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A Sapelo Hammock Golf Club Newsletter

April 2019



9th Hole • Par 5 • 542 yds

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1354 Marshview Drive NE · Shellman Bluff, GA 31331

From the GM:

Spring has definitely sprung! What a run we had in March with the great temperatures and sunshine. The golf course looks tremendous and thanks to Chris and his staff, the greens are putting as good as ever.

There have also been a number of upgrades and general improvements around the club and we must thank the continued support from our members and especially the owners group. Just to name a few the following projects are now completed...paving the parking lot, removal and re-landscaping the scoreboard area, new and refurbished signage on the course and around the clubhouse and just around the corner, a new fleet of carts.

Chris will certainly go into more detail on this but we can be sure that Spring must be right around the corner! That being said, April signals the start to a busy season and with it, the Masters. The blooming azaleas, the breeze blowing through the Loblolly Pines and the greatest players in the world create unmatched anticipation and excitement in the golf world each year.

Last month was a busy one as we hosted **The Chamber Golf Tournament**, the **SEGIA Seniors**, the **SwingThoughtTOUR** as well as the **Mr & Miz Shellman Bluff Contest** and our monthly Owner/Member dinner and First Friday Social Hour. Thank-you's must go out to all the planners and volunteers that make these events such a success. Hope you plan to make it out to the rescheduled "**Seafood Extravaganza**" on April 20th. If you haven't signed up and plan to attend, please call the club now to reserve a spot. We have a number of great events being planned for the spring and summer so visit the clubs website sapelohammockgolfclub.com for the most updated information. We look forward to seeing you out at our next event.

As I've said before, my door is always open and I welcome your thoughts, opinions and ideas. 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

A wooden bridge with a metal railing crosses a calm pond. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage, creating a serene golf course setting.

From the Course:

Spring is finally here and a new growing season is about to begin. All in all, this past winter was relatively mild and we only had three frost delays on the course. As with each spring, March and April are transition months for us as we move from dormancy to green-up.

Winter weeds begin to die and until the Bermuda grass starts growing, this process produces an uneven appearance. This usually lasts until the end of April, depending on temperatures of course. Bermuda grass will start actively growing when the night time temperatures are consistently above 60 degrees.

During this transition phase we lower heights of cut course wide. This does a couple of things. It keeps weeds down and shorter than normal, but it also can aide in speeding up the green-up of Bermuda by allowing soil temperatures to rise as the sun can more easily make it through the shorter grass canopy.

With the warmer temperatures, our scheduled fertilization will begin making the months of May and June typically good for the course both in color as well as the overall playing conditions. As temperatures increase, the Bermuda greens up, winter weeds wither and die, and we begin mowing at desired heights and finally catch back up to our normal playing conditions for the summer months.

This sums up our overall transition from winter to spring. Patience is the key as we weave through this annual process. No one likes to see less than perfect conditions, especially me, but we will do our best to put the best possible product out every day. Just remember, that the transition is temporary and as soon as we warm up, the course will respond as always.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered for work days. The bridge, cart paths, and parking lot all look great. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at **678-570-1888** or chankey@sapelohammockgolfclub.com .

Chris Hankey
Director of Golf Course Operations

Welcome New Members

Bill Cofer

Louisville, Kentucky

James Cramer & Debbie Kesler

Townsend, Georgia

Douglas & Karen Hansen

Townsend, Georgia

Matt & Mickie Sykes

Portal, Georgia

Betty Vaughn

Townsend, Georgia

Member Hole-in-One
Honor Roll

Candace Coburn



Hole 17

89 yds

9 - iron

February 21, 2019

**Congratulations Candace
on your ace on #17!**

20 McIntosh Chamber Golf Tournament 19



Saturday, March 9



2019 Champions



Thanks to all of this years participants and sponsors!



Sapelo Happenings

Mr & Miz Shellman Bluff Contest



Sunday, March 16



March 27 - 29



2019 Champion
Scott Wolfes

The SwingThoughtTOUR was back at Sapelo with their Spring swing and a 54 hole event that started with a chilly and breezy first round. As the temperatures warmed up, so did the scoring as two players shot 63's during the second and third rounds to make a push up the leaderboard.

Friday's final round came down to two players battling it out for the title. In the end, congratulations goes out to **Scott Wolfes** as he came from behind with birdies on 17 & 18 to nip **Matt Short** by one shot with a three day total of 14 under par 202 (68 - 68 - 66).

Upcoming Events

Sapelo Hammock Golf Academy

2019 Junior Summer Golf Camps



For Junior Golfers Ages 5 to 16

Session I: June 3 - 6 (Monday thru Thursday) 9:00am until noon

Session II: July 22 - 25 (Monday thru Thursday) 9:00am until noon

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Instruction Includes: Golf Etiquette, Rules of Golf, Sportsmanship, Putting, Chipping, Pitching, Full Swing, and more.

Cost is \$150/student, which includes: Golf Instruction, Drinks, Lunch, Awards.



For more information Contact:



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2019 Event Calendar

April

First Friday Social Hour	April 5
Owner/Member Seafood Extravaganza.....	April 20

May

SWGA	May 2
(9:00 am shotgun)	
First Friday Social Hour	May 3
McIntosh County Academy Senior Prom.....	May 4
CADDA Outing	May 10
(12:30 pm shotgun)	
Owner/Member "BBQ Dinner".....	May 17
McIntosh County Sheriffs Outing.....	May 18
(9 am shotgun)	
SEGA Seniors.....	May 20
NeSmith Chevrolet Couples Event Cocktail Party.....	May 31

June

NeSmith Chevrolet Couples Golf Tournament.....	June 1
(9 am shotgun)	
Junior Golf Camp I.....	June 3 ~ 6
First Friday Social Hour.....	June 7
Greens Aeration	June 10 ~ 13
Owner/Member "Mexican Night".....	June 21

July

Annual Sapelo Flag Tournament.....	July 4
First Friday Social Hour.....	July 5
Georgia State Golf Association Play Day.....	July 7
Owner/Member "Burger Night".....	July 20
Junior Golf Camp II.....	July 22 ~ 25

August

First Friday Social HourAugust 2
Owner/Member "Seafood Night"August 16
CLASPAugust 20
(9 am shotgun)

September

First Friday Social HourSeptember 6
Owner/Member "Bring Your Own Steak" Night.....September 20

October

First Friday Social Hour.....October 4
SNF Golf Outing.....October 5
LGA Halloween Invitational.....October 22

November

First Friday Social Hour.....November 1
Owner/Member "Oyster Roast".....November 15
7th Annual Keith Swindell ~ Harry Long Benefit Tournament.....November 16

December

First Friday Social Hour.....December 6
Owner/Member "Christmas Dinner".....December 19

"There's Something Special About Sapelo"
at Shellman Bluff