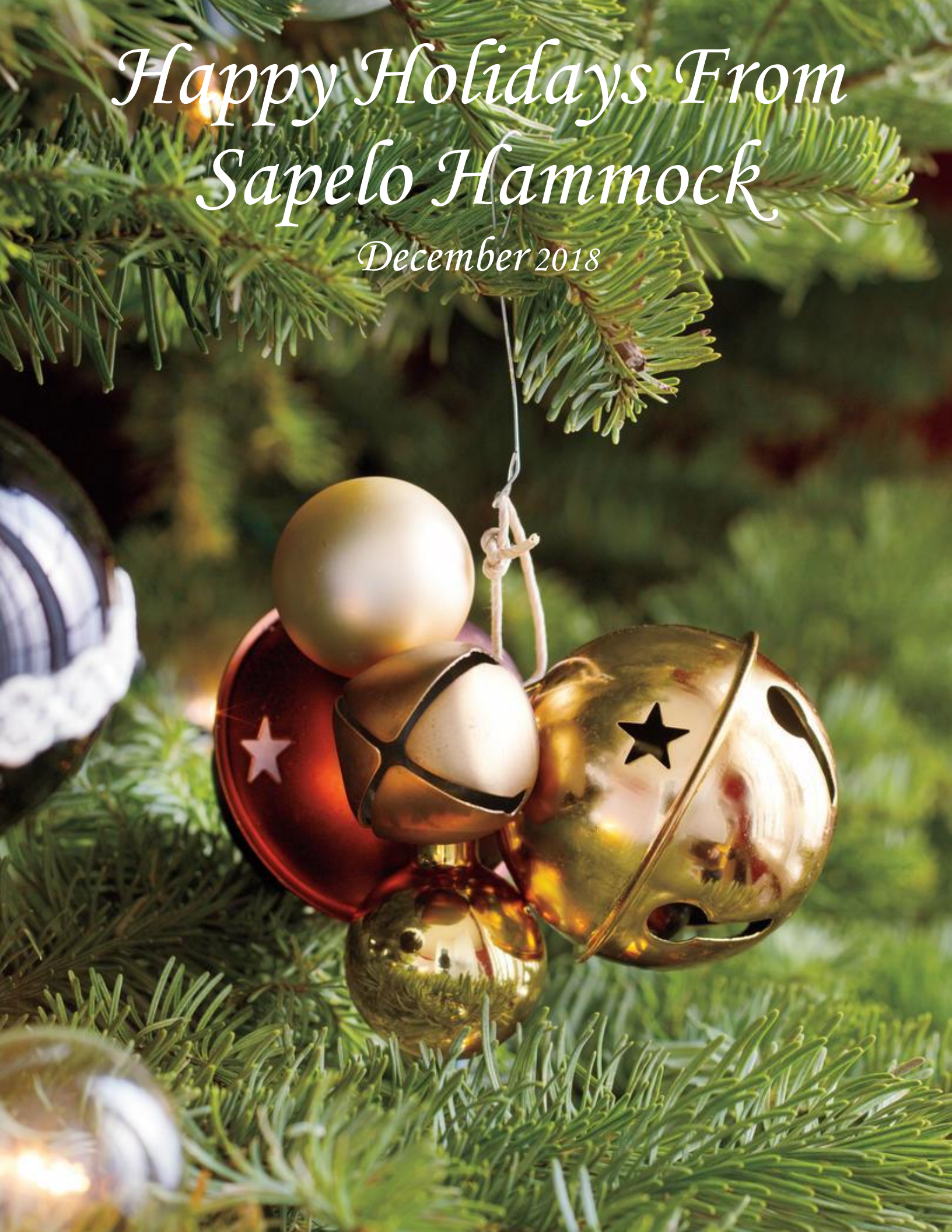


*Happy Holidays From
Sapelo Hammock*

December 2018



Sapelo Hammock Golf Club December Newsletter

1354 Marshview Drive NE · Shellman Bluff, GA 31331

From the GM:

What a beautiful fall season we are having. Extended warm weather has been a great benefit to the golf course and our conditions could not be better heading into winter. Another great job by Chris and his staff on our course! Thank you from all.

This fall was full of a number of events, from golf events to a full schedule of fun and festive social events culminating in our **Christmas Dinner** on November 30. Thanks to all who came out for our Prime Rib dinner catered by *The Magnolia Grill*. They have been a great partner for us and we are pleased that you enjoyed the evening. No better opportunity to make new friends and see those familiar faces.

For those of you have not been out to the club since the Thanksgiving holiday, our social committee has been busy decorating the club and it looks wonderful. Thank you to all our “elves” for your hard work.

With the success of our Owner/Member dinner program this year the social committee has been busy planning next year’s schedule with a nice variety of special events. Along with our **1st Friday Social Hours**, the 2019 monthly dinner schedule may be found on the clubs website sapelohammockgolfclub.com. We hope you will continue to support these events and invite your friends to join us as well.

As we get to end of 2018 a special thank you must go out to all our owners, members, committee members and volunteers who have continued to give so much towards the growth and success of the club. Without all of your commitment and passion, none of this would be possible. It is a privilege to serve as you General Manager and Director of Golf.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved one’s and may 2019 be a great New Year for all.

Jim Mancill, PGA

General Manager/Director of Golf

From the Course:

Winter is fast approaching and the course is already showing signs of change. November 15th is our average time of first frost for the area. As we move into December, the rough will be going dormant, followed by the tees, fairways and then finally the greens. The reason for this progression is directly related to the height of cut. The shorter the turf the easier it is for the sun to warm the soil directly and extend the period of active growth.

We will be raising the height of the fairways for the winter months to provide a cushion against cart damage and will lower them again as they green up next spring. We have also begun the process of adjusting greens height, raising them slightly. It is my intent to provide the best green speeds possible as we forecast how much to raise them and when. A close eye is kept on daily temperatures, as this dictates the process.

Most golfers say they enjoy fast greens, as do I, but keeping them playable and fair will be the priority. Once champion greens go dormant there will be a noted increase in speed and any adjustments must be made prior. Once they are dormant, usually in January, There is no going back because the turf has ceased to grow. The challenge is to regulate the speed leading up to dormancy.

Overall 2018 has been a good year for the course. The addition of new equipment has made a great impact on conditions and efficiency of maintenance. I want to thank everyone for their continued support and the encouragement my department receives. We look forward to another year and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you may reach me at chankey@sapelohammockgolfclub.com or 678-570-18888.

Chris Hankey
Director of Golf Course Operations

Welcome New Members

Tony Polero

Port Wentworth, Georgia

Randy Perry

Townsend, Georgia

Robert & Catherine Blake

Shellman Bluff, Georgia

Sapelo Happenings

Member Hole-in-One

Honor Roll

Danny Sikes



Hole 17

155 yds

6 - iron

November 5, 2018

Congratulations Danny
on your *third* ace on #17!

Keith Swindell/Harry Long Benefit Tournament

Saturday, November 17

Thanks to all who joined us for the 6th Annual Keith Swindell/Harry Long Benefit Golf Tournament with all proceeds going to benefit the Morgan's Chapel Community Food Bank. We thank you for your participation and gracious donations for such a good cause and to help us give back to our community in the names of Keith & Harry.

At the end of our day of fellowship and friendly competition, the team of *Michael & Jackson Godbee* finished on top of the field with a great score of 4 under par in the 3-format combined scoring.

A special thanks to all of our event sponsors and volunteers. A great day for a great cause. See you again next year!



2018 Tournament Winners



2018 Upcoming Calendar of Events

December

Owner/Member Annual Meeting.....	9 th
Spartina Garden Club (11:30 am).....	12 th

2019 Upcoming Calendar of Events

January

Owner/Member “Chili Cookoff”	19 th
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February

Owner/Member Valentine’s Dinner.....	14 th
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March

McIntosh Chamber Golf Tournament (9am Shotgun).....	9 th
Owner/Member “Italian Night”.....	15 th

“There’s Something Special About Sapelo”
at Shellman Bluff