



Chip Shots

The Official Newsletter of Bartram Trail Golf Club

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ROBBY WATSON

What's Happening at Bartram Trail Golf Club ...From the Head Pro / GM September –October

Dear Bartram Trail Golf Club Members,

Well, it's that time of year again, when the weather gets absolutely perfect for golf! It also means that it's time for the Bartram Trail Club Championships, which will be held on October 22-23. Last year we had over 60 players, which is a great number. This year, I would love to see over 80 players enter.

We will have Championships for Men, Ladies, Seniors and Juniors. The entry fee will remain the same as last year, at \$75 per person, which includes two rounds of golf, Cart Fees, food, drinks and prizes. The winner of each flight will also win a month's dues.

The weather should be tremendous and you can be certain that Jeff Lloyd and his crew will have the course in fantastic shape. So I'm asking every member to sign up and enjoy your Club Championship along with your fellow golf members at Bartram Trail Golf Club.

I also want to give a shout out to the incredible staff at Bartram Trail, I think they do a wonderful job!

I would also like to ask all our members to help with maintaining the Golf Course, such as keeping carts away from tees and greens, and if you see trash please pick it up and dispose of it properly. I personally think we have one of the best golf courses in the state of Georgia. Let's continue to work together to keep it in top condition, both for play, and for the beauty and aesthetics.

I appreciate your support of Bartram Trail Golf Club.

Good Golfing,

Meet the Staff...Matthew Barman, Assistant Pro

By: Scott Skadan

Matthew Barman has a very special relationship with golf. Not only for his love of the game, but what it means to him personally.

Many of our members will undoubtedly remember the horrific car accident that involved members of the Greenbrier High School golf team in 2003 as they were nearing the entrance to Rocky Branch Golf Course in Appling on their way to a match against Lincoln County and Thomson. Two team members were killed, Daniel Hall and Shane Williams, while two survived, brothers Michael and Matthew Barman. Matthew's brother Michael was in critical condition and was near death as well. Michael has suffered two broken knees, nerve damage and internal injuries as well. He was in the hospital for two months. He had to teach himself to walk again. Miraculously, he returned to the Greenbrier golf team two long years later. Matthew was injured as well, and the paramedics felt that he may be the lone survivor of the accident. Now he has to cope with the memories of that horrible day.



Matthew Barman

"Every time I get to tee it up it reminds me of how lucky I am and I try to live each day to the fullest, while aspiring to be the best golf professional and person that I can be," said Matthew. "One of the most special golfing memories I have is watching my brother Michael hit a hole-in-one when he was just 9 years-old on #15 at Jones Creek."

Matthew of course recovered as well and went on to earn a B.A. in History from the University of Georgia in 2009, and his Masters of Public Administration from Augusta State University in 2011. Born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, his family moved to Augusta when he was just four years old.

An accomplished golfer, Matthew shot 34 on the front nine on Pinehurst #2, with a 42 on the back for a 76. He's also had three holes-in one himself! He was able to pass the Golf Professional Playing Ability Test on his first effort as well.

Matthew has game at Bartram Trail Golf Club as well, having shot 33 several times on 9 holes, with a low 18 score of 70.

Matthew has been a member of the Golf Staff at Bartram Trail Golf Club for a little over two years now and we are extremely fortunate to have him. Be sure to say a special hello to Matthew when you see him around the Pro Shop. It's truly a miracle he is with us today, and we are very glad, and fortunate, that he is.

From Scott Todd at "THE GRILLE"

Most of you have been asking for the Bartram Trail BBQ as of late. So get ready, its back! Starting the first of October we will try to keep it full time again during the Fall. Unfortunately, we had to quit selling it due to the large amounts of waste. Most people just wanted a cold sandwich. We look forward to feeding you again soon, but for now, enjoy these delicious devils.

SLOW COOKER PARTY SAUSAGES

Ingredients

- 2 (16 ounce) packages of Cocktail Sausages (lil' smokies)
- 1 cup BBQ Sauce (Sweet Baby Rays)
- ¾ cup Grape Jelly (Yeah I know, but trust me)

Directions

- Combine **bbq sauce** and **grape jelly** in a slow cooker.
- Add **cocktail sausages** and stir.
- Cook on low for 2 to 3 hours.
- ENJOY!!!!!!!



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TRAIL

Bartram Trail Golf Club

Member / Member Member/Guest Two-Man Tournament

The Bartram Trail Golf Club Member/Guest Member/Member Tournament was held recently at Bartram Trail Golf Club and it was an exciting tournament and shootout! A big thanks is due to Tournament Chairman Doug Coleman for an outstanding job with this tournament!

Twenty-four two-man teams competed in four six-team flights which were put together using the individual handicaps of each golfer by the tournament committee. The top two teams from each Flight, after round-robin play, moved on to the "Championship Shootout".

From Flight 1, the team of Owen Chivers and Gene Thomas led the way with 34.5 points, with Jeff Lloyd and Pete Hamilton finishing second with 26.5 points. In Flight 2, Mark Prater and Russell Maddox finished with 30.5 points, followed by Richard Felder and his teammate, David Insley, who came in with 28 points.

In Flight 3, The Bock Brothers, Neil and Kyle took first place with 31 points, while Jim Brendel and Duck Herron took second place with 28 points. In Flight 4, Jeff VanTassell and Peter Elliott came out on top with 32.5 points, with J. Hicks and Ron Piluso finishing second with 29.5 points.

These eight teams moved on to "The Shootout" playing alternate shot. Par advanced to the second hole, and bogey made it to a chip-off. After the chip-off, three teams were eliminated, leaving five teams to advance and play on. Maddox/Prater, Brendel/Herron, and Thomas/Chivers were eliminated.

On the second hole, Bock/Bock made birdie to advance. Felder/Insley and Hamilton/Lloyd made par to advance to the chip-off. Elliott /VanTassell were eliminated, as were Hicks/Piluso. Felder/Insley advanced to the third hole with a victory in the chip-off.

Felder/Insley won the final hole with a par on #3 to win the shootout! Great Stuff!!!

Congratulations to our Champions, Richard Felder and David Insley.

The image shows four scorecards from the tournament, arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each scorecard is titled '2 MAN CHAMP' and 'FLIGHT' followed by a number. The cards list the names of the two players on a team, their scores on each hole, and their total score. Some scores are circled in red.

Flight	Player 1	Player 2	Hole 1	Hole 2	Hole 3	Hole 4	Total	
Flight 1	WATSON, R.	HOOD, K.	6 1/2	6	5	5	25	
	LLOYD, J.	HAMILTON, P.	2	8	4	22	26.5	
	ALLEN, S.	COLEMAN, D.	3	3	5	7	24	
	TODD, S.	MULVHILL, P.	3	2	7	5	22	
	THOMAS, G.	CHIVERS, O.	1	5	7	6	34.5	
	LIGON, R.	LUQUIRE, B.	7	4	3	2	17	
	Flight 2	FELDER, R.	INSLEY, D.	2	5	6	3	28
		BORSETH, R.	GOBLE, R.	5	3	4	7	24.5
		KECK, J.	DEMYON, T.	6	4	4	5	24
		DELAGATTE, L.	MEYER, T.	4	6	6	3	23
MADDOX, R.		PRATER, M.	1	8	7	6	30.5	
TURNER, M.		BLACKBURN, N.	2	3	6	5	20	
Flight 3		MARTINO, T.	CULGIMART, J.	6	2	4	3	22.5
		SMITH, R.	STAUCCUP, C.	3	3	5	5	21.5
		WINTERBOER, R.	HUDSON, P.	4	8	4	6	27
		BRENDEL, J.	HERRON, D.	6	6	6	5	28
	BOCK, N.	BOCK, K.	6	7	6	7	31	
	LOGUIDICE, P.	BESS, B.	1	4	5	4	20	
	Flight 4	WORKMAN, M.	WORKMAN, B.	4	5	2	6	25.5
		ROBERTS, T.	HATFIELD, T.	3	3	3	3	15
		VAN TASSELL, J.	ELLIOTT, P.	6	7	7	5	32.5
		BENTLEY, B.	HART, T.	4	5	6	6	25
HICKS, J.		PILUSO, R.	6	7	5	4	29.5	
SCHULTZ, C.		LOWE, C.	6	3	4	4	20	

Superintendent's Corner... From Jeff Lloyd

*"...Working on removing Pine Trees
and drainage issues..."*

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

Over the next few months we will be removing a lot of pine trees from behind the 13th green, and also a mix of pine and hardwoods from behind the green on the 15th hole. This is to get as much sunlight on those greens as possible.

We'll also be fixing some drainage issues around the course on a number of holes (10, 14, 18 tee, etc...). Lastly, we'll be fixing pot holes and edges of the cart path.

Of course the Club Championship is set for October 22-23. We will have the course in optimum condition, no doubt!

For the Homeowner...

Be on the lookout for army worms and chinch bugs (St. Augustine lawns). It's getting close to time for pre-emerge for those winter weeds as well. Put it down between now and Thanksgiving depending on your choice of products.

You can also start to back down on your irrigation cycles soon in order not to over water your yards since the days will become cooler and shorter and the grass and plants don't use near as much water.

If I can help with any of your questions, please let me know!

Have a great time golfing at Bartram Trail!

Jeff



Jeff Lloyd



**The Practice Putting Green
is back open.**

**It has been enlarged and
will offer a number of new
pin locations. It looks and
rolls fantastic!**

**You will enjoy the look
and feel of the practice
green.**



ROBBY WATSON
HEAD PRO



**MATTHEW
BARMAN**
ASST. PRO

Tip From The Pros
“Tools for Better Putting”
&
“The Side Hill Lie”

A carpenter's chalk line is a great putting aid to have in your golf bag. The chalk-line is useful to help you with your alignment and stroke. Find a straight six to ten foot putt on a practice green. Snap a chalk-line from the hole back to your desired distance, Place the ball on the line and set up parallel to the line. This will give you immediate feedback on what is going wrong with your stroke.

If you have a side hill lie:

1. aim toward the high part of the hill as your ball will always favor the opposite direction.
2. Always take practice swings and pay attention to where the club sweeps the grass, that will determine the appropriate ball position for the lie.

Call Bartram Trail Pro Shop at 706-210-4681

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

Meet the Staff...Mark Custer, Pro Shop

By; Scott Skadan



Mark Custer

When you enter the Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop on most weekends you will most likely be met with a smile and warm welcome from Mark Custer. Mark has worked at the Bartam Trail Pro Shop for five years, and truly enjoys his time in the Pro Shop.

"I really wanted the chance to work with our golf pro Robby Watson and our assistant pro's. It also allows me to play more golf, but what I believe is the best part of my job is meeting our members, developing friendships and telling tales," said Custer.

Mark spends his work week as the Property Acquisition Manager for Columbia County Board of Commissioners. He attended Georgia State University and is certified in Negotiation, Relocation and Environmental disciplines through IRWA (International Right of Way Association).

Originally from Gallatin, TN, Mark is a HUGE UT Vols fan. Mark's best round at Bartam Trail Golf Club is an 80, and takes great pride having shot a 36 on the front nine.

"My favorite golfing experience has actually happened four times...I have played Augusta National four times...logging 216 holes, including the Par 3 course!!

When Mark has some free time he jumps on his Harley-Davidson Road King Custom and catches some wind, something he loves to do.



Meet the Staff...Scott Todd, Food & Beverage Director

By: Scott Skadan

Scott Todd joined Bartram Trail Golf Club in March of 2015, coming to us after previously working with Jekyll Harbor Marina, where he served as their General Manager. Scott has also worked with Golf Digest.

Growing up in Macon, Georgia, Scott was a tremendous golfer at a young age which led him to play college golf at Valdosta State, Central Alabama and Florida Southern, where he was an All-American and National Champion. His low round at Bartram Trail is a 65...yes, I said 65!

Something you may not know about Scott is that he won the 'Future Masters Tournament', which he feels is his greatest golfing accomplishment.

"The members of Bartram Trail Golf Club are tremendous, and without a doubt the very best part of my job," said Scott.

Scott has a fantastic sense of humor, as well as a great work ethic. Just watch the man work next time you are out at the club. Scott, and his staff, are eager to serve, and even more eager to please.

When not at work, Scott enjoys a nice cocktail, and spending time with his beautiful and talented wife.



Scott Todd

Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association – BTMGA

President, Russell Maddox

The Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association would like to say a huge "Thank You" to our Golf Course Superintendent, Jeff Lloyd and his staff for having the golf course in such tremendous shape. It makes our golfing experience very enjoyable and we can't thank you enough.

We would also like to give thanks to Scott Todd and the ladies behind the Snack Bar. They are doing a wonderful job and are always smiling and eager to serve and make everyone happy. They did a remarkable job during the recent Member-Guest Tournament as well, and all of our guests were extremely happy with everything they did for us.

Speaking of the Member-Guest Tournament, the BTMGA would like to thank Doug "Dude" Coleman for putting on another great tournament. We had a great turnout of teams and everyone that played enjoyed it. I hope even more members will participate next summer.

We have had some GREAT turnouts for our Saturday morning dogfights. Keep coming out, it's a lot more fun with a bunch of guys coming out to play.

The Bartram Trail Men's Golf Association would like to invite new members to join us for our Saturday morning Dogfight. It's a great way to meet your fellow members and not have to worry about having a tee time on Saturday mornings! Check in at the Pro Shop/Snack Bar by 7:30am on Saturday mornings, join the BTMGA, and we'll put you in a group and we'll tee off at 8:00am.

The Dogfight scoring is based on your handicap so it's a fair system for all golfers, of all skill levels. Based off of 36 points, you take your handicap away from 36. For example, if you are a 12 handicap, you will need to accumulate 24 points. Eagles are 6 points, birdies are 4 points, pars are 2 points, bogey's are 1 point. Anything over a bogey is 0 points. If you don't have an established handicap then we will lock you into +/- 3 points for the first 3 times you participate in the Dogfight to get an established points level going forward.

It's just \$15 to play in the Dogfight, and membership is just \$30 per year.

Join the BTMGA, it's a great way to sharpen your game, have fun and meet a great bunch of guys.

2016 Bartram Trail Club Championship coming October 22-23 Sign Up Now!!!

The 2016 Bartram Trail Club Championships will be held October 22-23 and you can register now in the Pro Shop.

Entry Fee is \$75 and includes two rounds of golf, cart fees, food, drinks and prizes. We will crown champions for Men, Women, Seniors and Juniors.

Sign Up Today!!!



Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association – BTSMGA

By Bob Prange

Good Things Come in Bunches!

One of the features of the Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association is an optional "Hole-in-One" pot. For players who care to participate there is a small fee to enter, and then each time you play an extra \$1.00 is collected and the pot continues to grow until someone gets an "Ace".

The entire pot is paid to the winner and then we start all over again. Usually every three or four months someone puts one in the jar. Only occasionally does the pot stay intact for over six months and when it does the rewards are always greater! The longest such streak began last November 30th when Carter Loftis knocked one in the cup on #17. And that was it through the rest of the winter, the busy golf days of spring, the dog days of summer and it wasn't until August 19th when Richard Felder broke the drought and followed Carter by Acing #17. Richard collected a tidy sum for that accomplishment, and it also started a flood of aces. The very next time we played, John Vigna fired to a tough pin on #13 on August 23rd for an Ace on August 23rd. But we weren't done yet. A scant two days later it was Rusty Minton's turn, this time on #5, putting it in the hole on August 26th. After having three holes-in-ones in four rounds you would think that would have been it, but you would be wrong! The very next round, it was David Hawkins turn as he helped his team in the Lauderdale Format when he planted one in the hole on #7. An amazing display of skill (and MAYBE a LITTLE luck) by the Senior Men putting together four Holes-in One in a span of five rounds after going practically 10 months without one! These guys are good!!!



Richard Felder

The Bartram Trail Senior Men's Golf Association is open to all Senior Men age 55 and over. Dues and Tournament fees are very reasonable. We play on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Friday's with various formats which include both Team and Individual prizes. The competition format and rules are informal, but fair, and encourage scoring and fun and allow golfers of all skill levels to compete.

We constantly adjust handicaps so the golfer who has a hard time breaking 100 has the same chance as a scratch golfer. Many people who have joined have remarked on the warmth and friendliness of the group. If you think you are interested or want to know more, contact me, Bob Prange at bprange01@yahoo.com, or all the Bartram Trail Pro Shop.

**Bartram Trail Golf Club
Pro Shop Special for September-October**



**All Sunglasses just
\$15.00**

**Bartram Trail Golf Club Pro Shop
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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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