



Chip Shots

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"The New Bartram Trail Golf Clubhouse"



Robby Watson



Dear Bartram Trail G.C. Members,

It is with great pleasure that we unveil what will be the new Bartram Trail Clubhouse. It's going to be a fantastic addition to our golf club. It is designed to seat 60 people inside, with porch seating as well. We are as excited as you are about this project and can't wait for construction to begin. The clubhouse will be 2,700 square feet, with 1,000 square feet in deck / porch space as well.

We are currently getting bids from general contractors for the build out of the clubhouse. Once we determine who the general contractor is they will submit the plans to Columbia County for approval. This process normally takes two to four weeks once it gets to the County offices. With that time frame, we are hoping for shovels in the ground between August 1st and September 1st. We are anticipating construction to be completed in five to six months once it begins.

The site design has been completed and submitted to Columbia County for approval. The new clubhouse will be located to between the putting green and the pavilion and will have a beautiful view of the new (old) #1 tee box and "Lake Bartram Trail". Yes, I can confirm that we are indeed going to reverse the nine's to their original configuration from when we opened the course 12 years ago. That change should take place in the next two to three months.



The new clubhouse will be built where the Red Box appears in this photo

The clubhouse will have a state-of-the-art Pro Shop as well as a full kitchen and bar. We will be serving dinner on selected nights during the week as well. We of course will let the membership know once those evenings have been selected.

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It is also my pleasure to announce that Scott Todd will be our Head Chef and Food and Beverage Manager. Scott has done an amazing job with our food and beverage operations and we could not be more delighted to have Scott in charge of this all important facet of our operation. He has a tremendous amount of experience running major clubhouse operations and we are fortunate to have him on board to help oversee the construction project.

This is an exciting venture for BTI, Inc. (Bartram Trail Investors, owners of Bartram Trail Golf Club). It's been 12 years coming...and I can speak for those members who have been members of Bartram Trail Golf Club since before the first tee shot was struck, that it truly has been a long time coming!!! Without the investment of BTI, Inc. this project would have been many MORE years before it would come to fruition.

It's also a testament to our membership, as well as those non-members who have played Bartram Trail Golf Club, that we are able to build this new clubhouse. In this day and age it's nearly impossible to get a clubhouse built on a public course if it's not part of the original construction project.

It is our goal to be one of the best public golf clubs in the state of Georgia. We already know that we have one of the top public golf courses in the state that you and play and enjoy as a member or non-member. With the addition of our clubhouse it will truly set us apart from any other public course in our area.

We currently have 274 members and we will cap membership at 300. The reason for the cap is to continue to live up to our mission to be a public golf course open for public play, and to provide affordable public golfing and provide a place where juniors feel welcome. We feel that by capping membership at 300 members we can provide our members outstanding services and preferred tee times, while also allowing the public to play Bartram Trail Golf Club at quality tee times and affordable rates.

Please join me in welcoming our new assistant golf professional, Bill Fumai. Bill joins us from Gordon Lakes Golf Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the membership what a tremendous staff we have here at BTGC. I can't praise these people enough for the tremendous effort they give each and every day. From the great group of guys in the Cart Barn, to Course Superintendent Jeff Lloyd and his great crew, to Scott Todd and his food and beverage staff including Hannah, Sydney and Miranda, as in rights. Our Pro Shop staff, consisting of Assistant Pro's Matthew Barman and Bill Fumai, and staff members Mark Custer, and Chuck, are always willing to help our members, non-members as well as guests, with a smile and warm welcome to Bartram Trail.



Hannah and Sydney

Thank you, our members, for being such a HUGE part of Bartram Trail Golf Club. Without you we are not able to make this historic announcement. Enjoy our club, invite your friends to join you for a round of golf, I bet they will enjoy it as much as you do.

Good Golfing,

Robby Watson

General Manager / Head Golf Professional

Superintendent's Corner... with Jeff Lloyd

“...Working on the 18th hole near the end of the Fairway on the right...”



What's Happening on the course in July and August...

As you may have noticed, we have put up a nice fence railing on #18 to the right of the end of the fairway. I would like to thank the Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association for helping with this project. We are planning on leveling and sodding the area to the right of the fence to give that area a much needed facelift.



Also in July we will be getting some much needed new equipment. We will be getting two greens mowers, and two rough mowers, a topdresser and a blower. The members will see better cut turf and improved look of the entire course.

The greens have done really well but we do have some bad spots, which are low-lying areas that we will nurse for the next couple of months so that they get ready for the cooler months.

We have the Member/Guest and/or Member/Member in early August and I'm looking forward to giving you the best course our members have ever seen! The bad news is we will punch the greens once again right after the tournament is over. Yes, we need to punch the greens a minimum of twice a year, during the growing season to keep the greens in pristine condition all year around. We will also be fertilizing the course in the next few weeks.

For the Homeowners:

You need to be putting out a slow release fertilizer and be on the lookout for sedges, which are the bright or lime green weeds that pop up in wet areas. You should also water about every 3-4 days until we get to the mid-90's consistently, and then move to every other, or every third day. Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

Thanks,
Jeff



Meet Bill Fumai, PGA Golf Professional

If you have played out at Bartram Trail Golf Club in the last couple of months you have certainly met our new Assistant Pro, Bill Fumai.

Bill is a native of Glen Burnie, MD. Bill's father was a in the Army and retired at Ft. Meade, MD. He graduated from Old Mill Senior High School in Millersville, MD where he played baseball as well as golf. Bill was a high school All-American there, and was the Maryland State Junior Championship Runner Up. His outstanding high school play led him to Catonsville Community College and then on to Jacksonville State University.

For the past 22 years Bill has worked for the U.S. government where he has managed Golf Clubs in Alabama, Texas, Colorado Springs, and Augusta where he led Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Making many stops around the U.S., Bill's favorite place to live has been San Antonio, Texas.

He's been married for 26 years, and has one bonus son and two grandchildren.

An outstanding golfer, Bill has had three career Hole in Ones. "I want to bring 35+ years of golf / teaching experience to the patrons of Bartram Trail, and be an asset to Robby and the team here at Bartram Trail, added Bill. I am extremely dedicated to providing world class customer service, consistently. "

"I really enjoy teaching beginner to intermediate golfers, as the results are more meaningful and immediate. It truly peaks their desire to start playing more," said Bill.

If Bill had an opportunity to put together a foursome to play golf with he would select his dad, his mother in-law, and father in-law to play with him.

Being a native of Maryland, Bill is a big University of Maryland fan. He's also a NASCAR fan and enjoys playing guitar as well.

Be sure to say hello to Bill next time you are in the Pro Shop.



Bill Fumai

Family Fun Clinic July 24th & 25th

Join us for a golf clinic designed for couples or family members, that one plays golf, and the other...doesn't.

You KNOW it's hard to teach the ones you love, so let us do it, and have a great time with each other!

**Cost is just \$50 per couple
for the two-day session**

Call the Pro Shop to make your reservation

706-210-4681

Bartram Trail Ladies Clinic



August 14-17 from 9-10:30am

This four-day Ladies Clinic is geared towards the novice and beginners and is limited to the first 10 ladies that register for the clinic.

You can register by calling Bartram Trail Golf Club at 706-210-4681 or Bill Fumai at 706-691-3397 or email: billfumai@gmail.com

Cost of the Ladies Clinic: \$100

Jim Brendel Knocks in Ace

On #17

Congratulations to Jim Brendel on his Hole in One on #17 on July 4th!!! What a way to celebrate our national holiday!

Jim was in the Tuesday Senior Dogfight and the ace was witnessed by his playing partners Duck Herron, Tommy Slay and Charles Doolittle.

Jim used a 7-iron from 142 yards out and took home the Seniors Hole in One Pot!



Jim Brendel



Matthew Barman



Robby Watson



Bill Fumai

Tip From The Pros

“Consistency”

Want to be a better, more consistent golfer? Ever wonder how the Pro's hit it so good almost every time? I can tell you in one word...BALANCE! Good balance, especially at the end of your golf swing, enables you to hit better, more consistent golf shots. These are three things to think about to build good balance on your follow through and be more consistent:

1. Finish your swing with the belly button down the middle
2. For right handed golfers, finish with your right knee touching your left knee
3. Stay in BALANCE. Hold your finish position until the ball stops rolling.

So next time you are on the driving range, work on balance and finishing your golf swing. Check to see if the knees are touching and the belly button is down the center.



Call the Bartram Trail Pro Shop at

706-210-4681

to schedule a private lesson today with any of our Golf Pros