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The Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club for March 2008



JOIN US FOR “WALKIN’ AND GOLFIN’ FOR MS AND CATHY” ON MARCH 29th



Make plans now to join us on Saturday, March 29th for a very special day dedicated to a very special young lady, Cathy Ozden, but shhhhh, it’s a surprise for Cathy, please don’t say anything to her about this special event.

Cathy is the wife of Bartram Trail Golf Club member Brian Ozden. Cathy was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis ten years ago. This year Brian and his family are taking part in the Walk for MS here in Augusta, but Brian wanted to do something more. He approached Bartram Trail Golf Club head pro Robby Watson and the Bartram Trail Mens Golf Association about having members of the BTMGA walk in the Walk for MS, and then have a golf tournament at Bartram Trail to raise money for the cause following the walk.

From there, “Walkin’ and Golfin’ for MS and Cathy” was created, and YOU can be a part of it! The BTMGA (Bartram Trail Mens Golf Association) would like to invite to you walk with us on our team at the Walk for MS. The Walk for MS will begin at 10:00am at Stevens Creek Elementary School on Evans-To-Locks Road in Martinez. The cost for the walk is \$20 per person, and includes a specially designed “Walkin’ and Golfin’ for MS and Cathy” t-shirt, as well as a team contribution to MS.

Following the Walk for MS, we’ll head to Bartram Trail for lunch followed by the “Walkin’ and Golfin’ for MS and Cathy Golf Tournament that will begin at 2:30pm. Cost for the golf tournament will be as follows:

- BTMGA Member and Bartram Trail GC Member: \$30
- BT GC Member but non-BTMGA Member: \$40
- Non-Bartram Trail Golf Club/BTMGA Member: \$65

The golf tournament will be as follows:

- Four-person teams
- Best Two Scores per hole count towards your team score
- Handicaps to be verified by BTMGA Tournament Committee
- Range Balls are included
- Prizes!!!

The tournament will be limited to the first 25 teams to sign up in the Pro Shop. Call the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop at 706-210-4681 to register your team.



A Conversation with Brian Ozden

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease that knows no barriers. It can strike any family, any person, any where. MS is something the Ozden family deals with on a daily basis.

Bartram Trail Golf Club member Brian Ozden's wife Cathy was first diagnosed with MS 10 years ago. She was just 21. "Cathy and I were just friends then, she actually had a boyfriend at the time, and we would talk about what she was going through with MS, and her boyfriend wasn't handling it very well, at all. Our friendship grew closer and she dumped the guy and we started dating," said Brian.

"Cathy, fortunately, doesn't have the severe symptoms that can come with MS. In 2001 she was suffering trembling in her arms and legs, and it hospitalized her for three or four days. In 2002 she temporarily lost vision in one of her eyes. We realize that as she gets older that the symptoms can get worse, but with medication and the constant research that is being done, we are confident things will work out for her, and others with MS."

Cathy has not had a major flare up in quite some time, which is fabulous news, especially since Cathy is four months pregnant with the couples second child. They have a beautiful two-year old little girl, Isabella. "The facts say that MS is not contagious, and can't be directly inherited, however Bella has a 3% chance of having MS in her life compared with a 0.0001%



Cathy, Bella and Brian

chance of someone that doesn't have MS in their family contracting the disease," said Brian.

"Cathy has had a slow rate of progression. She undergoes annual MRI's that scan the brain for 'lesions' called sclerosis or scar tissue. They cause breaks in nerve fibers, which in turn cause shaking or trembling."

It can be contained with medication, but the medication can leave you feeling sick in other ways. "Cathy got horribly sick when she first went on her medication. It basically makes you feel like you have the flu, for a week at a time, every time you take it. I truly feel for everyone who has to go through what Cathy has gone through. I want to thank EVERYONE for all of their prayers and support. Please plan on joining us at the MS Walk on March 29th, and the golf tournament after the walk. It hasn't affected just my family at Bartram Trail. My good friend John Bock shared with me that he has two family members that have MS. ...continued on next page



Cathy Ozden

Just the Facts...on MS

MS is a chronic, unpredictable neurological disease that affects the central nervous system.

MS is **not** contagious and is not directly inherited.

Most people with MS have a normal or near-normal life expectancy.

The majority of people with MS do **not** become severely disabled.

There are now FDA-approved medications that have been shown to "modify" or slow down the

A Conversation with Brian Ozden, cont'd...

“It’s a horrible disease, and this MS Walk, and the golf tournament will give us a chance to raise awareness, and some money, to help us in a fight to find a cure. If you would like some more information, or want to find out how you can help, please go to this website: www.walkgaa.nationalmssociety.org.”

When you get to this site, follow the links to the MS Walk in Augusta on March 29th. We are all going to be on one team, and the team name is BTMGA, which stands for the Bartram Trail Mens Golf Association. If you can’t walk that day but you still want to make a donation to our team you will be able to do that there, but we really want you to walk with us if you can. It’s going to be a great day, and we are going to have a BIG time!

“The not knowing when the symptoms may get worse is the hardest part about this whole thing,” said Brian. “But Cathy has a tremendous outlook on life, she’s the best mom in the world, she watches her diet and keeps herself in great shape, and she’s doing everything she can do to keep it as under control as she can. She’s got a great career going as a real estate agent for Meybohm Realtors...I’m just real proud of her.”

We want to have the largest team at the MS Walk on March 29th. There are four ways for you to help:

- 1. Sign up to walk with us on March 29th. The cost is \$20 per walker and includes a t-shirt specially designed for our team. Call the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop at 706-210-4681 and tell them you want to sign up to walk with us and to reserve your t-shirt.**
- 2. Go to the website link above, click on the appropriate links to get to the Augusta walk on March 29th, go to the BTMGA team and you can make a donation there if you can’t walk with us but still want to help our team raise money.**
- 3. Sign up to walk with our team, and play in the golf tournament to be held at Bartram Trail Golf Club at 2:30pm following the walk. The costs of the golf tournament are included in the article on the front page of this newsletter. If you want to take part in the 1st Annual “Walkin’ and Golfin’ for MS and Cathy” walk and golf tournament, please contact the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop at 706-210-4681 to reserve your spot.**
- 4. If you can’t join us for the walk, but you want to play in the golf tournament, get three of your friends and form a team. Call the Pro Shop and tell them you want to have a team in the “Walkin’ and Golfin for MS and Cathy” golf tournament on March 29th. The costs are included in the article on the front page of this newsletter.**

We need your help. This is going to be a fantastic event, and you won’t want to miss it! It’s not just about Cathy, it’s about all of our friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and anyone touched by this disease. You can make a difference, make one on March 29th.



Patrick Gantt

Robby Watson

Lee Henry

TIP FROM THE PROS... HITTING THAT PERFECT BUNKER SHOT

You have undoubtedly noticed the improved conditions of our greenside bunkers at Bartram Trail. Now that the bunkers have an adequate amount of sand in them you must change the way you hit this shot. Imagine a dollar bill is sitting under your ball with George Washington's face directly underneath your ball. You want your club to enter the sand at the edge of the dollar bill and you want to throw all the sand 1/2" below the ball out of the bunker. Concentrate on this and your ball will ride a wave of sand onto the green.

Bartram Trail Golf Club Members Guest Day Set for Monday, March 24

Members, make plans now to invite up to three guests to play Bartram Trail Golf Club on Monday, March 24th for just \$25 each! This includes greens fee, cart and lunch! Call the Pro Shop to book your tee time now. Call 706-210-4681.



Bartram Trail Golf Club March Birthdays



Larry Hall	March 6	Barry Davis	March 18
David Johnson	March 10	Larry Boerckel	March 18
John Alley	March 11	Michael Salazar	March 18
Amory Parker	March 11	Mike Hart	March 21
Corey Kupitz	March 11	Jerome Dorsey	March 21
Rodney Luce	March 13	Bobby Williams	March 22
James Fleming	March 14	Leo Charrette	March 22
James Walsh	March 15	Paul Casey	March 24
		Don Bowers	March 26

BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB PRO SHOP

MARCH
MEMBERS SPECIAL

ALL APPAREL
30% OFF

Take advantage of
Patrick's Spring Cleaning



Jim will "DRIVE" your Real Estate needs!

Jim Gebhard, 67, is a Senior Real Estate Specialist.

Licensed in 1977, Jim knows the Columbia &



"I can make the full "SWING to ace your deal!"

Join our Senior Dog Fights 55 & up. Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. Check in by 8:30 AM

*Buying Selling
New or Existing
Homes*

Jim Gebhard
706-799-4684 Cell
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Superintendent's Corner... from Shane Schutte

"...We'll finish our work on greenside bunker on 17..."

"We'll finish our work on the greenside bunker on 17 and that will complete our bunker work for this year. We'll also be working on growing Bent Grass for our members...we know they want to putt on grass..."

March Home Projects

- Put pre-emergent herbicides on your lawn
- Put "Starter" fertilizer on your yard in mid-March
- Fertilize all your landscape plants...except your Azaleas
- Wait for your Azaleas to bloom before fertilizing them
- March is the time to prune your Crepe Myrtle's as well



Shane Schutte

Take care of the course and the Golf Cars, and keep an eye on those that abuse either, and let us know who they are. Members, we are counting on your help and vigilance.

Go "Jr." and Go Dawgs,

BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB

FEE CHANGES IN PLACE

We are already two months into 2008. I would like to take this opportunity to share some very exciting news for the members of Bartram Trail Golf Club.

As many of you already know, Bartram Trail Golf Club was built using USDA bonds. The long range effects of these bonds are that in approximately 22 years Bartram Trail Golf Club will be the property of Columbia County. Effective January 1, 2008 all full-time Bartram Trail Golf Club employees became Columbia County employees. I believe that Bartram Trail Golf Club is a valuable asset to the citizens of Columbia County. We are going to continue to strive to be a resource that the citizens of Columbia County can use and enjoy.

Effective March 1, 2008, we have changed the fee structure at Bartram Trail Golf Club. Columbia County citizens will be able to purchase annual passes at Bartram Trail Golf Club. The categories and fees associated with each will be as follows:

Annual Family Membership	\$1,800
Annual Individual Membership	\$1,300
Annual Senior Family Membership	\$1,260
Annual Senior Membership	\$ 960
Annual Junior Membership	\$ 600
Cart Fees	18 holes /\$16 9 holes/ \$8

At a time where expenses are rising everywhere, this is a chance for Bartram Trail Golf Club to reduce the monthly expense of our members. These fees will be available to all current members, regardless of their county residence. I understand that having to pay these fees up front may be a bit of a change. However, the changes to our fee structure will save our members, on average, \$40 a month for dues. If you choose not to participate in this new program, you will continue to be charged your current rate.

I am grateful for your support of Bartram Trail over the past two years. I hope that you will welcome these changes as an opportunity to better our golf club. By offering discounts to Columbia County residents we hope to increase play at Bartram Trail. Increased play will help us continue to provide top notch facilities for you, our members. It is our hope that these changes will expedite our ability to provide a permanent clubhouse for our patrons, as well as other needed improvements.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new fees, please feel free to contact me using the information below. Thank you again for your continued support of Bartram Trail Golf Club.

William R. "Robby" Watson, Jr.
General Manager/Head Golf Professional
robby.bartramtrail@comcast.net
(706) 210-4681

Clubhouse Grill

Ray's March Members Special

**Cheeseburger
Fries & Drink
Just \$4.00**

**Members Beer
Special
\$1.50 each**

Be sure to ask for the
"Member Special"

Hole-In-One!!!

Congratulations to
Bob Bracy

Bob had a hole in one during the Sr. Dogfight on February 12th on hole 16. Witnessing perfection was Bruce Williamson, John Earwood and Jim Hermann

Double Eagle !!!

Congratulations to
Jim Coryell

Jim had a Double Eagle on hole #13 with a driver, three-wood on February 16th. Witnesses were Dawn Coryell, Mike Sharpton and Clark Carter.

*What happens to you when you are
hungry after playing golf?*



**Beyond comparison
great food with great TEA.**

5142 Washington Rd, Evans, GA
(706) 650-2520

3852 Washington Rd, Martinez, GA
(706) 860-8756

Asst. Pro Lee Henry Offers New Golf Club Services



Golf Club Services Price List



Grips

All prices are per grip and include installation and supplies

Golf Pride

Tour Velvet- \$5.00

Decade multi-compound: red/yellow/green/blue- \$8.50

DD2- \$7.00

Velvet Cord- \$8.50

Winn Grips

G8 Rave - \$7.00

AVS- \$7.00

Lamkin

Crossline- \$5.00

Crossline Full-Cord- \$7.00

Dual Density- \$8.00

Shafts-

Dynamic Gold Iron - \$15.00 / with Sensicore - \$19.00

Dynamic Gold Iron 3-pw - \$120.00 / with Sensicore - \$152.00

Rifle stepless iron individual- \$23.00

Rifle Spinner Wedge- \$25.00

Rifle flighted iron – \$170 per set 3-pw

Rifle Project X iron- \$300 per set 3-pw

Shaft Puring extra \$12.00 per shaft

Aldila NV or NVS 55, 65, 75 grams- \$105.00

Grafalloy Prolaunch Blue/Red- \$80.00

Graphite Design YS-6- \$85.00

UST V2- \$85.00

Dynamic Gold Wood shaft- \$20.00

Rifle Wood Shaft- \$27.00

Prolaunch Hybrid- \$52.00

YS Hybrid- \$80.00

Fujikura Banzai Hybrid shaft- \$80.00

Other Fujikura shafts available

Bore-thru graphite woods are an additional \$10.00 per club

Shaft Puring extra \$12.00 per shaft

Shaft shortening/lengthening- \$5.00 per club

Other shaft and grip options are available;

please email me for a quote @ lhenry1@aug.edu



“Dee’s Corner”

Making the most of March into Spring

*Dee Ramp
Bartram Trail Golf Club*

Bartram Trail Golf Club will be hosting a series of Jr. Golf Clinics and tournaments during the spring and summer months.

To start of the month of March, Bartram is having a “first ever” Parent/Child Tournament on March 23rd.

\$45 for members – per team

\$80 for non members – per team

Price includes green fee, cart, and prizes

Open to the first 40 teams

Shotgun start @ 1:30 pm

Age groups

7-9

10-12

13-15

16-18

Adult – According to handicap

Prizes for closest to pin on two par 3’s

Registration cut off – March 5th , 2008

Contact Golf Pro Shop – 706-210-4681

Fax Registration to: 706-210-1959

The Columbia County Jr. Golf Championship was such a success last year we are having it again this year. Please contact your friends, businesses, or YOU can be a part of the sponsorship so these kids can play a two day tournament without entry fees. The purpose of this tournament is to have fun, make friends and most of all to build this tournament to offer scholarships or partial scholarships to those less fortunate who may not get a “ride” or partial ride to college. Therefore we welcome your sponsorships. We depend on our fine sponsors to make this possible and they get a lot of Media coverage, TV, Billboards, Radio, signs at Bartram, logos on back of shirts and a plaque. Contact me or Robby Watson for details at 706-210-4681.



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WOLFPACK GOLF TEAM OFF TO GREAT START

The Greenbrier High School Wolfpack golf team began their season on a high note with a victory over Aquinas at Bartram Trail Golf Club on February 23rd. It was tremendous to see all of the parents, friends and family members at the club supporting the team.

On March 1st, the Wolfpack traveled to Jekyll Island to take part in the Johnny Paul Invitational. There were 23 teams from around the state of Georgia and Greenbrier finished ninth.

The Wolfpack take on Academy of Richmond County on March 4th at Bartram Trail. Come out and support the young golfers.



EVANS KNIGHTS GOLF TEAM WILL BE FORCE ON COURSE

The Evans High School golf team will have a familiar look when it hits the course this season. Bartram Trail G.C. is a big part of the Knights squad this season.

Jacob Tilton and Neil Bock both work at Bartram Trail and are fierce competitors, and Reese Glisson brings senior leadership to the Knights.

The Knights will be a force on the course.

Greenbrier H.S. Golf Team Head Coach: Stephen Inman

Austin Vick
Cody Shafer
Jonathan Lilly
Eric Patterson
Taylor Gove
Josh Gerlach
Kyle Hope
Cody Turlington
Alex Faircloth
Derek Oland
Robert Robertson*

*Injury - Pending qualification this month



Evans High School Golf Team Head Coach: Mike Bibee

Reese Glisson
Adam Lawless
David Lambert
Kyle Hickox
Michael Ridelhoover
Jacob Tilton
Neil Bock
Andy Knight

Girls Team
Heather Hammack

JUNIORS...CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT www.bartramtrailgolfclub.com

Juniors, be sure to check out the official website of Bartram Trail Golf Club at www.bartramtrailgolfclub.com and sign up to play in the March 23rd Parent/Child Tournament. You can also sign up for the 2nd Annual Columbia County Jr. Championship that will take place at Bartram Trail on June 25th and 26th. There is NO ENTRY FEE for this tournament that also includes complimentary food, beverages, trophies and prizes. Sign Up Now!!!



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GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL GOLF TEAM READY FOR ACTION

Greenbrier Middle School has a new coach this year, Daniel Jordan. Jordan comes to Greenbrier from Georgia Southern and this will be his first year teaching at the middle school. The first match for them is March 20th against Riverside and Evans. The match will be played at Bartram Trail Golf Club at 3:30 p.m.

Greenbrier Middle School Boys & Girls Teams

Will Watson	Stephanie Bennett
Stephen Hill	Ivey Mischel
Evan Usry	Jordan Padgett
Dan Yatezeski	McKenzie Polston
Nick Sidow	
Tyler Starnes	
Brandon Canady	
Chris Jackson	

EVANS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND COLUMBIA MIDDLE TO SET SQUADS THIS WEEK

Both Evans Middle School and Columbia Middle School ran into weather problems last week which delayed the team selections, and the qualifying process. The respective teams should be in place by March 7th.

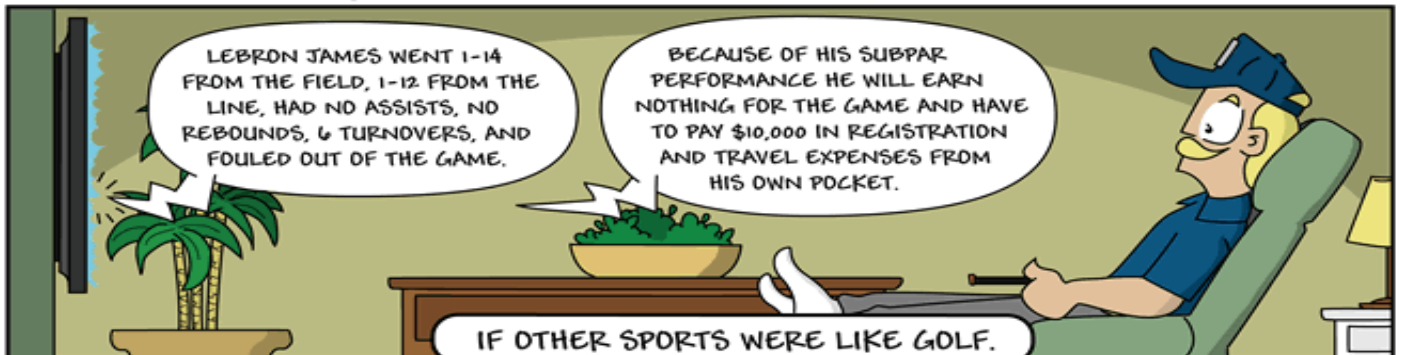
Columbia County will certainly have extremely competitive matches as Jr. Golf has boomed here, especially at Bartram Trail Golf Club, where Robby Watson and his staff have made growing the game of golf through a strong junior program a priority.

JUNIORS...LEARN FROM THE PROS

Juniors, if your game needs some fine tuning the Bartram Trail Golf Club pro staff is ready to share their expertise, and get your game ready for the season. Call the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop at 706-210-4681 to schedule a private lesson. They are eager and willing to help your game. The staff will also be conducting clinics this summer as well. Learn from the pros, and improve your game.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



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@wjbf.com or skads6621@yahoo.com

New Items For March!!!

Titleist 905R Driver, Stiff Shaft, Excellent Cond. \$150

Callaway X 3 W, Stiff Shaft, Brand New, still sealed in bag from Callaway (premium from Mercedes Tournament at Bartram Trail in 2007 \$180
Call Rob Zeyfang 706-231-0021

REDUCED!!!

Taylor Made r7 Driver (Draw) graphite, like new—used on Driving Range one time

\$150

Taylor Made r7 Draw, 3, 5, 7 Woods, graphite, like new—used on Driving Range one time—\$125 each

Contact Dee Ramp at the Pro Shop or 706-860-4263

REDUCED!!! TAYLOR MADE r7 IRON SET...

Taylor Made r7 4-PW, stiff shaft—used seven rounds—Paid \$600 will sell for \$375 OBO...

Scott Skadan 706-799-6621 or sskadan@wjbf.com

Fairway Wood

Cleveland 13 degree, Stiff Graphite, with Head cover, almost new \$50

Call: John Vigna 706-650-7618

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

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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