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The Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club

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Bartram Trail Golf Club News from Robby Watson, Director of Golf

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Dear Bartram Trail Golf Club Members,

We are tremendously proud to share with our members that Bartram Trail Golf Club has been named the #1 Public Golf Course in the CSRA by the Augusta Chronicle for the second year in a row! I'm so proud of the tremendous staff we have at Bartram Trail Golf Club. Our Golf and Pro Shop staff are the very best, Matthew, Doug, and Bill deserve our thanks and gratitude. The Golf Course crew, led by Darren Davenport work extremely hard to keep our golf course in tremendous shape. Janie Toole and the fantastic food and beverage staff are the VERY BEST, and they make EVERYONE feel at home in our clubhouse. The Cart Barn and Driving Range guys work their tails off in all kinds of weather, and keep our carts in great condition. Finally, a very special and heartfelt THANK YOU to our members! YOU make Bartram Trail Golf Club #1! This award belongs to ALL that make BTGC the #1 golf course in the area.

The annual Bartram Trail Ryder Cup tournament will be held on Saturday, November 21st. This annual tournament is one of the highlights of the golf calendar every year. Be sure to sign up in the Pro Shop.

On Sunday, November 1st Bartram Trail Golf Club will be hosting the Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home Tournament with a 1:00pm shotgun start. The field is full. Those wanting to play on Sunday, we will have an 8:00 shotgun start. The course will be closed to play at 1:00pm.

I greatly appreciate our members for understanding that on occasion we have tournaments that take place on the weekends. We certainly keep these to a minimum, and by hosting these tournaments it keeps your membership dues at an affordable rate. Thank you for understanding and for your support.

Masters Week is coming November 9-15. Bartram Trail Golf Club will operate as business as usual for the week.

See you soon!

Robby Watson, Director of Golf

Bartram Trail Golf Club crowns 2020 Club Champions

Austen Heider, Joe Martin and Linda Momeier

Austen Heider is the 2020 Bartram Trail Golf Club Men's Champion as he ran away with a five shot victory over Justin Beasley to take the crown. Heider shot 73-70 143. Beasley, 73-75 148 was good for second while Ray Lewis took third in a six-player scorecard playoff with 77-77 154.



Robby Watson & Austen Heider

Joe Martin took the Men's Senior Championship putting together two solid rounds, 74-72 146 to hold off Pete Hamilton (77-72 149) who took second, while Matt Haak (74-76 150) earned third place.



Robby Watson & Joe Martin

Linda Momeier claimed the Ladies Championship shooting 87-83 170. Kathy Blackburn took second place with 98-87 185.

The Club Championship was highlighted by Andy Pilger's Hole In One. What made his Ace even more spectacular was it came on #17, a Par 4, from the BLUE TEES. Playing at approximately 300 yards, and with the pin tucked in a tremendously perilous location in the back right corner, behind the bunker that protects the front right side, Pilger drilled an absolutely perfect shot. Congrats Andy!



Robby Watson & Linda Momeier

Here are the top finishers in each flight:

Men's Championship

Austen Heider 73-70 143
Justin Beasley 73-75 148
Ray Lewis 77-77 154*

Men's A Flight

Jason Beck 78-73 151
Kam McDaniel 80-75 155
Neil Bock 80-76 156
Chase Johnson 80-77 157
Brent Roberson 80-77 157

Men's B Flight

Jason Page 90-85 175
Gene Major 89-87 176
Jim Hicks 94-95 189

Senior Championship

Joe Martin 74-72 146
Pete Hamilton 77-72 149
Matt Haak 74-76 150
Rodd Arthur 77-75 152

Senior A Flight

Al Russo 80-76 156
Roger Thomas 81-76 157
Patrick Mulvehill 80-78 158
Mike Miklos 80-79 159
Ross Tilton 86-74 160

Senior B Flight

Steve Wysong 86-82 168
Rick Winterboer 89-83 171
Rayne Johnstun 88-84-172



Robby Watson & Jason Beck

Senior C Flight

Tom Paris 95-86 181
Trae Phillips 97-91 188

Ladies Championship

Linda Momeier 87-83 170
Kathy Blackburn 98-87 185



Robby Watson & Steve Wysong



Robby Watson & Jason Page



Robby Watson & Tom Paris



Robby Watson & Al Russo

A Day for Mr. Bearden

By Bob Prange

The Bartram Trail Senior Men's Association held a special celebration for Mr. Bob Bearden on Tuesday, October 6th. Anyone having been associated with the club for any length of time was sure to have encountered Mr. Bob at one point or another. Although his association with the club started before it even opened, he was most notably known as the distinguished gentlemen starter at the #1 tee.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bearden has severed a medical condition that has left him unable to play or associate with his friends. His absence has left a huge void. It was often stated that "things weren't the same" without him around. It was decided to honor Mr. Bearden with a special day.



Bob Bearden & Robby Watson



Mr. Bob Bearden and his family and caregivers

The celebration included distinguished guests. His son Greg and wife Gay, his granddaughter Sarah and her husband Daniel, his full-time nurse Clara and his pastor, Rev. John Kilpatrick. In addition, over 70 members, and former members of the Senior Association and Bartram Trail Golf Club staff attended. After a few words and an invocation from Pastor Kilpatrick, a full breakfast was served by Janie Toole and her staff. Following breakfast, Director of Golf Robby Watson spoke, honoring Bob and sharing a few stories. Senior Association President Bob Prange then spoke and issued the proclamation that going forward the 1st Tuesday in October would be "Mr.

Bearden Day". Also, there was an unveiling of a graphic installation honoring Mr. Bearden as well as the dedication of the "Grand Old Man" trophy that will be awarded annually to the golfer taking home individual honors on that day. Additionally, a rare distinction, the menu of the Club House will now feature the "Bob Bearden BLT" ...his favorite!

It was a special day, and an emotional experience for many. The family found it very moving and expressed sincere appreciation. Mr. Bearden showed awareness and truly enjoyed the attention.

A big thanks goes out to Robby Watson and Janie Toole, and their staffs for all the cooperation and support. Also, special thanks to Tommy Todd, Johnny Melles, and David Hawkins for coordinating the many moving parts which made this special day a great success.

Boyd Long took the individual honors in the golf tournament and will hold the title of "Grand Old Man" for the next year.



Bartram Trail Clubhouse Bar and Grille

By Janie Toole



Fall has arrived!!! We LOVE the fall here at Bartram Trail Golf Club, come on out and join us for lunch or an early dinner!

New Hours...*Monday thru Friday we are open 11:00am thru 6:00pm...Saturday 6:00am thru 6:00pm... Sunday 11:00am thru 6:00pm*

Something New...*New to our menu is Breakfast every Saturday, 7:00am thru 10:30am. Join us and enjoy our delicious pancakes (blueberry, strawberry, banana or chocolate chip available!) French Toast, omelets, grits and so much more.*

Wine, Dine and Nine will return after Masters Week...*Wine, Dine and Nine is a night of fun on the course and in the Clubhouse. Enjoy nine holes of golf, dinner and wine on a wonderful fall night. We'll be sending out info so stay tuned!*

Thursday Night Dinners will resume...*starting with Prime Rib Night on November 19th. Reservations are required.*

We LOVE feedback, so if you have any thoughts or comments that you would like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

I look forward to an exciting and eventful fall season!

Cheers!

Janie



Bartram Trail Golf Club

Members Pro Shop Special



GOLF SHOES 20% OFF!

Take 20% off Sketchers and FootJoy Golf Shoes



Superintendent's Corner...

With Golf Course Superintendent Darren Davenport



Darren Davenport

What's Happening on the course this fall...

1. We have put out Pre-emergence on the course and areas around the clubhouse.
2. We have started the patching of areas on Cart Paths, which will continue until completed.
3. We have also adjusted our mower heights for winter.
4. We will be working on the cart turnaround area at #13 green.
5. We are also overseeding par 3 tee boxes and the practice tee.
6. We will continue to mow all natural areas around the course.
7. We will be adding new fresh sand to the bunkers, and repairing fencing around the course as well.

Reminder to Golfers...

1. Please fix your ball marks on the greens...as the course softens a bit, your shots into the green will leave more ball marks, so please fix your ball marks.
2. Fill in your divots in the fairway...even when it's cart path only. We have sand cartons on every cart, please use them and fill in your divots. You are doing an EXCELLENT JOB on them currently, so please continue your great efforts, thanks!

For the Homeowners:

Be sure to slightly raise your mowing heights, and if you haven't done so yet, be sure to put our pre-emergence.

**Thanks,
Darren**



Please continue to use the Practice Range Mats at the Bartram Trail Golf Club practice area while we prepare the grass on the range. We will re-open the entire practice range as soon as conditions are appropriate to do so.

Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association (BTMGA)

By Russell Maddox and Scott Skadan

We believe we can all agree that 2020 has been an incredibly trying year for all of us. We would like for everyone to pause and remember our friends and relatives we have lost this year. Please know the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association grieves for you, and we too feel the pain of your loss. The BTMGA is more than just a group of guys that play golf on Saturday mornings. We laugh together, grieve together, poke fun at one another, and most importantly, we care of each other and are here to help when our members have a need. That's something we are most proud of, we have come together under the most trying of circumstances this year...that's what friends do.

The BTMGA would like to thank Janie Toole and her tremendous staff for the outstanding service and hard work to keep the clubhouse open through the pandemic. Your positive attitude and willingness to do whatever it takes to take care of the golfers AND your staff is immeasurable. Your grace under these trying circumstances shows the tremendously caring personality that we all are endeared to. Thank You Janie.

We would like to thank Robby Watson. Thank you Robby, and the entire golf staff, including the Pro Shop, Assistant Pros, Cart Barn, Golf Course crew and Darren Davenport our Golf Course Superintendent, for keeping the golf course open for us all. It would have been easy to shut the doors and hope for the best, but each of you stepped up, took the proper precautions and allowed us to play golf and take our minds off of the troubles of the outside world for a few hours. We CAN'T thank each of you enough.

Finally, thank you to the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association for following the protocols and procedures we put in place, and for NOT coming to play golf if you were sick, or didn't feel well. The BTMGA came through the pandemic not totally unscathed, but pretty darn well. Thank you for understanding everything the Board put in place was done for the good of the entire BTMGA.

Speaking of the Board of Directors, the Board would like to sincerely thank Rayne Johnstun for the many years he served the BTMGA as a Board Member. Rayne has served as our President, Vice President and Board Member for several years and we thank him for his leadership and measured insights on each topic that the Board discussed. Thank you for your service Rayne. The Board would also like to thank outgoing Board Member Al Russo. Al will be stepping down from the BTMGA Board of Directors effective on December 31st. Al, thank you for serving the BTMGA and providing great leadership and guidance during your time on the Board.

With that said, the BTMGA would like to open the floor for nominations for our next Board Member. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, or know of someone you would like to nominate, please get your nominations to Scott Skadan, BTMGA Secretary and Communications Director, by November 15, 2020.

Beginning Saturday, October 31st the Saturday morning Dogfight will move to a 8:30am start, with registration deadline of 7:45am. Winter Rules will begin on November 7th.

Thanks to all BTMGA members for a great year, and here's to an even better 2021!



Matthew Barman



Doug Cameron



Robby Watson



Bill Fumai



Tip From The Pro "Keep It Simple"



By: Robby Watson, Director of Golf

If you are having trouble staying in the shot (if you are right-handed and you are losing your shots to the right) try to keep your right foot down on the ground a bit longer, that will help you stay in the shot longer and makes you release a bit more to the left side of your body. This will help you hit the ball squarely and send your shot straight on your target line.

Call the Bartram Trail Pro Shop to book a lesson at 706-210-4681

Update from University of Georgia...Madison Harwell

By Scott Skadan



Madison Harwell

Bartram Trail Golf Club's own Madison Harwell is back on the University of Georgia campus and working on her game. "I've been really trying to focus on putting, and the mental aspect of golf this fall, said Madison. I have not had any matches this fall yet, but I have a tournament at the UGA Club November 2-3 that most of the team and other collegiate golfers will be participating in as well."

Madison shared that she was extremely sick for the first couple of weeks this semester but her COVID-19 test came back negative. She added that her entire team is being incredibly careful with everything they do.



Women's Golf

Madison is majoring in Journalism and was just accepted into the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications. She's also pursuing a minor in Nutrition Sciences. Madison also recently started an internship with the Red and Black, which is UGA's Newspaper/Media this past week.

Madison, we wish you great success at the University of Georgia, and best of luck in your upcoming tournament on November 2-3.

GO DAWGS!

Bartram Trail Golf Club Marketplace

The Bartram Trail Golf Club Marketplace is an opportunity for you to list new or used golf equipment that you would like to sell. Please send your items that you would like to list in the Bartram Trail Golf Club Marketplace to: sskadan@wjb.com and I will add to the list.

Jack Demyan, Bartram Trail Golf Club member has a Driver for sale:

- * **Titleist TS1 Driver**
- * Regular Shaft
- * "Tense" Mitsubishi 55 Gram
- * Right Handed
- * Standard Length
- * Head Cover
- * Jack will be glad to meet anyone interested at the BTGC Range to take some swings with it.
- * \$215 or any reasonable offer

Jack can be contacted at 706-421-3201 (cell) or 706-447-3819 (home)

Bryan Freeman, Bartram Trail Golf Club member has a set of irons for sale

- * Titleist T-300 irons
- * AMT s300 shafts. Shafts are steel and stiff but they are black in color
- * They are currently at Bonaventure Golf on consignment for \$759 but if anyone from Bartram Trail would like to buy them Bryan would sell for \$700
- * Feel free to go to look at them
- * Less than 75 shots on each club
- * Bryan can be contacted at: bfreeman426@gmail.com

Chuck Lord, Bartram Trail Golf Club member has a brand new set of irons for sale

- * TaylorMade Burner irons
- * Brand new in the plastic, never hit...
- * Right handed
- * \$400
- * Chuck can be reached at: Chuck.Lord@knology.net

Bartram Trail 2020 PGA Junior League Programs

This year Bartram Trail Golf Club conducted three PGA Junior League programs and three Summer Golf Camps. In total, Bartram Trail instructed over 200 Juniors ages 5-13 years old. In 2021 the plan is to continue growing these programs with one more PGA Junior League and two more Golf Camps. Golf Camps for ages 5-13 are designed for the pure beginner golfer while the Junior League programs include one-on-one instruction and on-course playing time. Dates, pricing and times for these upcoming 2021 program will be announced in January.

All leagues include range balls during practice and matches, instruction, golf matches, and a game day shirt, and finally a GSGA Youth on Course card. Please contact Coach Bill for his 2021 PGA Jr. Leagues at billfumai@gmail.com or call 706-691-3397.



PGA Junior League participants from 2020