
- Dwight Specht
- Larry Wilson
- Steve Helm
- Tommy Towler
- Mark Lilly
- Peter Vandych

The remaining members out of the 22 who are not renewing have reached out to the Membership Committee to let us know their reasons for not renewing. If you know any of the individuals who have not renewed, it would be helpful if you could check with them and let us know.

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Dan Beahan

Dan Beahan and his wife, Barb, moved to Georgia from Wake Forest, NC in June 2024 to be closer to their family. They currently reside in Sun City Peachtree, a Del Webb retirement community near Griffin, GA.



Dan Beahan

Member since 2025

Dan's career spanned over 40 years in various Human Resources management positions, working for several diversified Fortune 500 companies, including General Signal, IDEX Corporation and SPX Corporation. He retired in 2016 from Duke Energy, one of the country's largest energy holding companies, located in Charlotte, NC. In his last position prior to retirement, he was the HR Director for Duke Energy's Power Generation Group, which consisted of the company's fleet of coal and natural gas generation facilities located throughout the Carolinas, Florida and the Midwest.

Dan and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and they have two grown sons, one who lives in Virginia and the other in Smyrna, Ga, along with his wife and their 3-year old son. Living closer to their only grandson was the primary motivation for moving, and now a second grandson born in December!

Dan is originally from western Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Labor Relations. He is an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Penn State Nittany Lions (no comments about the 2025 season, please), and is usually very tolerant of the constant abuse by SEC fans! Dan is also a member of the Sun City Peachtree Golf Club and was invited to join the SGAA by Steve Young, an SGAA member who was his Delta Chi fraternity brother at Penn State. He is looking forward to playing a little more frequently with the SGAA to hopefully bring down his high handicap and to get to know more of the members.

ATTENTION HANDICAPPED CERTIFIED GOLFERS

Hard to believe that we have 10 courses (11 on the way) who have GPS technology on their golf carts. And, we know many of you want to play these courses but face challenges reaching your ball, traversing hills, etc. Here are the courses in question:

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

With the above in mind, we wanted to let you know that we are reaching out to these courses to get confirmation that when you present your **Handicap Credential** at the desk, the course's GPS system will be disconnected.

We aim to finish this by March 1 however, while we are working on this, **please call the course to confirm** before registering to play.

SGAA Out of Town

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge



Wallace Adams Course at Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge
80 Live Oak Trail
Helena, GA

April 13, 14, 15, 2026
Monday Tee-Time 12:30 pm (EDT)

Guests are welcome! Bring a friend, family member, neighbor, etc.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 13, 2026

Packages include: Two or three nights lodging, 3 rounds of golf, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, & lunch on Tuesday

Note: Double occupancy rates below assumes roommates have identical packages.

Choose Option

Occupancy	Packages	Price per Person (2 nights)	Sunday Arrival (3 nights)
Single	3 Days golf, lodging, meals	\$576.00 <input type="text"/>	\$696.00 <input type="text"/>
Double	3 Days golf, lodging, meals	\$439.00 <input type="text"/>	\$496.00 <input type="text"/>

Contact Larry Fauconnet re: any package requests not noted above

Name: _____ SGAA Member #: _____

Guest Name: _____ Guest Stroke Handicap: _____

SGAA Roommate: _____ SGAA Member #: _____

ALL reservations, including Sunday, must be made through SGAA.

No Refunds after reservation
deadline on March 13, 2025

Make Checks Payable to: SGAA

Mail Reservation form and check to:

Larry Fauconnet
4439 Foxfire Crossing
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Formats:

Monday: Four-man teams – ABCD dogfight

Tuesday: Two-man teams –A/B vs A/B and C/D vs. C/D

Wednesday: Individual Dogfight

- *Blind-draw will be used for scoring empty team positions*
- *Guest handicapping will be determined using the Peoria System*
- *Mon/Tue teams are randomly generated*

Call/email Larry Fauconnet with any questions at LHFauconnet@gmail.com 678-654-2594



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Heron Bay 10:00 a/m \$37	3	4	5 Ashton Hills 10:00 a/m \$43	6	7
8	9 CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m \$45	10	11 Collins Hill 10:00 a/m \$45	12 CC of Gwinnett 10:00 a/m \$45	13 	14
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29	30 Ashton Hills 10:00 a/m \$43	31 Crystal Lake 10:00 a/m \$39	 LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR LITTLE OCMULGEE TRIP			

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