



Chip Shots

Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club

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Robby Watson

“An update on our new clubhouse...we are looking forward to it as much as you are!”

Dear Bartram Trail Golf Club Members,

First of all, I would like to say that I am just as upset as you are that we haven't started on the new clubhouse yet. We had to make some changes to the plans before we could submit them to Columbia County in order to start construction. We now have all the plans the way we would like them and the plans have been submitted to the county for approval. We will begin work as soon as the permits are approved by the county. I am hoping we will get started by the end of this month, or early October.

I have to say that I am extremely happy to see a clubhouse finally coming to Bartram Trail Golf Club. I appreciate all the support of the members of Bartram Trail Golf Club. The construction of a new clubhouse and better facility comes with new expenses. The dues at Bartram Trail have not been raised since March of 2012. We will raise the dues on November 1, 2017 accordingly:

Family Membership:	\$175 per month
Individual:	\$135 per month
Senior:	\$105 per month
Senior Family:	\$130 per month

Even with the rate change, I will have to say that compared to other surrounding courses in the area that we are an extremely affordable golf course. Also, in the past two days, two PGA Tour winners have played Bartram Trail G.C., Vaughn Taylor and Wesley Bryan, and they had but great things to say about the condition of the golf course.

With that being said, I will offer an annual membership at the current rate of your membership. For example, a Senior annual membership would be \$1,140, an individual membership would be \$1,500 a Senior Family would be \$1,440 and a Family membership would be \$1,980.

I also want each of our members to know that once we reach 300 memberships, we will start a waiting list for membership into Bartram Trail Golf Club. We currently have 285 members. In order for Bartram Trail Golf Club to keep and maintain the condition of the course as Jeff and his staff have it, which in my opinion is the best I have EVER seen the course, we have to continue to have outside play and outings. I will, as always, try to make sure the membership has a place to play even if it is in a shotgun with an outing.

In closing, if you would like to discuss your membership please contact me either via email at robby.bartramtrail@comcast.net or by phone at 706-210-4681. Once again, thank you for your support of Bartram Trail Golf Club.

- Robby Watson, GM and Head PGA Professional

FOOTBALL SEASON IS BACK!!!

So let's make Tailgating Tasty and Easy!

Reserve your BBQ by calling Scott Todd at Bartram Trail Golf Club

706-210-4681

Please call up to 5 Days in advance for an 8-10 lb order of Pulled Pork BBQ
at \$35!!!



What a BARGAIN!!!

Also inquire about Side Item
to complement your order

GO DAWGS!!!



Hannah and Sydney

Upcoming Events

At Bartram Trail Golf Club



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| 9/23 | American Legion Post 192 Shotgun at 8:30am...closed until 2:00pm |
| 10/7-8 | Two-Man Invitational...8:30am...Members can also shotgun with tournament |
| 10/9 | CSRA Seniors...Shotgun at 9:00am...Course closed until 2:00pm |
| 10/12 | Ladies TWIG Tournament...Shotgun at 9:00am...No. 1 Tee will open around 11am |
| 10/22-23 | Bartram Trail Golf Club Championships...Shotgun both days at 9:00am |
| 10/23 | Jefferson Energy Cooperative outing...Shotgun at 9:00am...course opens at 2:00pm |

To Reserve Tee Times call 706-210-4681

Superintendent's Corner... with Jeff Lloyd

"...Working on irrigation issues..."



What's Happening on the course in September and October...

We will be working on some irrigation issues that we have been having so if members see a bunch of holes being dug, that is what is going on.

For the Greens, we will be bringing our mowing heights up getting ready for winter which we do every year. I know people have been asking what the white dotted lines are ...well, that's where we have had previous problems so I have let them grow up so they can root better before the winter and we can topdress them more often to protect the plant.

For the Homeowners:

You should be pre-emerging right now for winter weeds. Also, let your grass grow a little taller as that will help the plant get ready for the winter. As the grass goes dormant you need to back off the water from your sprinklers, especially if they have St. Augustine or Zoysia grass to help with any disease pressure from wet soils. Picking up leaf debris also helps with that. Also be looking out for army worms. These storms blow the moths up from the gulf coast and that's when we typically see them.

**Thanks,
Jeff**



Bartram Trail Ladies Twilight Clinic

October 16-19 6:00-7:00pm

Monday: Putting / Chipping

Tuesday: Pitching / 7-iron

Wednesday: Fairway and Hybrids

Thursday: Driver and Tee shots

Class is limited to ten Ladies

This clinic is geared to ALL SKILL LEVELS

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

Cost of the Ladies Twighlight Clinic: \$100



Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association

(BTSMGA)

The Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association was established in 2005 with the purpose of providing a regular, organized golf outing for Senior Men in a fun and relaxed format. It is a handicapped league allowing for golfers of all skill levels to be competitive.

The membership is open to all men ages 55-over. You are eligible to join on the 1st day of the month of your 55th birthday. We have over 110 members. Our oldest member played until age 92 and we have several golfers well into their mid-eighties who are still highly competitive.

The rules are fair and encourage a reasonably paced round as well as an ability to score without having one bad hole or one bad side ruin your entire day.

The Association plays on Tuesday mornings. The format includes both individual and team prizes. Teams are selected in two different ways with players being allowed to select their own teams or teams being picked by 'blind draw' on alternating Tuesday's. This allows for players to play with their buddies as well as meet new players.

Dues are reasonable and tournament fees are low. All money is returned to the membership in cash and prizes. Additionally, the Course allows us to play at a reduced rate on Tuesday's.

The Association also has an informal 'Dog Fight' on Wednesday's and Friday mornings which have become very popular.

All who have joined have found the membership to be friendly, welcoming and helpful. Our group of men have made us the best Senior Men's Association in the CSRA.

Interested in joining? You can contact Bob Prange (bprange01@yahoo.com) or simply come out any Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning, preferably prior to 7:45am so we can get you going.

**Register Now for the Bartram Trail Golf Club
Club Championships...October 22-23**



Matthew Barman



Robby Watson



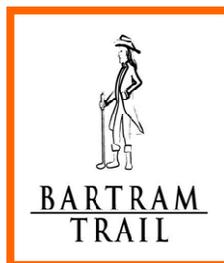
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Tip From The Pros

“Keep it Simple: Know Your Game”

By: Matthew Barman

Everyone has those rounds of golf where they say, “I should have played better.” Actually, I cannot recall the last person who said, “I hit it PERFECT and made everything I looked at!”, because that does not EVER happen. What about those rounds when you have a great game going only to start steering the ball away from the hole squandering a potential career round. All golfers have had that moment of internal insanity, making them want to SCREAM, CURSE, or TOSS A CLUB! Please remember that golf is just a game. Take a deep breath and relax. Moving on, let’s try to change the way we think about or approach the game. Keep it simple. Know and execute the shots that you are comfortable with. Why does simplifying perhaps the most complicated game make sense? Everyone is different in the forms of size, shape, strength and athleticism, coordination, etc...In fact, all these differences have led people to learn different ways to play golf. Some people fade the ball, while others draw the ball. Some people hit a high ball and others hit a lower ball flight. Some players are pickers, meaning that they sweep the ball off the grass blades, while others are diggers...removing real estate each time they hit. These differences transcend throughout the game. But the most important part of these differences is discerning which difference is yours. Once you find that difference, or way you want to play golf, OWN IT! Merely, I am stating, KNOW YOUR GAME. Know your parameters, and your potential; and play your way that is repeatable. If you have been executing shots that you are capable of, why change, keep stringing together shots! The golf course was designed to be played, not “thought” around. Don’t obsess with your score, perfection, or over-analyze shots during the round. Use more “feel” than thought to move the ball when playing. Again, keep it simple, repeatable and comfortable. I bet it may surprise you on what you already can do. Have you ever seen two swings that look identical? I sure haven’t.



Call the Bartram Trail Pro Shop to book a lesson

706-210-4681

Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association (BTMGA)

By: Russell Maddox, President

The BTMGA is very similar to the Senior Men's Golf Association, with a few differences. We have our 'Dog Fight' on Saturday mornings, with check in at 7:30am during Daylight Savings Time, and 8:30am during the fall and winter. We invite all men, regardless of age, to join our group and meet some great guys!

We play a points system that makes it fair for all skill levels and new members are always welcome!

I'm Russell Maddox, the BTMGA President, and the board is made up of eight members who volunteer their time to run the organization.

I would like to thank Jeff and his crew for the job they do in keeping our course in such tremendous shape. I think the course is in the best shape I have ever seen it this summer, and that's thanks to Jeff and his crew.

The BTMGA is proud to support Bartram Trail Golf Club and the work that we have helped fund on the 18th hole. It looks 100% better and we hope the members and public players recognize what we are trying to accomplish.

We would also like to thank Scott Todd, and his amazing staff, including Hannah, Sydney and Miranda, for the fabulous job they do in taking care of all the golfers that make their way through the Snack Bar. Their smiles and wonderful personalities are welcoming and appreciated!

We also would like to thank Robby and the Pro Shop staff. We are all looking forward to the new clubhouse. I have seen the plans and Robby has done a fantastic job laying out the new clubhouse and it's going to be something we can all be proud of. We would also like to thank all the BTMGA members for their participation in the Dog Fights as well as in our fun tournaments. We greatly appreciate your involvement in our group.

BTMGA members, don't forget about the Member/Member/Guest...or Two Man Invitational Tournament coming up on October 7&8, and the Club Championship coming up as well.

One thing we must all work on...please...is pace of play. I understand that everyone who plays golf has their own pace of play, and there is nothing wrong with this. Everyone has the right to enjoy their game whatever their pace is...until it effects the players behind them.

Please note that when you are out playing please pay attention to the group in front of you, AND the group behind you. If you see the group behind you is playing at a faster pace than you, and there is an open hole in front of you, please allow that group to play through you. This will make for a much more enjoyable round of golf for the group behind you, but also for your own group. Nobody will be pressuring you to speed up so you can still enjoy your round.

We would like to see our Dog Fight work on playing our rounds in about 4 hours and 15 minutes. One way to achieve that is to play 'ready golf'. Hit your shot when you get to your ball, and then go help your partners look for their ball. All of us can work on this, including myself, because I've been told I'm not the fastest player!

Thanks also to Lin Cliett. Lin keeps the books on Saturday mornings, and it's NOT EASY. Thank you, Lin. We appreciate the hard work you put in for all of us!