



The Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club for March 2009

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Bartram Trail Golf Club Says Goodbye To Two Great Friends



Bartram Trail Golf Club will continue to be a wonderful place to golf, socialize, meet friends and have a great time doing it, but we will be saying good bye to two gentlemen that have come to mean so much to Bartram Trail Golf Club. Assistant Pro Patrick Gantt has resigned his position at Bartram Trail and has accepted a position with Wachovia. We also say good bye to Joe Montano, the former president of the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association. Joe and his wife Judy will be moving back to Colorado in March.



Patrick Gantt

While we say good bye to Patrick as a staff member of Bartram Trail Golf Club, we welcome him BACK as a member of our club. As many of you will recall, Patrick won the first ever Bartram Trail Club Championship. Patrick is in the process of regaining his amateur status and promises to be in the field for the fifth annual Club Championship this fall. "I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed working at Bartram Trail Golf Club. Robby Watson has been an awesome guy to work for, and I appreciate everything he has done for me. It has been a sincere pleasure to get to know our members and I look forward to spending more time playing in the Saturday "Dawfight" and taking their money in a different way than behind the counter on Saturday mornings!", added Gantt.

Joe Montano served at the first ever president of the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association and has been a tremendous advocate for the junior golf program at Bartram Trail. "The main reason I joined Bartram Trail is because of the vision that Robby Watson had for the junior program at the club. I wanted to join a club that embraced junior golfers and Robby has done just that," Joe said to the crowd at a surprise gathering for Patrick and Joe recently. Joe was presented a custom set of golf clubs from the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association with "BTMGA" engraved on them.

Our club will miss both of these men, and we wish them the very best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.



Bartram Trail Golf Club Staff Member To Hold Charity Golf Tournament at BTGC

Bartram Trail Golf Club staff member Maria Henry is hosting a special charity golf tournament at Bartram Trail on Saturday, April 18th. Maria, the Snack Bar Manager at Bartram Trail GC, chose to put on a golf tournament to fulfill the requirements for her senior project at Augusta State University. The Communications major is also the wife of Bartram Trail assistant golf pro, Lee Henry.



Maria Henry

The “2009 Golf For Wounded Warrior Project Tournament” will be a four-person Lauderdale (Captains Choice) tournament on Saturday, April 18th. There will be a shotgun start beginning at 11:30am. The cost of the tournament is \$60 per person, and if you have a four-person team that you would like to play with that would be tremendous, and if you don’t have a team, please sign up and you’ll be placed on a team.

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The \$60 entry fee includes lunch, as well as prizes, which will include long drive and closest to the pin, among others, including prizes for teams placing in the top five.

“Other classmates did their projects on a number of different topics, but putting on a charity golf tournament just seemed like the natural thing for me to do, and I know it’s going to be a lot of fun. I’m hoping the members and guests of Bartram Trail Golf Club will support my tournament and we will be able to raise a lot of money for the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Project is an organization that provides support to severely injured veterans. I urge you all to visit their website at www.woundedwarriorproject.org,” added Maria.

Maria is also looking for hole sponsors as well. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 and includes a sign with your company logo / name and information, and will be placed at one of the holes. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, you can contact Maria at 706-726-7579 or send her an e-mail at mhenry4@aug.edu.

You can register for the “2009 Golf For Wounded Warrior Project Tournament” at the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop. Let’s help make Maria’s tournament a huge success. Please make plans to play in her tournament and raise money for a very deserving charity.



Robby Watson



Lee Henry

TIPS FROM THE PROS “DRIVE FOR DOUGH...”

AS THE OLD ADAGE GOES, “DRIVE FOR SHOW, PUTT FOR DOUGH”, BUT YOU CAN ALSO DRIVE FOR DOUGH. FINDING THE FAIRWAY IS THE FIRST STEP TO PLAYING A HOLE CORRECTLY. ONE WAY TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS WHEN GETTING OFF THE TEE IS TO DEVELOP A PRE-SHOT ROUTINE THAT INCORPORATES A SPOT IN THE FAIRWAY AS AN AIMING POINT FOR YOUR DRIVE. FURTHERMORE, PICK OUT AN AIMING POINT IN THE FAIRWAY, THEN TRACE THE SHOT-LINE BACK TO YOUR BALL PICKING OUT AN OBJECT (SUCH AS A LEAF, OR BROKEN TEE) ABOUT 12 INCHES IN FRONT OF YOUR BALL TO AIM AT. ONCE YOU HAVE SET-UP TOWARD THE AIMING POINT, FIRE WHEN READY!



Bartram Trail Golf Club March Birthdays



Larry Hall	March 6	Barry Davis	March 18
Matt Dale	March 7	Michael Salazar	March 18
David Johnson	March 10	Michael Hart	March 21
Corey Kupitz	March 11	Leo Charette	March 22
John Alley, Jr.	March 11	C.J. Griffin	March 23
Amory Parker	March 11	Paul Casey	March 24
Rodney Luce	March 13	Kevin Fandel	March 25
James Fleming	March 14	Donald Bowers	March 26
James Walsh	March 15		

Happy Birthday from Bartram Trail Golf Club!!!

Superintendent's Corner... From Jeff Lloyd



“...We just completed aerifying the greens on March 4th...”

We have just completed aerifying the greens and will be in the process of top-dressing and fertilizing them over the next week. The rest of the month will be basic clean up of the course and getting ready for Masters Week.

UPCOMING PROJECTS...

- We will be building a new women's tee on hole #16
- We will be fixing washouts next to cart paths using the overseeded area on #11
- Also on the schedule will be working n filling in the ravines right of the cart path on #10

HOME PROJECTS FOR March...

- See the next page of the Newsletter for some great tips!

Jeff



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



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Jeff Lloyd's Lawn Care Tips for March

There are some definite dos and don'ts when it comes to spring lawn care. Before you get started, make a couple of decisions. First of all, do you want to control the crabgrass or do you want to lay down new lawn seed? You can't do both. The crabgrass controller will actually prevent the lawn seed from germinating.

So, let's say you have crabgrass in your yard and you want to keep it from spreading. You need to attack it early in the spring before it gets out of control. You can use a crabgrass preventative or, for an organic alternative, try corn gluten. Whatever you choose, use a spreader to apply it evenly. The best time to do this is when the daffodils are blooming. Spring rains will help activate the ingredients.

How to Do It

Whether you decide to start a new lawn or patch an old one, you need to begin by loosening up the soil. Just use a rake then you're ready for the seed. Make sure to use top quality seed. Buy the seed in bulk to save some money or, if you have a little more cash in your budget, opt for lawn patch that consists of seed mixed with shredded newspaper. Apply a thin layer of the lawn patch, making sure you cover up all the open spaces, and then water thoroughly.

Whether you use lawn patch or the seed, it's very important that you keep it moist at all times until the seed germinates, which in some cases may take up to three weeks. Also, you don't want to mow the grass until it reaches a height of four inches.

Then, before taking the lawn mower to the turf, it's important to get it cleaned up and ready for the season.

Mower Maintenance

Note: Take appropriate safety precautions when working with your lawn mower. Before beginning, disconnect the power cord (on electric mowers) or drain the gas tank and disconnect the spark plug wire (on gas mowers).



Mower maintenance is important. After draining your gas tank and disconnecting the sparkplug (gas-powered mowers) or disconnecting the power source (electric mowers), flip the mower over and give the underside a good spring cleaning. In some cases, you may have to pull out a chisel to remove some of the junk. It's also a good idea to keep your blade sharpened. In fact, three sharpening sessions per season should do the trick. Otherwise, your grass will get split ends.

When you do mow, don't cut off more than a third of the grass at a time and keep the height at about two and a half to three inches. Also, change your mowing pattern to help prevent soil compaction, which inhibits the growth of grass.

Watering and Weed Control



Watering is also an important in spring lawn care. It's much better to give your lawn a deep soaking once a week, rather than a light sprinkling three to four times a week. Watering early in the morning is best, and keep in mind most lawns need about one inch of water a week.

Spring is also the time to go on weed patrol. If you don't like to use herbicides, try to find tools that might help get to the root of the problem. A weed hound usually does the trick.

Caring for Grass

The biggest mistake people make with their grass is fertilizing it to death—literally. The best time to feed your lawn is in the fall. Give it two applications then. The only reason to fertilize in the spring is if you missed the fall application. Don't worry if you think your lawn's not getting fed enough. Every time you mow your grass, if you leave the clippings on, you're giving it free nitrogen and that's the best organic fertilizer you can use.

There are some definite don'ts when it comes to spring lawn care. Don't aerate as it can damage the soil because the soil is just too moist in the spring. Plus, aeration opens up areas for weed seeds to germinate. Also, forget about power-raking or de-thatching. They're both just too hard on the new, sensitive spring roots. Finally, in the early spring, when your soil is still soggy, try to keep your kids and/or pets from playing on the emerging grass. Don't drag your wheelbarrow across it either. Hopefully, these tips will make your neighbors green with envy.

BARTRAM TRAIL
SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY'S SENIOR MOMENTS...

By: Larry Nichols



Last month we introduced you to the Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association. This month I want to tell you more about what makes our group successful. We approached Robby Watson about the group even before the course opened and he was supportive from day one. Today, when you play with our group, you pay \$27 greens fees; a significant discount from normal prices. This is courtesy of the head pro. He also provides complimentary range balls, gives the seniors a hot dog and coke for \$1.50 and provides a free cart each week as a "pro prize" to be added to the prizes we already give. This is going the extra mile for the seniors. On Tuesday, Robby gives us as many holes as we need to get our golfers off. He is one of the significant reasons our association is a success and we hope he stays around for awhile.

Another reason for the groups success is the grounds crew and Jeff Lloyd, the superintendent. We worried about how the course would fare after old super Shane Schutte left and were pleased to see that Jeff didn't miss a beat and the course remains in great shape. Of course we are all looking forward to short sleeves and green grass.

This month was typical for the group. Norm Heberer, one of our way upper middle age golfers, shot his age the first round of the month just to get things started right. The following week Rod Luce shot a 69 and came in at plus nine. Rod is one of our better golfers and has an Ernie Els like swing. I wish I could copy it. The very next week, Bill Patterson came in at plus 11 and won best performance, best team and got a closest to the pin on a par three. Not bad work if you can get it. Bill is getting a reputation on the par three's. Nobody likes to have Bill behind them if they get a close up. The week after Bill's great round, Ed Balog came in at plus 9. Ed is another of our upper middle age golfers and can still really slug the ball. One other note; I ran into Gary and Jim Dawkins last week when they were making the turn and Jim Dawkins had shot a 31 on the front side. I believe Jim is 86 or 87 and must be getting his vitamins from A-Rod.

This past Tuesday I couldn't play so I just rode around and watched to see if I could learn something. I learned that Bob Snyder, one of our most loyal players, can really putt the ball. I learned that when guys like V. Ed Brown, Charles Doolittle, Duck Herron, look at a spot down range, that is where the ball is going. I learned that Jim Herman tees off with a three wood most of the time and hits it farther than my driver and that Carl Morton hits a three iron farther than anybody has a right to.

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“Dee’s Corner”

Happy Valentine’s Day



*By: 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. We look forward to having our juniors back in action after a very cold winter.

To start of the spring, Bartram is having a “first ever” Parent/Child Tournament so watch for details of this event. Date has not been confirmed as of yet but will be posted on the bulletin board, Bartram Trail Website and by email blast. We look forward to another great spring/summer golf season.

Pricing for the upcoming Parent/Child Tournament will be as follows:

\$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

Contact Golf Pro Shop – 706-210-4681

Dee Ramp at 706-955-6574 cell

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 sponsors get a lot of Media coverage, TV, Billboards, Radio, signs at the course, and their logos on back of shirts and a plaque. Please contact Dee Ramp or Robby Watson for details at 706-210-4681 and become a part of this great Jr. Golf Tournament. See you at Bartram Trail “where golf is seriously fun”!

BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB PRO SHOP



MARCH MEMBERS SPECIAL

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**DON'T FORGET...
MONTHLY DUES ARE DUE IN MARCH**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BARTRAM TRAIL GOLF CLUB

Saturday March 7 th	River Ridge Elementary Fundraiser	Shotgun at	8:30am
Monday March 9 th	Player Ability Test	Start on #1	8:00am
Wed. March 11th	CUPAC	Shotgun	1:00pm
	Senior Group	on # 1, 18,17,16,15	8:00am
Thurs. March 19 TH	Julie's House	Shotgun	12:30pm
Friday March 20th	Impulse Dance	Shotgun off Backside	12:00pm
Monday March 23rd		Shotgun off Backside	9:00am
Saturday April 18th	Maria Henry's Tournament	Shotgun	9:00am
Sunday April 19th	American Legion Outing	Shotgun	8:30am

BARTRAM TRAIL SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY SENIOR MOMENTS...

By: Don Autry

Friday, February 6th

Despite an extended frost delay at Bartram Trail this morning we had 20 eager golfers sign up for the Dogfight. Here are the results:

1st Place: Jimmy Story +7
2nd Place: Tom Shepherd +6
Victor Briggs +6

Par 3 Closest to the Pin's

Jim Herrmann (2), Ed Brown, Victor Briggs

Wednesday, February 11th

Spring weather arrived, at least for today, and the golfers are beginning to come out of hibernation. Some are also playing some great golf! We had 19 players today. Ed Brown played the best of any of us, shooting a 70 with five birdies. Ed pulled 43 points to finish at plus 5, but that was only good for 2nd place. One of our super-super seniors came in to claim to first place money. Here are the results:

1st Place: Jim Walsh +6
2nd Place: Ed Brown +5
3rd Place: Tommy Slay +3

Par 3 Closest to the Pin's

Tommy Slay, Gary Dawkins, Tom Shepherd, Ed Brown

Friday, February 13th

For Friday the 13th, this day turned out pretty good for several golfers. The weather was a bit on the cool side this morning but 27 golfers toughed it out. Tommy Slay pulled 39 points with three birdies, Rod Luce also pulled 39 points and also had three birdies. Don Autry had one of his crazy days, pulling 40 points with six birds. Here are the results:

1st Place: Don Autry +8
2nd Place: Ron Prince, Tommy Slay & Rod Luce +6

Par 3 Closest to the Pin's

Don Autry (2), Ed Brown, Bob Wolfe

BARTRAM TRAIL SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY SENIOR MOMENTS...

By: Don Autry

Friday, February 20th

It was a cool day, but we still had 20 hearty souls show up this morning for a round of golf. The golf reflected the weather though and neither was very good!!! Here are the results:

1st Place:	Larry Langley	+4
2nd Place:	Jim Herrmann	+1
3rd Place:	Joel Dowling	Even

Closest to the Pin's

Ed Brown, Jim Story, Jim Herrmann and Ron Prince

Wednesday, February 25th

Nineteen brave golfers played this morning for the Wednesday competition. Ed Brown had another great round, shooting two-under par 70, and pulling 42 points. Here are the results:

1st Place:	Ed Brown	+5
2nd Place:	Bill Nelson	+4
	George Fritsche	+4

Closest to the Pin's

Bobby Turner, John Carney, George Fritsche, and Don Autry

Friday, February 27th

We beat the rain today just as our last group was entering the clubhouse! We had a good crowd of 26 golfers today vying for the cash. We also had some pretty good golf played. Don Autry, Charlie Doolittle and Ed Brown shot Par 72's, and Rod Luce came in with a 73. Here are the results:

1st Place:	Charlie Doolittle	+11
2nd Place:	Carter Loftis	+6
3rd Place:	Rod Luce	+5
	Bob Hicks	+5

Closest to the Pin's

Ron Prince, Rod Luce, Charlie Doolittle and Ed Brown

Asst. Pro Lee Henry Offers Golf Club Services

Golf Club Services Price List



Lee Henry

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

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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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