



Sapelo Hammock Golf Club November Newsletter

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From the GM:

What a beautiful time of year on the coast! Those cooler mornings and seasonal temperatures make for the perfect recipe for all kinds of outdoor activities. The golf course is perfect and we invite you out to enjoy a day with us.

As we head into a busy holiday season, we hope that you will be able to join us for our November “Oyster Roast” and the “Prime Rib Feast” in December. For you golfers, our last event of the year is played this month...The **Keith Swindell/Harry Long Benefit Tournament**. As always, all proceeds will go to the *Morgan Chapel* food bank. If you haven't entered yet, please do as spots are filling up fast.

October was a busy month with some great events. Along with the Member-Guest and LGA Halloween Invitational, we hosted the USKids Savannah Tour and held our annual “Customer Appreciation Day”. Thanks to all who came out for our **“Soup & Salad”** night hosted by Peaches Thorp.

This month's social calendar includes our **“Toast to the Coast”** social hour on Friday, November 2nd from 5:00 - 7:30 pm and then on Friday, November 16th we invite you to join us for our Owner/Member **“Oyster Roast”**. More information will follow so please don't forget to call ahead and make your reservations if you plan to join us. You can always visit the clubs website sapelohammockgolfclub.com for the most up to date information on upcoming events.

Continued thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers and committees for their efforts in making our events run so smoothly. It takes everyone involved to make these so memorable.

In a continuing effort to better serve all of our patrons, please feel free to pass along your thoughts and opinions. Your input and ideas are what drives us to improve in all areas. My thanks again and I am privileged to serve as your General Manager & Director of Golf.

Fairways & Greens!

Jim Mancill, PGA
General Manager/Director of Golf

From the Course:

This month I would like to discuss the transition from the growing season to the winter months and the process involved in preparing the course for the upcoming cold weather. Not many things in turf grass can be done overnight, so planning ahead is important and changes are made gradually so that playing conditions can remain as consistent as possible.

Some courses in our area go to cart path only in the winter to avoid damage from traffic. We will not be doing that here at Sapelo Hammock, so other adjustments will be made instead. We will be raising the height of cut in the fairways to provide some additional cushion and protection from carts. One added benefit of this is that the ball will sit up a little from now until the time the turf goes dormant. It will be important that we obey cart rules and stay on the paths around the greens and tees. Try to avoid areas already worn as well.

The greens here at Sapelo are Champion bermudagrass. By definition, they will go dormant just like the fairways. Once they do, speeds will increase drastically. In order to keep them playable for this winter heights will be gradually increased as temperatures dictate. It is mandatory that our target height be reached by the time of the first frost. The greens need protection from the cold and freezing temperatures. On the positive side, we will enjoy faster greens this winter and into next spring. One negative to this process is that once we begin raising heights on the greens, warm weather days leading up to the consistently cold days of winter will slow the greens a little. Remember this is only temporary during this transition period. Once the greens go dormant we will be painting them to provide some winter color and they will be faster. The main concern will be to make sure they don't get too fast and become unfair.

We have completed our fall pre-emerge weed program and the entire course has been sprayed. Follow-up applications will take place in December. Although our budget prevents us from fertilizing course wide a second time this season, we were able to do the center line of tees and fairways only.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support and the positive comments my staff and I have received. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season this year.

Additionally, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at **678-570-1888** or by email at chankey@sapelohammockgolfclub.com.

Chris Hankey
Director of Golf Course Operations

Welcome New Members

Tom Neal

Darien, Georgia

Trent & Sharon Long

Townsend, Georgia

Andy & Marsha Rogers

Darien, Georgia

Paul & Beverly Kunkel

Townsend, Georgia

Sapelo News and Notes

Member - Guest

October 20 & 21



What a super two-day Member Guest! Low scores and in the end, a bunched leaderboard.

The team of *Ernie Backerman & Andrew Butterfield* never looked back after their opening round of 58 and won this year's championship by six shots with a score of 114.

Three teams tied at 120 which led to a match of cards to decide 2nd - 4th places. *Darryl Burgess & Steve Tyson* fired a second day 56 to finish 2nd over the teams of *John Wilsterman & Mike Salvatore* and 1st round co-leaders *Jordy Evans & Mike Burgess*.

Low gross winners were the father/son team of *Martin & Chad NeSmith*. What great weather for the tournament.

Thanks to all of our participants!

LGA Halloween Invitational

Tuesday, October 23



Our Flight Winners

A warm October day and just a touch of a late afternoon drizzle could not dampen the spirits of all of our ghosts & goblins for this year's festivities. And as always, the costumes were creative and fun.

Special thanks go out to the event organizer Janet Lewis and her staff for putting on another terrific event. Kudos to *Suzette NeSmith* and *Kitty Sikes* for their work on the clubhouse decorations and we can't forget to acknowledge the members of the MGA who volunteered for the day...especially our beverage cart/bartenders *Danny Sikes* and *Martin NeSmith!* Well done to all.

Hope you'll be back again next year!





Sunday, October 28

It was great to have the USKids Savannah Fall Tour back again this year. 47 players in age groups from 6 – 14 years old were treated to a beautiful fall afternoon.

The 18-hole divisions had 17 competitors while the 9-hole age divisions saw 30 players show their skills on the front 9. For complete results from the tournament, click on the link below.

<http://www.uskidsgolf.com/tournaments/local/find-tournament/500912/sapelo-hammock-golf-club>

These events help promote the game and provide local juniors with an organized series of tournaments where they can hone their golf skills and make friends for a lifetime. Thanks to all the players, parents, grandparents and supporters for helping make this event happen. See you next year!



Upcoming Events

Call to sign up now!

“A Toast to the Coast Social Hour”

Friday, November, 2nd

Owner/Member “Oyster Roast”

Friday, November 16th

Owner/Member “Prime Rib Holiday Feast”

Friday, November 30th

6th Annual

Keith Swindell - Harry Long

Benefit Golf Tournament

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Proceeds to benefit

Morgan's Chapel Community Food Bank

*Only a few spots remain. Get your team entered
and take part in this special event benefiting our community.*

2018 Upcoming Calendar of Events

November

“A Toast to the Coast” Social Hour (5:00 – 7:30pm).....	2 nd
MGA Ryder Cup.....	13 - 15
Spartina Garden Club (3:00 pm).....	14 th
Owner/Member “Oyster Roast”.....	16 th
6 th Annual Keith Swindell - Harry Long Benefit Tournament (9 am Shotgun).....	17 th
Owner/Member “Prime Rib Holiday Feast”.....	30 th

December

“A Toast to the Coast” Social Hour (5:00 – 7:30pm).....	5 th
Spartina Garden Club (11:30 am).....	12 th

“There’s Something Special About Sapelo”