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CHATMOSS COUNTRY CLUB

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Michael Meyer and Frank Shelton, winners of the Member-Guest Shoot-out



Meet, Eat, Play

Join us for a session of duplicate bridge!

Saturday, January 27

Duplicate at 2:00, followed by optional drinks and dinner.

For more info: Skip Wilson at fiveaces@gmail.com

Or 638-3614

BACK IN THE SADDLE

Friday, January 12th

Drink Special if you
Wear your Cowboy
Boots and Hat

Club Re-opens January 10
For Food & Beverage Service



Member Appreciation Night

January 25th

**WE ♥ OUR
MEMBERS**

Valentine's Day Dinner

Tuesday, February 14, 2018

\$60++ per person



French Wine Dinner

February 22 • 6:30 pm
Reservations Required

Upcoming Events 2018

January

Re-open January 10
Wing Night

Back in the Saddle
January 12

MGA Opening Party
Raffle
January 12

Hand & Foot
January 16, 23, and 30

Member Appreciation Night
January 25

Duplicate Bridge
January 27

February

Super Bowl Party
February 4

Valentine's Day Dinner
February 14

French Wine Dinner
February 22

Hand and Foot
Tuesdays

Every Wednesday
Wing Night

Thoughts from the President

This time of year I like to reflect back on what has been accomplished during the year. The biggest change, I call it a “game changer”, was to update the greens after almost 60 years! We now have a golf course that is truly a pleasure to play. The first of November we held our Fall 4-Ball Invitational. We had a full field of 48 teams and the winning team was Brandon Grogan and Andrew Tilley, but the real winner was the golf course! Between the tree work and the new Champion Bermuda greens, the golf course received accolades from everyone. Another major accomplishment was to add 55 new members. What they both have in common is the membership was the major driver in both cases. Headed by Gus Barber, the money was raised to complete the greens project, and the 55 members were recruited by our membership. We are very fortunate to have a membership that is willing to participate to make/keep Chatmoss Country Club one of the premier clubs in Virginia.

Another ‘thank you’ for the membership is your participation in the annual Employee Christmas Fund. We have a great group of hard working and dedicated employees. Thanks you again for your support!

This holiday season will go down as one of the busiest in club history. The week before Christmas there were 15 events held at the club. As Judy said, the people having events around Christmas “have come back to Chatmoss CC”. We have a beautiful club, which not only is functional for the members, but for the whole community. We should be proud to have a facility that is so functional.

With new greens, the hot subject is when the greens will need to be covered? Jody’s newsletter does an excellent job of describing how the process works. Jody and his crew have had a very challenging summer with the transition to Bermuda greens. Congratulations to them on a job well done.

I want to end by thanking all of you again, for your support of Chatmoss CC. I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and have a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone at “Back in the Saddle” night January 12th.

Bill Sibbick
President

Comments from the Clubhouse Manager

It is hard to believe that a New Year is here. I hope it is a special year for everyone. I cannot think about 2018 without remembering 2017. It has been a great year at Chatmoss, but seems to have passed much too quickly. I can't thank you, the members, enough for being so supportive of your Club. We exist because of you, and I sincerely appreciate each and everyone of you.

On behalf of the entire staff, I wish to express our gratitude to you for all you do for us at Christmas and throughout the year. We will endeavor to make 2018 more enjoyable for you and each experience at the Club a good one.

We are looking forward to 2018. The Dance Club is already getting bands lined up for the year. Golf tournaments are being planned. The House Committee is planning events, and Back in the Saddle will be the first one. The Club re-opens on January 10 which is wing night.

As always, I thank all of you for your support, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Judy Chaney
Clubhouse Manager

Comments from the Operations Manager

I hope that the Holiday season went well for all of you. On behalf of fellow staff members thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas fund.

It is time to welcome a new year at the club and build on some positive momentum. New greens and a host of new members bode well for the coming year. It is our goal at Chatmoss to meet your needs from a club perspective. I have always felt that this should be your home away from home. A place where you always feel welcome. A peaceful place to unwind or a gathering spot to socialize. Each visit to Chatmoss, regardless of the circumstance, is one you should enjoy.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we have ended our contract with Carolina Pool. As a result, we are in the process of hiring a pool manager for 2018. Any recommendations for this post will be considered and greatly appreciated. The emphasis will be on cleanliness and safety as we seek our candidate.

Please contact me with any comments or concerns.

P. C. Wells
Operations Manager

Membership Directories

2017 Membership Directories are available in the Business Office. Please drop by, call, or email your request.

Business Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Questions about your bill, call 638-2484 or email at judy@chatmosscc.org

Congratulations!

To the winners of our
“Sunday Brunch for Two”

November
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mahr
December
Mr. & Mrs. Don Lampe

The winners were selected from over 100 comment cards. All feedback from members is important to us. Please take time to complete the comment cards.



Happy Holidays everyone, and Happy New Year! The past twelve months were certainly a year of change for the Club. What seemed like a long and arduous year, with the golf course being closed for three months, certainly paid off. There is no doubt that we have one the most scenic, tournament-caliber golf course in southern Virginia. Our greens are fantastic, our fairways are plush, and we have impressive natural scenery. I think I speak for everyone when I say we all have something of which to be very proud.

The second half of the year was more tournament-focused. Frank Shelton and Michael Meyer won our Member Guest, Bill Teegen won the Club Championship and our President's Cup. Curtis Niblett won our Senior Club Championship, and Brandon Grogan and Andrew Tilley won our Four Ball Championship. One of the most exciting events was at the Country Club of Virginia where Keith Decker was inducted into the Virginia Hall of Fame. What a great honor!

The highlight of the year was PGA Junior League, a program that gives our club youth an early introduction to the game. PGA Jr. League is a fun, social, and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls to learn and enjoy golf. Much like other recreational league sports, kids wear numbered jerseys and play on teams with their friends and peers. The league utilizes a popular scramble format that creates a nurturing environment for learning and development – both on and off the course. This was a banner year, it proudly boasted 42,000 participants and ambassadors, including Rory McIlroy who said, "I think, especially for young people, bringing them together in a team concept like PGA Jr. League and making them feel part of one purpose is incredibly valuable."

Michelle Wie, also an ambassador, said: "It's only natural that a fun team concept like PGA Jr. League has taken hold in just a few years. For generations, boys and girls have grown up in team sports. To see how they can come together and learn golf through this program is most encouraging in sharing golf's future."

This coming year, Chatmoss Country Club would like to have two teams from our Club, consisting of at least 20 of our Juniors. Let's try to introduce our kids and grandkids to this great game.

Looking ahead, 2018 is going to be our best year yet. We have a new tournament schedule, which we hope will stimulate participation, some exciting ladies' programs, and an invigorating focus on the youth and future of our Club.

Happy New year to everyone and looking forward to Chatmoss Country Club's bright future in 2018.

Robert Weinerth

For the first newsletter of 2018, probably the best topic to discuss I believe is the covering of the new greens to protect against winterkill. First let me say that it is not an exact science, but we are relying on recommendations from the people at Champion Turf Farms, the USGA Green Section, as well as the experienced Golf Course Superintendents in our region that have managed ultradwarf bermudas for several seasons now. These three groups of people are all great resources; however, my most frequent contacts are the local Superintendents.

To illustrate why the guys in our region are so important, in the fall of 2016 I attended the Carolinas GCSA annual Conference and Trade Show in Myrtle Beach. While there I met a former Superintendent from TPC Sawgrass. In the course of conversation I asked him about covers thinking surely they had no need to cover in Florida. He informed me however that they did indeed cover greens, and even had some type of sub-air or similar underground system that could be used to warm the ground. While the conversation was interesting, I can't say that talking to him was very helpful for our situation. First of all the average high/low temperatures for his area in January is 64/47. Needless to say they don't see many frost delays in a year, maybe even a decade. The goal for them is not prevention of winterkill, it is to prevent dormancy. They can come really close to actually growing grass for 12 months out of the year.

The general guidelines for our area, provided by Champion Turf Farms, are that you can take a conservative approach and cover any time temperatures fall below 25 degrees. They also say to definitely deploy covers if temperatures are to fall below 20 degrees, or if temperatures are forecast to be 32 or lower for 36 hours or more. And they do recommend being more protective in late winter and early spring if warm weather has allowed the greens to start actively growing out of dormancy. These are the general guidelines. In practice, one night that dips below 25 degrees is not a reason for concern when the trend has been warm, or when the day prior and the following day temperatures are above 45 degrees. There are other practices that can be employed also once single digit temperatures are forecast, such as using pine straw or other materials under the covers to provide an air gap under the covers. It is similar to a double paned window. This keeps the direct cold against the cover from being in contact with the grass, further protecting it from brutal cold.

Preventing dormancy is not possible in our area. It just gets way too cold for that even using covers. In fact, I was told it is probably better to let the greens shut down and go dormant early so that they are not trying to grow in poor light conditions in cooler weather which would tend to make them put out somewhat spindly growth, rather than the tight, compact growth you want. Some speakers at this past years show even keep hammering their greens with growth regulator very late in the fall and even during the growing season when faced with extended cool and cloudy weather for this same reason. At first, hearing this, it seemed odd but it does really make some agronomic sense understanding how grass responds to low light conditions.

And if you are wondering why the greens are still green while the rest of the golf course is brown, it's just the result of a pigment called Envy along with an iron source that we have sprayed monthly since October. Hopefully this will hold enough color that painting won't be needed. Most guys locally are using this approach now with good success.

Jody Reece
Golf Course Superintendent

Tennis



Happy New Year to everybody from the Sports Complex staff. We are looking forward to a new year at the sports complex in 2018. The past two months were busy with member play, clinics, and Pickleball. There is still court time available to come out and play. Walk on fees for members' is \$5.00 per person per hour. If you bring a guest with you a fee of \$10.00 will be in addition to this cost. Guests are always welcomed with our members. Please be sure to sign your guest in at the pro shop. If a guest is playing for a member on a contract time the guest fee still applies please let us know who the guest is playing for.

Check out our new logo gear to the pro shop. We are featuring ¼ zip pullovers, tees and workout tops for men and women. They are a great addition to your wardrobe for playing tennis or just everyday wear. They feature the club logo and are available in Men's and Women's cut in various colors. Drop by and get yours today.

Calendar of Events

January 10th: Men's Advanced Singles Wednesday 6:00 pm
January 11th: Pickleball Thursday 6:00 pm
January 22nd: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
January 24th: Men's Advanced Singles Wednesday 6:00 pm
January 29th: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 5th: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 7th: Men's Advanced Singles Wednesday 6:00 pm
February 8th: Pickleball Thursday 6:00 pm
February 12th: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 19th: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
February 21st: Men's Advanced Singles Wednesday 6:00 pm
February 26th: Adult Beginner Clinic 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Junior Clinics

Starting January 9th
Ages 5-7 Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:00
Ages 8-11 Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00

If you have any questions about tennis at Chatmoos Country Club, give the pro shop a call; and we will be happy to help you. See you on the courts.

Mike Weidl
Director of Tennis

Fitness Center

The turning of the calendar brings us to 2018. The New Year brings new energy and new resolutions. If you are new or a long time user of the fitness facility this is a great time to come join your friends working out. When arriving at the gym please sign in yourself and any guest you have. Guest fee is \$10.00. In this busy time be mindful of your fellow members. Please return weights to their racks and wipe down equipment following use. If you have forgotten the code to access the fitness center, please check with the tennis pro shop and we can give it to you.

We have a full calendar of group classes going on each week. We have added many new classes at the end of 2017. If you have any questions about these classes please check with us to get information. Class schedules are listed online and in print in the fitness center. We send out the upcoming class schedule for the week on Sundays by email. If you are not receiving these emails please email Judy Chaney (Judy@chatmooscc.org) at the office and ask to be added back in. If 2018 brings thoughts of getting some personal help with our fitness trainers give us a call to set up your personal training appointment.

With the increased use of our fitness center, if something is not working or out of place, please bring this to our attention. If no one is in the tennis Pro Shop, please leave a message at the fitness center desk. We will do our best to fix the problem. We look forward to seeing all of you in the sports complex whether it is the first time this year or the first time that day. Enjoy your workout.

Mike Weidl

Serving It Up From Chef Joe



Happy New Year to all members from the culinary staff at Chatmoss. It is hard to believe 2018 is here. The holiday season was a busy one, and I thank all of the members for your support of the Club. I hope your

new year is a happy and prosperous one.

I am looking forward to an exciting year at Chatmoss. We will re-open on January 10, Wing Night, and we will have our traditional "Back in the Saddle" evening on Friday, January 12. Please wear your boots and cowboy hats. Also, we will have a Member Appreciation Night on January 25. We will have \$20 filets and \$16 salmon entrees. And, don't forget our Sweetheart's Dinner on Valentine's Day.

Chef William "Joe" Lilly
Executive Chef



New for January!!!

Something new is happening at Chatmoss! We are having a luncheon for our Senior Single Ladies on January 25 at 12:00. We are hoping this will become a monthly event with lunch and a program of some kind. We are still working on the details. If you would like to attend, please call with your reservation, as we need this for preparing the luncheon which will be about \$10-\$12.

Dance Club

March 22, 2018
The Embers

April 26, 2018
The Castaways

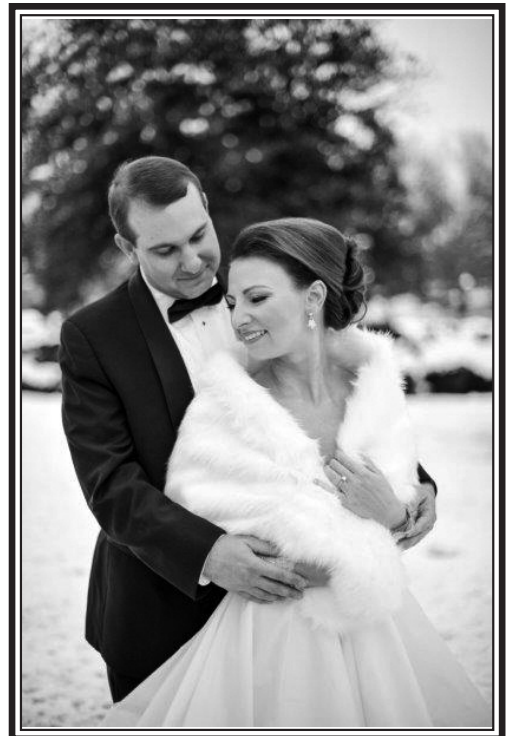
May 17, 2018
Two Much Sylvia

June 21, 2018
The Attractions



And two dances to follow!!!

*Introducing
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bazemore*



Special Events for January

Wing Night

Every Wednesday in January, starting January 10th.

Hand & Foot Card Game

January 16th

Our Hand and Foot card game is open to all ages.
Call Myrtle Robertson at 632-8490 to learn about the game.

Back in the Saddle

Friday, January 12th

Drink Special if you
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MGA Opening Party

January 12th

MGA Opening Party

Call Pro Shop at 638-7648 for more details.

MGA Fundraiser Draw Down Raffle

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the 2nd Annual MGA Raffle. The drawing will be held in conjunction with "Back in the Saddle" on Friday, January 12. 100 tickets will be sold, and the cost of each ticket is \$100. Tickets are available in the Golf Shop.

Member Appreciation Night

January 25th

We will have \$20 Filet Entrees and \$16 Salmon Entrees.

Duplicate Bridge

Saturday, January 27th

Join us for a session of duplicate bridge!
Duplicate at 2:00, followed by optional drinks and dinner.
For more info:
Skip Wilson at fiveaces@gmail.com or 638-3614

In Memoriam

Jim Dickerson
Jim Ford

Special Events for February

Wing Night

Every Wednesday in February

Hand & Foot Card Game

Every Tuesday in February

Our Hand and Foot card game is open to all ages.
Call Myrtle Robertson at 632-8490 to learn about the game.

Valentine's Day Dinner

February 14th

A special dinner for you and your Valentine.
Happy Valentine's Day!



French Wine Dinner

February 22nd

Reserve early for this. Menu has not been selected as of the writing of this Newsletter. Watch for emails for details or call 638-2484 for details later in January.

Super Bowl Party

February 4th • 5:30pm

Fun for all ages.



Introducing
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dowdy
and son, Patrick



2018 Golf Calendar

March 15th: Shamrock Classic

May 10th: Children's Miracle Network/Valley Star

June 12th: VSGA Amateur/Open Qualifier

June 16th-17th: MGA Member - Member

July 28th-29th: Chatmoss Invitational

August 11th-12th: Club Championship/President's Cup

August 16th: SPCA Putts for Mutts

September 7th-9th: MGA Member - Guest

October 20th -21st: Chatmoss Four Ball

October 30th: Pumpkin Classic

December 20th: Reindeer Classic



Special Events

Reindeer Golf Tournament



Halloween



Fashion Show



Special Events

Reindeer Golf Tournament



A surprise visit from Santa on 12/21



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Boxwood Grille Hours

LUNCH Tuesday-Saturday — 11:30am-2:30pm
DINNER Tuesday-Thursday — 5:30-9:00pm
Friday & Saturday — 5:30-9:00pm
SUNDAY BUFFET 11:30am-2:00pm

The Clubhouse is closed Sunday after Brunch
and all day Monday for Food and Beverage Service.

Elmwood Bar Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 11:00am-9:30pm
Bar closes at 10:00pm
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:00am-10:30pm
SUNDAY 11:00am-2:30pm
Bar closes at 3:00pm

The Clubhouse is closed Sunday after Brunch
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