



Sapelo Hammock MGA Quarterly News Letter “Inside The Leather”

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Upcoming Dates

- Every Friday—Blitz 12:30 p.m.
- Ladies Clinics Begin every Monday at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday Blitz every Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
- Sunday Couples Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
- April 7th—Owner Member Mexican Fiesta Dinner Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- April 21st—Speakers Series Sip and Art 4:00-6:00 Cocktails and Sunsets 5:30 p.m.
- April 28th Cocktails and Sunsets 5:30 p.m.
- October 7th & 8th — Member/Member or Member Guest

MGA Member Highlights: Monroe Britt



Questions and answers with Monroe Britt: Favorite Song: Eagles—“Life in the Fast Lane” Favorite Meal: Pork Chops Favorite Car: 1957 Chevrolet Favorite Movie/Actor: Clint Eastwood “Every Which Way but Loose (1978)”

What year did you become a MGA member at Sapelo Hammock? “1995.” What is your lowest score round of all time? “77.” Your history before you retired and became a MGA member at Sapelo Hammock? “I worked with Coastal Electric EMC as an operations coordinator for 31 years.” Tell us about your family/children/grandchildren? “I have been married to my wife Christe for 45 years come April 7th. I have one son name Cameron who is 41 years old this year with one grand daughter named Miller and one grandson named Kir-

by.” What are some interesting/fascinating highlights about your life that members of the MGA might not know about you? “I had a double eagle on hole number 9 in 2004. I grew up near Tifton Georgia on a farm in a town called Sycamore Georgia. We farmed peanuts, cotton, and corn. I won the state championship one year for growing peanuts on small farm acreage. I spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy as a Radarman E5. My favorite hobbies are fishing, hunting, and golf. I also like to organize golf trips for the MGA.” What do you do in your spare time when you are not playing golf? “I do yard work and household chores.” Anything else you want to share about yourself? “I went through both the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal on an around the world cruise while in the Navy in 1965.” What is your most memorable moment as a golfer? “In 2022 I shot my age of 77.” What is your big-

gest piece of advice to MGA members who play at Sapelo Hammock? “Always enjoy every round with your MGA brothers regardless of what you shoot.” To Monroe: We at the MGA appreciate you and your friendship as a fellow MGA member and all



the time you spend planning and organizing our golf trips. Almost everyone in our group will attest to hitting a Monroe shot which is always pin high left or pin high right. Thank you Monroe Britt for always being an asset to the Sapelo Hammock MGA!



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USGA and R&A Propose new MLR

The USGA and The R&A have proposed a Model Local Rule (MLR) that gives competition organizers the option to require use of golf balls that are tested under modified launch conditions to address the impacts of hitting distance in golf.

The MLR is intended for use only in elite competitions and, if adopted, will have no impact on recreational golf.

The proposal notice was sent to golf equipment manufacturers on March 13, following the Equipment Rule-making Procedures established by the governing bodies in 2011. Manufacturers and golf stakeholders can provide feedback until Aug. 14, 2023. If adopted, the proposal would take effect on Jan 1, 2026.

Golf balls that conform to the MLR must not exceed the current Overall Distance Standard (ODS) limit of 317 yards (plus 3 yards tolerance) at modified Actual Launch Conditions (ALC) with a clubhead speed of 127 mph and based on a calibration setup of 11 degrees and 37 revolutions per second (2,220 rpm) as part of this proposal.

All other balls, including those typically used by recreational golfers with lower swing speeds, would continue to be tested using the existing ALC values (120 mph, and a calibration setup of 10 degrees and 42 revolutions per second – 2,520 rpm). The current ODS limit of 317 yards will remain unchanged and would be applied to both testing setups.

Golf Digest says:

The two most important skills in golf are chipping and putting, the combination of which is called a player's “short game.” The reason they are considered the most important is that the majority of shots taken during a round are from on or close to the green.

On this day in History, March 31, 2018

Tony Noles shoots a plus 6 and wins \$70.00, Lou Fuentes and James Larkin tie for second with



The Story of the Big TV

When I first came to Sapelo Hammock Golf Club in 2003 I discovered more than a great golf course and beautiful community. I also met great friends in the Mens Golf Association. I became a member and eventually President of the association. Back in 2014 I suggested we buy a big screen TV and mount it on the wall as a way of helping the club and that we could use it to display for our competitions. Brad Collins, long a staunch contributor to the club, said, “You get it and I’ll pay for it. So I found a great deal on eBay and a few days later, Fedex shows up in my driveway. The driver said to me, “Looks like somebody is getting a pair of big TV’s!” “What?” “Yeah, there’s two of them.” Sure enough they sent me two Visio HDTV’s by mistake. The Fedex guy asked, “Do you want to return one of them?” “Nope.” I said. I called the seller and he said, “Darn Fedex! That TV was supposed to go to Denver.” So he made me a good deal and I bought the 2nd one. Later JJ said, “Gee, I’d like to get one, too” So, when the Fedex driver unloaded JJ’s TV, he looked at me and said, “What is wrong with you?” I just smiled. Of course the TV became a favorite around the club and is enjoyed by everyone. In 2021, the original TV went on the blink and the MGA bought a bigger one. And the rest is history! JohnW