



BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB ...IT'S OUR CLUB, LET'S TAKE CARE OF IT

We all joined Bartram Trail Golf Club for different reasons. I know I can rattle off a ton of them without thinking very hard...

1. Tremendous Greens
2. Great Course Layout
3. Wonderful opportunity for fellowship
4. Top Rate Staff
5. Affordable

And one of my top reasons for joining was the opportunity to be a part of something new, something we could take hold of and make it our own. We can watch it grow and mature, and pamper it like a child. But like a child, our club needs to be taken care of, and shown the "love" that it deserves. Yes, Bartram Trail Golf Club is a public course and not everyone that plays Bartram Trail is a member, but that just means WE have to work a little harder to keep our club in the best condition possible.

We are tremendously fortunate to have Head Pro Robby Watson and Shane Schutte as our Superintendent. Shane's crew continuously works to improve our golfing experience. Our course is **ONLY TWO YEARS OLD**...and it keeps getting better and better each and every day. But Shane's crew can't do everything. They need our (the members) help especially on the greens and tee boxes. Here are some things to remember:

1. Fix Ball Marks on the Greens...It's a shame that not everyone fixes their ball marks. As members WE need to set the example. Fix ALL of your ball marks...and while you're there, go ahead and fix the ones that others in front of you may have missed.
2. Pick up your feet while walking on the greens. Scuff marks from dragging your golf shoes on the greens will affect the roll of a putt. Don't be lazy...pick up your feet.
3. Don't slam your putter into the green if you miss a putt...
4. Lay the flag down on the apron of the green, not on the green itself if at all possible.
5. Knock the sand off of your golf shoes **BEFORE** stepping onto the green after hitting out of a greenside bunker. It's a show of courtesy and respect for the course
6. If you break a tee on a drive, pick it up and put it in your cart, or your pocket and throw it away at your next opportunity.

It's OUR club...Let's take care of it and keep it a club we are proud to be a member of.

Member Spotlight...Joe Montano

We played 20 Questions with Bartram Trail Golf Club member, Joe Montano recently and here's his responses to our questions:

Editor: Where is your hometown?

Joe: **Lakewood, Colorado (Denver area)**

Editor: Where did you work before you retired?

Joe: **Hedmon, Inc. as President, CEO, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer...but no windows...**

Editor: What is your wife's name and how many years have you been married?

Joe: **My wife's name is Judy and she's been putting up with me for 46 years!**

Editor: Why did you chose to retire to Augusta/Evans/Martinez area?

Joe: **To be with my daughter, Dr. Jolene Montano, and my grandchildren**

Editor: Why did you decide to join Bartram Trail Golf Club?

Joe: **The Bent Grass Greens were a big draw, and I also talked with Robby (Head Pro Robby Watson) and I liked his vision and his passion for Junior Golfers and also what this club can become. I just hope I can play a part in our mission.**

Editor: What do you enjoy doing away from the course?

Joe: **Yard Work!!! Landscaping, designing things, and taking Road Trips! I enjoy watching PRO football as well.**

Editor: What are the names of your children and grandchildren?

Joe: **I have two sons, Darrell and Joey, and one Daughter, Dr. Jolene. I have two grandsons, Garrett, 17, and Brenton, 12, they both attend Westminster Prep. Darrell and Joey still live in Lakewood, CO. Jolene and the grandsons both live in Augusta now.**

Editor: What is the lowest round of golf you have shot?

Joe: **At Bartram Trail I shot a 69 from the Senior Tees, prior to that I shot a 68 at Red Rocks C.C. from the Member Tees, and 71 at The Meadows from the Tips.**

Editor: What do you enjoy most about Bartram Trail Golf Club?

Joe: **The course, the pros, the F&B staff, and all of my fellow golfers that I have met here. I am really impressed with the Junior Golfers here and I try to help them in any way I can. (continued on page nine of Newsletter...)**

"I try to tell her she hasn't seen my best and, ironically, she tells me the same thing." -- Mike McGee, describing his *on-course* relationship with his fiancé Annika Sorenstam.

"Oh, God, no. But I'd pay \$15 to play El Dump-o-rama down the street with the bowl-shaped greens and the bunkers that haven't been raked in four years. Absolutely. That's fun. That's fun golf." -- Rich Beem, when asked if he would pay \$400 to play Pebble Beach.

Clubhouse Grill

Ray's September Members Special

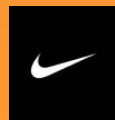
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Superintendent's Corner... from Shane Schutte

“Dirt is fast...Grass is slow...”

“...When you go to different courses and the greens are “fast...”, or have the appearance of being faster than our greens, just remember one of my favorite sayings...dirt is fast...grass is slow. We like to keep grass on our greens, and rather than having to load them up with dirt, we keep grass on them. Just remember, grass is slower than dirt...”



Shane Schutte

September Projects

. We will be aerating the greens on Monday, September 10th and Tuesday, September 11th. We will be punching a bit larger holes than usual. But of course, we will always have a quality surface for our members to putt on. We take great pride in our course, and our greens, and we will continue to give them the very best care possible. We appreciate all of your help in this process.

Aerifying the greens does a number of things:

1. It relieves compaction
2. It removes thatch
3. It improves drainage
4. It helps in establishing a higher quality root system

- We will be overseeding the tee boxes with Rye Grass

We will be putting Pre-emergence down on the Bermuda. Something I would recommend to all of our members...put pre-emergence down on your lawn around September 15th.

Take care of the course,
Shane



Bartram Trail Golf Club August Birthdays



Jesse Key, II	September 1	Steve Thompson	September 13
William Nelson	September 3	Robert Pierson, Sr.	September 14
Bobby Boaen	September 3	Bill Bacus	September 15
Taylor Smith	September 8	Joel Dowling	September 20
James Ready	September 8	Bob Mannix	September 21
James Hussey, Jr.	September 10	Steve Gravely	September 24
Bryan Evans	September 12	Joshua Gerlach	September 26
Buddy Buck	September 13	Dennis Lasecki	September 30
		Ralph Poling	September 30

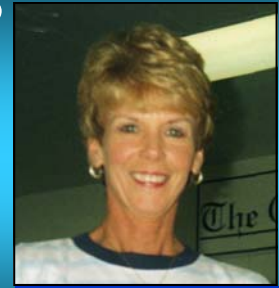
Happy Birthday from Bartram Trail Golf Club



“Marketing To a Tee”

With Dee Ramp
Marketing Director
Bartram Trail Golf Club

For September 2007



Dee Ramp

Marketing to a TEE

No Slice, no Draw so How about a **Shake** You can get the jump on your opponents with this Smoothie. From Diane Helsel, Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburg, Dept. of Sports Medicine and Nutrition. She concocted a Golf Smoothie that is perfectly suited for a golfer's needs. The shake has 71 grams of carbs to provide steady and long lasting energy. Try it you will like it and then tee it up!

Golf Smoothie

½ cup nonfat skim milk
½ cup plain non fat yogurt
½ cup fresh (or frozen) strawberry slices
¼ cup pomegranate juice
1 tbsp ground flaxseed
Ice

Blend ingredients and serve – delicious

Delicious -- as in the way the golf course has been maintained during these hot summer days. Shane and his crew have done a magnificent job especially last month during the record breaking temperatures of hot, hot, August. And we came off a wonderful two day Columbia County Jr. Golf Tournament the first two days of August when the temperatures soared but most of the scores did not. We have incredible golf talent around the CSRA and we had a host of wonderful sponsors that helped out tremendously with this tournament and we are already planning for another one again next year. What a joy and thanks to everyone that volunteered, played, sponsors, parents of the players, and the Bartram Trail Staff. All of you were AWESOME!

And, why are we all so hooked so happily on Golf? Just consider this extraordinary fact about golf: our pleasure in the game has nothing to do with how good we are at it. In fact, I honestly believe the least skilled among us are the most devoted. I have seen over and over every day, familiar faces at Bartram on a consistent basis. They come early and leave late – every day. What a statement for our golf course.

Some days we don't play as well as other days but a legend is that back in the 50's, comedian Jackie Gleason took Toots Shor, the celebrated saloon-owner and beginning golfer, out to play with him. Shor was so bad that when he asked Gleason what he should give the caddie, Jackie replied, "Your Clubs". Did you ever think about doing that? I have but I have found that the "grail" of golf is that vague thing known as a "feel for the club head, a feel for the course and a feel for the spirit of your playing partners" and when you find that feel, you will develop your shots better and better time and time again.

Bring those high spirits to Bartram Trail and if you need lessons, we have Pros that can accommodate those needs and you can become a low scorer. Bring your friends, form a league, get in touch with your non-profit organizations, get your churches involved, your businesses, your clubs, and your schools as the possibilities are endless and Bartram Trail and we have some exciting incentives for non profits.

Go online at www.bartramtrailgolfclub.org and check out our website, scroll thru the navigation bar menu to the different pages. Let me know your thoughts, check out the calendar of events for what is going on each



Scott Allen



Robby Watson



Patrick Gantt

TIP FROM THE PROS

AVOID THREE-PUTTING AT ALL COSTS

Are you one of those that has a problem with three-putting? Well, the first step in correcting that is to PRACTICE. It's amazing how many golfers three putt from 20 feet. 20 FOOTERS ARE HARD TO MAKE! Tiger may make one or two out of TEN. CONCENTRATE ON THE SPEED OF THE PUTT...DO NOT CONCENTRATE ON THE LINE. Figure out if you are uphill or downhill, down-grain or into the grain...this is the most important part of putting. Once you know that, putting will become much easier. Practice your three-footers as much as you practice hitting range balls. Your scores will become improve three to four strokes per round!

Remember, if you would like one of us to help you with a lesson, simply call the Pro Shop and schedule a lesson with one of us. We'd be more than happy to help you with any aspect of your game.

Congratulations !!!

*The Winners of a Free Round of Golf
At Bartram Trail Golf Club are:*

William "Al" Nelson

And

Leslie Wright

*They have won a free round of golf just by reading this newsletter and registering at
bartramtrailgolfclub.org*

Register Today For Your Chance To Win !!!



The Bartram Trail Junior Golf Gazette

September
2007

Jr. Golfer of the Month By Dee Ramp

Stephen Hill

Congratulations are in order for Bartram Trail Golf Junior Member, Stephen Hill. Stephen won the Georgia Junior Golf Tour Governor's Cup at the Creek at Hard Labor Golf Club in Rutledge, Georgia over the Labor Day Weekend. Stephen shot rounds of 83-72-77 to capture the first place trophy.

Stephen has performed tremendously well on the golf course this summer. Not only does he regularly beat up on the Saturday morning "Dog Fight", but he has done very well on the Junior Golf Tournament circuit as well.

Stephen finished in fifth place at the GSGA Tournament held at Forest Hills. He also finished 4th in the GSGA Tournament held at the very tough Belle Meade Country Club course. Stephen also had a fifth place finish at the Georgia Junior Golf Tour event at Highland Walk in Royston, GA. Stephen also finished fourth in the Georgia Junior Golf Tour event at Arrowhead Pointe at Lake Russell near Elberton.

Congratulations on a great summer, Stephen.



Stephen Hill posing with his
Championship trophy

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Hole-In-One !!!

***Congratulations to
Robert Snyder
For his Hole-In-One
On #12 on August 3rd.***

***Robert used a 5-Wood from
148 yards out***

***Witnessing the Ace was
Ron Prince***

Robert...you owe me a drink...

Bartram Trail Golf Club Mens Invitational Moved to May

The Bartram Trail Golf Club Mens Invitational Member/Guest Tournament originally scheduled for October 12-13 has been moved to the first Saturday in May of 2008. "We heard a lot of feedback as to the cost and structure of the tournament, and rather try to ram a square peg into a round hole, we felt it was in the best interest of the Mens Golf Association, and the club, to make some changes, make it less expensive and encourage participation from the membership of Bartram Trail Golf Club," said Scott Skadan, Mens Invitational Tournament Director. "I believe the changes that we are implementing will make it enticing to all the male golfers over the age of 21, including the seniors.

Those changes include:

- Making the event a one-day, 27-hole match play tournament with a Practice Round on Friday
- Keeping the cost between \$175-200 per team
- Two-Division Format based on handicap
- Skins Game within your own flight
- Closest to the Pin on all Par 3's
- Special "Tee Gifts" for all participants

There will also be an opportunity to advertise your business on Tee Signs at each Tee Box and signs near each of the greens as well. Signs will sell for \$100 each. For information on purchasing signs for the tournament, please call Scott Skadan at 706-799-6621.

Member Spotlight...Joe Montano

Interview with Joe Montano continued from Page Two...

Editor: Do you have a military background?

Joe: I did spend time in the Navy as a Naval Air Attack Squadron

Editor: You've certainly traveled the world, so where all have you lived?

Joe: China, Chile, Colombia, Hong Kong (prior to China taking it back), Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, among others...

Editor: What is your age...really...?

Joe: I'm 65 but I feel 39...ha!

Editor: Where do you live now?

Joe: Evans, Georgia

Editor: What are some of the jobs you have had?

Joe: I have owned a construction company, I'm a Consultant Engineer for Air/Tension Supported Structures. Structure Design, Code Compliance and Code Consultant to City, State, Federal and Foreign Governments and I am also an expert witness in these fields as well.

Editor: You have a connection to the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks, can you tell us about that?

Joe: Since 1985 I have worked with the Denver Broncos as a Design Consultant and Project Coordinator, and since 1986 I have worked with the Seattle Seahawks in the same capacity.

Editor: What is the best course you have ever played...in your opinion of course?

Joe: They are all good, but the ones that stand out the most are Cherry Hills C.C, The International C.C, Denver C.C., Shanghai C.C., and Pebble Beach.

Editor: What is your dream foursome to play golf with?

Joe: Freddy "Boom Boom" Couples, Payne Stewart, Greg Norman and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Editor: What do you like the least about Bartram Trail Golf Club?

Joe: People that don't fix ball marks on the greens correctly and don't fill in their divots

Editor: What kind of clubs do you play?

Joe: TaylorMade Metal Woods, Driver, 3 & 5 Woods. Irons are Team Daiwa Titanium Face Custom (as long as they quit coming apart on me!)

Editor: One last question...if Robby could help you with one part of your game, what would it be?

Joe: To get more distance off of the tees...as long as it goes STRAIGHT!

Thanks Joe, and thanks for everything you do at Bartram Trail Golf Club!

"Sign up to win a free round of golf"
www.bartramtrailgolfclub.org

BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB TRADING POST

Do you have clubs or golf equipment that you want to sell or trade...Well, check out the brand new Bartram Trail Golf Club Trading Post. Each month we'll include items that you want to list. Send a list of your items to sskadan@wjbfc.com or skads6621@yahoo.com

September Items

LADIES

Calloway Great Big Bertha Warbird 7-Wood	Best Offer
Calloway Big Bertha Warbird 9-Wood	Best Offer
Calloway Big Bertha Steelhead 11-Wood	Best Offer
Calloway Big Bertha Steelhead Plus 4-Wood	Best Offer
Calloway Great Big Bertha II Driver 11 Degree	Best Offer
TGI Square Two 21 Degree ironwood	Best Offer
Nikent—Genex 20 degree 3 ironwood	Best Offer

E-Mail Jan Parkman at jparkman1@bellsouth.net

Fairway Wood

Cleveland 13 degree, Stiff Graphite, with Head cover, almost new \$50
Call: John Vigna 706-650-7618

Iron Sets

Top Flite Tour Oversize, Muscle S-90 Graphite Shaft-Firm, 3-PW \$100
Wilson Staff FG-51 Tour Blades, Firestick 2.8 Steel Shaft-Stiff, 2-SW \$ 50

Clubs Set

Hogan Edge CFT 5-PW
Hybrids—Hogan Edge CFT 21 and 24 degree Regular Shaft \$400 for set
Driver—Hogan C-S3 9.5 Aldila Regular Shaft
Call: Conrad Goodwin 706-738-6918

Driver & 3-Wood

Taylor Made R7 Quad Driver 10.5 Regular Shaft— Headcover and Tool included \$140
Cleveland HiBore 15 degree 3-wood. Played with twice Fujikura Reg. Shaft \$125
E-mail Dietmar Perez at dietperez@comcast.net

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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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