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# *Chip Shots*

*The Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club for November / December 2009*  
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## *Happy New Year!!!*

*And with that, here are some New Year's what if's...*

**What if's...**we all have these, especially during a round of golf at Bartram Trail Golf Club, where we wish we had a "mulligan", or we wish someone else had taken a mulligan...

**What if** the beautiful oak tree that once graced and guarded the pond on hole #1 had not lost it's war with Mother Nature. It would be an entirely different golf hole than it is today. We would be forced to look more to the right and not loft tee shots that drift to the rough on the left side of hole.

**What if** we could get Jeff Lloyd and his golf course crew to harvest ALL OF THE TREES along the creek which runs along the left hand side of hole #3 before you get to the bunker on the left side. Those trees beckon my tee shot as if every leaf on those trees was a golf ball magnet.

**What if** we could fill in the bunker on hole #7 and have it gently roll tee shots that head that way towards the middle of the fairway. My golf balls love going to that bunker so much you would think that they were giving away a free buffet with each visit.

**What if** we could just BLOW UP hole #10 and have Jeff Lloyd just start over and build a new hole.

**What if** a tremendous benefactor would donate the funding necessary to build Bartram Trail Golf Club an appropriate clubhouse. We already have a great course, the best golf staff, and a growing membership, a clubhouse would be awesome, don't you think?

I wish all of you a Happy New Year, and may all of your "Chip Shots" land near the pin, and your putts hit nothing but the bottom of the cup! - Scott Skadan

## *Open Letter to Bartram Trail Golf Club Members*

*Dear Members,*

*The employees and staff of Bartram Trail Golf Club would like to thank all of the members that gave to the employee Christmas Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks to your donations, all of the Bartram Trail Golf Club employees were able to enjoy a Christmas Bonus.*

*We hope you have a safe and happy New Year, and we look forward to providing great service to our members in 2010!*

*Sincerely,*

*Bartram Trail Golf Club Employees*



-*Superintendent's Corner... From Jeff Lloyd*

*"...it's cold, and the greens are frozen..."*



**Jeff Lloyd**

What's Happening on the course in January...

We will continue to trim trees around the course in January to increase sunlight hitting the greens. We are currently working on the right of hole #5, as well as behind #9 green.

We are also cleaning up dead trees around the course as well.

As you know...it's COLD, and while the Bermuda grass is dormant, the greens are slowing down. Also, with the bitter cold weather, the greens are frozen and our staff is keeping the heavy equipment off of the greens, therefore you may see the pins in the same positions on the greens for multiple days in a row. We appreciate your understanding as we try to protect the greens. If the bunkers are not raked, it's because they are frozen as well, and again, please understand if the ground and sand are frozen, we will not put our equipment in or on them.

At the end of the month we'll be putting Round-Up and Pre-emergent on the course. HOMEOWNERS do NOT put pre-emergent out until March. You can use Round-Up to kill weeds, but wait on the Pre-emergent. Be sure to turn OFF your home and office irrigation systems as well.

And one final thing, on February 6th I will be getting married to my fiancé Brittini. Britt won't let me play in the Dawgfight on February 6th, she thinks Pete could be a bad influence on me...

*Jeff*

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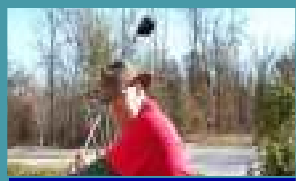
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## A Very Bad Driver

At the 2001 British Open, Ian Woosnam took a one-stroke lead heading into his second hole of the final round at Royal Lytham & St. Anne's. Standing on tee box, Woosnam's caddie, Myles Byrne, said, "You're going to go ballistic." "Why?" the player asked. Byrne replied, "We've got two drivers in the bag".

Woosnam promptly hurled the extra driver -left over in his bag from the practice range- at a nearby tree and assessed himself a two-stroke penalty for having too many clubs in his bag. Visibly shaken, the Welshman made par on the second hole, but followed with bogeys on the next two holes en route to a final-round 71 that left him in a share for third place, four strokes behind winner David Duval.



## Bartram Trail Golf Club January Birthdays



Saleh Shawket	January 1	Thomas Wooten	January 17
Robert Snyder	January 4	Richard Aglio	January 17
Hal McDaniel	January 5	Grayson Brown	January 20
Makenzie Polston	January 5	Daniel Gleason	January 22
Brian Griessemer	January 6	Harold Lewis	January 22
Tom Shepherd	January 8	Charles Gardner	January 25
Lee Harwell	January 13	Andy Kingery	January 31
Jerry Stokes	January 14		

*Happy Birthday from Bartram Trail Golf Club!!!*



# Maria's Clubhouse Grille

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## Ken Venturi and the not very observant Caddie

One of the most prominent golfers of his time, and long-time Masters Tournament television commentator, Ken Venturi, was visiting Winged Foot Country Club and having lunch with member, and fellow former CBS golf commentator Jack Whitaker, and they decided to play a round of golf. Since Venturi had neither clubs nor clothes, Whitaker borrowed some clubs and found him a tattered sweater and a ratty old hat. On the 9th fairway, Venturi was 2-under and had just hit a spectacular shot for an easy eagle putt. His caddie, who obviously did not have a clue as to who Venturi was, said, "I don't know who you are, mister, but if you come back here tomorrow dressed like that, we can make a lotta money".

- borrowed from *Golf's Funniest Anecdotes* by Dick Crouser

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# Bartram Trail Golf Club

## Red, White and Blue Tournament Results

The 3rd Annual Bartram Trail Golf Club Red, White and Blue Tournament was held on Sunday, December 20th with Head Pro Robby Watson's Red Team looking to defend the title he has held for two years in a row. Lee Henry once again Captained the White Team while Jordan Johnstun led the Blue Team. Each team was made up of 10 players, matched up as closely as possible by handicap. Each team was paired up with partners and would play head-to-head-to-head against the other two teams. If one two-man team were to beat both of their opponents in a nine-hole match they would win two points. If they beat one of the other teams they would get 1 point, and if they tied, they would get .5 points. It was a 27-hole tournament with the first nine holes being a two-man scramble, followed by a nine hole Alternate Shot format, and finishing up with head-to-head-to-head individual matches.

The 27-hole tournament would begin with a 9-hole two-man scramble. Jordan Johnstun's Blue Man Crew started off hot, taking 6.5 points, followed by Watson's Red Team with 5 points, with Henry's White Team coming in with 3.5 points. The Blue Crew was led by a two point sweep by Jordan and his partner, Bob Wolfe, as well as Russell Maddox and his partner, Pete Hamilton. Watson's Red Team was led by a 2 point sweep by Reynold Borseth and Duck Herron, while the Lee Henry's White Team had a 2point sweep by Jim Coryell and Leith Benedict.

The format for the second nine holes was Alternate Shot. Watson's Red Team and Henry's White Team tied with 5.5 points each, while Johnstun's Blue Team not far off the pace with 4 points. For Watson's Red Raiders, Borseth and Herron again had a 2 point sweep, as did the team of Kenny Hood and Chad Hickson. For Henry's White Knights, Jeff Lloyd and his partner Lenny Nobles, along with the team of Coryell and Benedict had 2 point sweeps. Johnstun and his partner Wolfe had a 2 point sweep for the Blue team.

After two rounds the Match looked like this:

Watson's Red Raiders	10.5
Johnstun's Blue Man Crew	10.5
Henry's White Knights	9.0

It was on to the final nine holes, and the format would be head-to-head individual match play. It would prove to be an exciting finish. In a match up for the ages, Head Pro Robby Watson was shut out as Assistant Pro Lee Henry, while Henry also bested former two-time defending club champion, Jordan Johnstun, taking a HUGE 2 points. Johnstun would best Watson as well, taking 1 point. Duck Herron and Rayne Johnstun were the only members of Watson's Red Raiders to take 2 points and the team finished with 19 points. Henry's White Knights had four players take 2 point sweeps (Henry, Lloyd, Coryell, and Neil Bock), however it wasn't enough, as nine of the ten golfers on Johnstun's Blue Man Crew scored points, led by two point sweeps by Bob Wolfe, John Carney and Shawn Hamilton and Johnstun's Blue Man Crew took the title, final standings:

Johnstun's Blue Man Crew	22
Watson's Red Raiders	19
Henry's White Knights	19

# Bartram Trail Golf Club

## Red, White and Blue Tournament Results

### Two-Man Scramble

<u>Red Team</u>		<u>White Team</u>		<u>Blue Team</u>	
Robby Watson	0.5	Lee Henry	0.5	Jordan Johnstun	2
Mike McCorkle		John Bock		Bob Wolfe	
Jacob Tilton	1	Jeff Lloyd	0	Russell Maddox	2
Rayne Johnstun		Lenny Nobles		Pete Hamilton	
Will Watson	0	Jim Coryell	2	Stephen Hill	1
Darin King		Leith Benedict		John Carney	
Reynold Borseth	2	Colin Johnstun	1	Hunter Maynard	0
Duck Herron		Phil Baldwin		Jordan Wainright	
Kenny Hood	1.5	Neil Bock	0	CJ Liner	1.5
Chad Hickson		Brian Ozden		Shawn Hamilton	

### Two-Man Alternate Shot

Robby Watson	0.5	Lee Henry	0.5	Jordan Johnstun	2
Mike McCorkle		John Bock		Bob Wolfe	
Jacob Tilton	1	Jeff Lloyd	2	Russell Maddox	0
Rayne Johnstun		Lenny Nobles		Pete Hamilton	
Will Watson	0	Jim Coryell	2	Stephen Hill	1
Darin King		Leith Benedict		John Carney	
Reynold Borseth	2	Colin Johnstun	1	Hunter Maynard	0
Duck Herron		Phil Baldwin		Jordan Wainright	
Kenny Hood	2	Neil Bock	0	CJ Liner	1
Chad Hickson		Brian Ozden		Shawn Hamilton	

### Head-to-Head-to-Head

Robby Watson	0	Lee Henry	2	Jordan Johnstun	1
Mike McCorkle	0	John Bock	1	Bob Wolfe	2
Jacob Tilton	1	Jeff Lloyd	2	Russell Maddox	0
Rayne Johnstun	2	Lenny Nobles	0	Pete Hamilton	1
Will Watson	0	Jim Coryell	2	Stephen Hill	1
Darin King	1	Leith Benedict	0	John Carney	2
Reynold Borseth	1.5	Colin Johnstun	0.5	Hunter Maynard	1
Duck Herron	2	Phil Baldwin	0.5	Jordan Wainright	0.5
Kenny Hood	0	Neil Bock	2	CJ Liner	1
Chad Hickson	1	Brian Ozden	0	Shawn Hamilton	2
Total	19		19		22



ROBBY WATSON



LEE HENRY

## TIPS FROM THE PROS “TAKE TIME TO LOOSEN YOUR MUSCLES”

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## The Wonderfully Witty Caddies of St. Andrews

The caddies at St. Andrew’s know their business and are not reluctant to speak their minds. Finishing up a terrible round there, two Americans (quite possibly Pete Hamilton and Kenny Hood) had just teed off on the 18th hole. They were walking across the famous stone bridge that spans the Swilcan Burn when one of them (we think it was Pete) declared, “If that water were deep enough, I’d throw my clubs in and then drown myself.” “Not possible, sir” his caddie said. “You couldn’t keep your head down long enough.”

borrowed from *Golf’s Funniest Anecdotes* by Dick Crouser



# *“Dee’s Corner”*

## *Bring It On in 2010*

*By: Dee Ramp  
Bartram Trail Golf Club*

*A very Happy New Year to each of you! Ahhhhhhhh, and just what does the new year hold for most of us? Are we going to make resolutions that we know we won’t keep or maybe just make one or two and be committed? I suggest that you search your inner-self and decide on one thing. I am going to be more disciplined at playing golf, getting out more on the links and having fun. I am also going to be more passionate for the game of golf, meaning that I will keep trying to improve my swing and work on my putting. Practice makes perfect and if I don’t practice, I won’t get any better.*

*Let’s all make our lives a fairy tale ending – one that everyone will look back on and say – wow, I could have done that or I should have tried that or I can still help a youngster on the course with his swing, his putting or his game in general.*

*For a lot of parents the recruiting process will begin this year, and there are so many things to consider. It is confusing, stressful and very time consuming but worth every bit of the anguish. The bottom line is to encourage your child to research all of the colleges and golf programs very early into the recruiting process and nail down the top five that suits their needs. Then, it’s up to the child. They have to make the ultimate decision and that is probably the scary part but believe me, they will make a good decision and they will be fine. They have to fly from the nest and what a great way to go – to have a college that really wants you on the team.*

*Happy New Year and blessings to each of you in 2010 and remember Play More Golf – at Bartram Trail.....where golf is seriously fun!*

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# BARTRAM TRAIL SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

## WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY SENIOR MOMENTS...

By: Don Autry

### Friday, December 4th

We had 22 players testing the links on a cool, cloudy day.

Low rounds of the day belonged to Ed Brown 72, Charlie Doolittle 73, and Victor Briggs 74.

Here are the results:

1st Place:	Victor Briggs	+10
2nd Place:	Charlie Doolittle	+7
	Ron Prince	+4

#### Par 3 Closest to the Pin's

Bobby Turner, Ed Brown, Duck Herron and Tommy Slay and Rod Luce tied on Hole #12

### Friday, December 11th

Other than the cool weather (relative term depending on how many layers you were wearing), the golf was fairly good.

Here are the results:

1st Place:	Carl Morton	+7
2nd Place:	Hugh Bennett	+1
	Don Autry	+1

Side note....Carl always wins when Gary Dawkins doesn't show up. We all think that GD gives Carl too many "instructions" during the round! Carl says that he is not going to be Gary's cart mate any longer! This means that Ed Brown will now have to ride with Gary. There goes your handicap Ed!

#### Par 3 Closest to the Pin's

Jimmy Story, Victor Briggs, B.J. Workman and Ed Brown

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## Senior Dogfight Continued...

### Wednesday, December 16th

Low rounds of the day belonged to Tommy Slay with a 74 and Don Autry with a 77.  
Here are the results:

1st Place: Tommy Slay +7  
2nd Place: Bobby Turner +4  
3rd Place: John Carney +3

#### Closest to the Pin's

George Fritsche, Gary Dawkins (2), Duck Herron

### Wednesday, December 30th

Low round went to Don Autry 78, and the weather was a factor on the scores today!  
Here are the results:

1st Place: Jim Herrmann +3  
2nd Place: George Fritsche +2  
3rd Place: Obie Cramer -2  
Larry Langley  
Don Autry

#### Closest to the Pin's

Obie Cramer and Larry Langley

### Friday, January 1, 2010 !!!

Ed Brown came in with the low round of the Year...75...hahahaha  
Here are the results:

1st Place: George Fritsche +4  
Jimmy Story  
3rd Place: Tom Shepherd +1  
Closest to the Pins:  
Tom Shepherd and Ed Brown (2)

*Please...*

*Replace Your Divots!*

# The Bartram Trail Junior Golf Gazette

January  
2010

## Cody Shafer Ties for 5th at Sea Island Event

Cody Shafer of Bartram Trail Golf Club tied for 5th in the Junior Cup Invitational held at Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island, Georgia. Shafer and the field battled tremendous winds and cold conditions in a national field of players.

Matt NeSmith of North Augusta tied for 15th, while Evan Usry and Jack Gibbs both of Evans, tied for 31st. Austin Vick tied for 57th and Blake Hadden came in 76th.



## **Bartram Trail CDC**

### **Mission Statement**

**Whereas the Bartram Trail Golf Course has been built in public-private partnership as a not-for-profit, upscale daily fee golf course, open to the public, and eventually, after repayment of the debt on the course, becoming an asset of Columbia County, the Bartram Trail CDC (Community Development Corporation) Board, as the owner and directing authority of the golf course, establishes the following Mission Statement:**

#### **MISSION**

**To consistently provide the greatest possible golfing experience to all players.**

#### **VISION**

**While meeting all financial obligations throughout the term of its ownership, the Bartram Trail CDC resolves to commit itself to:**

**The quality of the golf course,  
The quality of the golf programming,  
The quality of the golf course staff,  
The quality of service provided to players,  
The environmental stewardship of the land,  
The preservation and continual improvement of the asset, and  
Being a good corporate citizen of Columbia County.**

***Approved by the Bartram Trail CDC Board, June 28, 2006***

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