

### Sapelo Hammock Golf Club December Newsletter

1354 Marshview Drive NE · Shellman Bluff, GA 31331

#### From the GM:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone! We have had a very busy season. Sapelo Hammock has seen a record number of golfers this year. Great course conditions and weather have helped us achieve this record. Thanks to Chris and the maintenance staff for all their hard work. I would like to thank my staff, both inside and outside, for all their hard work. The Owners, board members, committee members and volunteers should be recognized for their hard work this year as well.

October specifically was very busy for the club. We hosted the Darien Art Association Masquerade Ball, Governors Cup, Member/Guest, and LGA Halloween Tournament. All events were well-attended and a great time was had by all. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who worked to make these events a success.

We recently added a new service to the club. Susan Walker joined us and we are now serving lunch and baked goods. If you haven't had her sandwiches or desserts, I urge you to come on out and join us for lunch one day. Her cakes, cheesecakes and other desserts are delicious.

In closing, I have been here for 6 months now and I can say without a doubt that this club feels like home. The members and owners are a great group of folks, and have welcomed me and my family into the Sapelo Hammock fold. There truly IS something special at Sapelo Hammock.

From my family to yours, I wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Christmas. I look forward to 2020 with great anticipation! It's going to be a great year!

Andy Brown PGA Member

General Manager/Director of Golf

#### From the Course:

Winter is fast approaching and the course is already showing signs of change. November 15<sup>th</sup> is our average time of first frost for the area. As we move into January, 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 2019 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 the new 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

Deborah Zabor Community Member Townsend, Georgia

Sandra Moore Community Member Townsend, Georgia

Bruce & Lorraine Goff Community Members Townsend, Georgia

Owen & Francine Corey
Community Members
Townsend, Georgia

Kurt & Andrea Rauscher Social Members Midway, Georgia

## SNF Tournament

10/5/19

We had another successful SNF charity outing. This year we had 87 golfers, the weather was beautiful, and everyone had a good time (and a great lunch)!

**First place team consisted of**: Sean Smith, Bobby Lafear, Jason Marks, and Ross Hundley



# Darien Art Association Masquerade Ball

10/19/19

We added a new event this year, the DAA Masquerade Ball. Over 125 people were in attendance! The band was tremendous, the food was delicious, and we are looking forward to hosting this event next year.



# Member/Guest

10/26/19-10/27/19

We had a successful Member/Guest this year, with 20 teams signed up to play. The cocktail party was fun, and everyone had a great day on the course.

First flight winners: Jay Taub and Ron Cohn Second flight winners: Hank Boardman and Chuck Bailey

**Third flight winners**: Jordy Evans and Mike Burgess



# LGA Halloween Tournament

10/29/19



"Spooky" Flight Winners: Janice Webb, Brenda Aytes
"Ghost" Flight Winners: Sandy Hires, Sharon Johnson
"Pumpkin" Flight Winners: Suzette NeSmith, Kitty Sikes
"Goblin" Flight Winners: Linda Mahoney, Jolly Goff



### Keith Swindell/Harry Long Benefit Tournament

11/23/19

Thanks to all who joined us for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

First place winners were Michael Godbee and Jackson Godbee.

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





## Santa Scramble

12/7/19

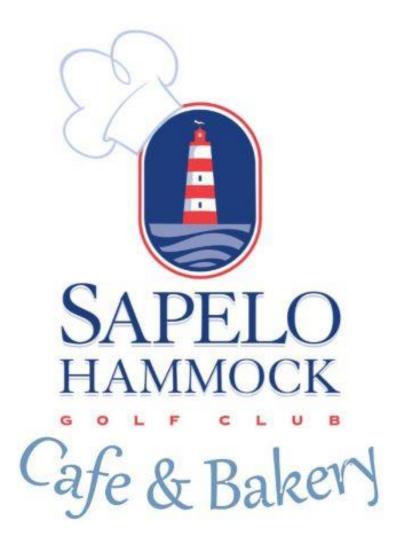
### Men's Flight

1<sup>st</sup> Place Gross Winners: Bob Cobb, Aaron Cathran 1<sup>st</sup> Place Net Winners: Stuart Newton, Jim Scully

### **Couples Flight**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Gross Winners: Mr. and Mrs. Fenske 1<sup>st</sup> Place Net Winners: Mr. and Mrs. Karras





Sapelo Hammock expanded its food and beverage service beginning in October. The full food and beverage menu is offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Express sandwiches are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. Occasional lunch specials are offered, and will be announced on our social media platforms. Along with our new food and beverage service, we also offer baked goods. All cakes, cheesecakes, and other sweets are baked by our cake chef, Susan Walker. The menus are available on our website, <a href="http://www.sapelohammockgolfclub.com">http://www.sapelohammockgolfclub.com</a>











### 2020 Upcoming Calendar of Events

## January

First Friday Social	
Event	3rd
Chili	
Cookoff	18 <sup>th</sup>

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