



**SAPELO**  
**HAMMOCK**  
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*“There’s Something Special About Sapelo”*  
*Sapelo Hammock Golf Club Newsletter*  
*Summer, 2022*



# *Summer Greetings to Sapelo Hammock Golf Club Owners, Members & Friends*

We are pleased to bring you our latest seasonal newsletter with current information about our golf club and our community at large. Along with the rest of the country, we experienced sweltering heat during mid-summer and you'll be reading about the course and weather conditions from our Course Director Chris Hankey. Scott Hare, our General Manager & Director of Golf, will report on the golf and social happenings at Sapelo Hammock. We are introducing a new feature titled "Letter from the President" where Ray Williams will give you his perspective as President of the Board of Managers of Shellman Bluff Acquisition, LLC, the owner of Sapelo Hammock Golf Club. Our second installment of "Owner Spotlight" features a member of our owners group-- a journalist and author, brainiac, stand up comic, raconteur and strong supporter of the Sapelo Hammock Men's Golf Association. Who might this be?

We will also highlight some very worthy charity golf tournaments that are coming up in the next several weeks, tell you about our 2022 summer golf camps for kids, provide you with information about past and upcoming social events and long range expanded social offerings - as well as other news that we hope you will find to be of interest. Your comments and feedback are always welcome. Write to us at [share@cornerstonegp.com](mailto:share@cornerstonegp.com)

# Letter from our President, Ray Williams

The Board of Managers is grateful to the Sapelo Hammock owners group (now 175 members strong) for your time volunteering and for your financial commitment that has allowed us to make so many improvements to the course and to the clubhouse. We are also grateful for all the members, both golf and social, for your contributions and participation in many events and activities of the Club.

Everyone knows how inflation is affecting our personal purchasing power, i.e., food costs, gas and diesel fuel, and everything we buy and use. Sapelo Hammock is experiencing these same cost increases and we hope you will understand when we have to charge more for a round of golf and more for food and beverages. For example, our cost for fertilizer for the course has doubled (\$14,000 vs \$7,000) for one application on the course, not to mention fuel to run all of the equipment that maintains the fairways, greens and roughs. All of these have increased for us just as they have for the products that you buy.

For owners of Shellman Bluff Acquisition LLC, if you are not a golf member or a social member, please consider joining to help us support the monthly costs of operating the Club. Your ownership through preferred shares and common shares give you equity ownership in the Club but unfortunately, they do not support the ongoing monthly costs to the Club for employees' salaries, equipment, utilities, cart lease expenses, etc. If you have recently questioned why you should pay monthly dues to be a social member since you are an owner, please understand that Cornerstone Golf Partners and your Board of Managers are doing everything possible to bring in more revenue and to hold down costs. However, despite all of these measures, the Club has still not been able to break even financially. Sapelo Hammock is a vital asset to our community and a major contributor to the value of our homes so we hope everyone connected with the Club will help us reach the point where we become financially stable. All owners and members can help keep Sapelo Hammock open and growing by inviting your friends and neighbors to attend a social event and or play a round of golf. Those individuals might find that they love the Club and golf course as much as we all do. We need everyone's help recruiting new members and owners.

Lastly, within our newsletter, you can read about some exciting new plans that we have for 2023 when we will begin our new educational program series as well as new non-golfing recreational events for our owners and members.

Thank you to all for your support and participation in Sapelo Hammock Golf Club!

Sincerely,

Ray Williams

President, Shellman Bluff Acquisition, LLC  
Board of Managers



## Report From Our General Manager/Director of Golf Scott Hare

The word for this summer is HOT! We have had some extremely hot days with heat indexes well over 100 degrees for several days. This dramatically affects play as golfers play in the morning and head for the AC in the afternoons. Our summer started off with a flurry of activity in May with weddings, Veteran Carriers Tournament and Sheriff Jessup's tournament, a visit from Hershel Walker and a farewell to Martha Huffman who is sorely missed. Graham Lewis hosted two great Junior Academy weeks with 56 juniors participating this summer. We had wonderful meals at the owner/member dinners hosted by Davis and Laurie Poole in July and Lou Fuentes and Mary Richards provided delicious BBQ at the Summer Solstice dinner in June. Jordy and Laura Evans' dinner August 19th was a big success and we are looking forward to other upcoming dinners and events. What a great time to be part of the Sapelo Hammock Golf Club!



The golf course is in great shape and we have plenty of opportunities to play with friends, whether in the Ladies Golf Association on Tuesdays, the MGA on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday or in the Friday Blitz or Sunday Couples. We offer something for everyone. We had a fun Putting Championship in June which happened to be won by guests who were staying in our Eagle's Nest condo for the weekend. With all that we have happening at the club, now is a great time to be a member. If you are not a member but would like to join, stop by the clubhouse and pick up an application. If you are a member, invite a friend to join. For each new member you sponsor you can get one month of free dues. Contact me at the club for more details. This fall should be a busy time at the club with new golf tournaments, wonderful parties and the most beautiful place to enjoy, why not be a part of all that we are doing at the club.

One last item but an important one. Thank you to all the owners and members who put so much time and effort into making Sapelo Hammock Golf Club such a special place. There is no way I could list everyone who puts in so much time and effort to help with these events. There is no possible way we could do what we do with the help of many people. I thank you for your hard work, your support and your desire to make Sapelo Hammock a great club!

Scott Hare, General Manager

# From The Course

**Report from Chris Hankey,  
Director of Course Operations**

What a summer it has been so far with excessive heat indexes and a severe drought. Thanks to our board of managers for approving a second fertilization this year as it has made all the difference in fighting off these extreme conditions.

Sapelo Hammock is heavily dependent on adequate rainfall for optimal conditions. When we receive it the course is lush and when we don't get abundant rain the course suffers and many "hot spots" appear. During the month of July we did get those afternoon storms and that pattern has thankfully continued in August.

The month of September will certainly be a busy one for the staff here at Sapelo Hammock. One last push will be underway to get as much recovery on the course as possible before cooler weather arrives. The golf course continues to respond to our program of spraying and fertilization. I am pleased with the progress we have achieved so far and the next few weeks will be critical to the condition of the course going into the fall season.

Herbicide applications for control of existing weeds in the fairways and tees have been completed for this year. The focus is now on regrowing any areas left bare by the removal. This process will take a number of weeks and as long as temperatures remain normal that goal will be achieved.

I look forward to fall and our upcoming tournament season. It's been a brutal summer this year. The course has held up well and is in good shape heading to fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 678-570-1888 or [chankey@cornerstonegp.com](mailto:chankey@cornerstonegp.com)



In this edition's "Owner Spotlight", we are pleased to bring you the very interesting life story of one of our owners and staunch supporters - John Wilsterman.

John and his wife Jean have owned property in our area since 2003 but both became involved in our golf club and community affairs immediately upon their move to Shellman Bluff in 2012.

John has served as President of the Sutherland Bluff Plantation HOA and as President of the Sapelo Hammock Men's Golf Association. The couple have two sons, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Originally from Tallmadge, Ohio (near Akron), John graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. While at Kent State, John was a direct witness to one of the most significant and well known events in recent American history---the Kent State demonstrations and the student killings by the Ohio National Guard in 1970. Most recently, John wrote a series of articles that appeared in our local newspaper, The Darien News, wherein he

gave detailed accounts of how the demonstration began and the aftermath - all from the perspective of someone who was in the midst of everything that occurred on that day.

John also wrote thoughtfully about the political climate and tensions that were part of the Vietnam war era----an era that many of our readers also lived through.

After college, a buddy urged John to move down to Atlanta, a city fast becoming a mecca for young, educated folks from all over the country. His career path in engineering took an unplanned arc as John connected with computer technology and later with IBM, where he worked in the area of mainframe and computer hardware until his retirement in 2006. Throughout his life, John had always had a passion for writing and his retirement years gave him the time and resources to fulfil his literary dreams. John is the author of three novels----Beneath Juliette, Next to Life Itself, and Harris Neck Dead, all of which have the just-right mixture of quirky characters, crime, twists and turns, local color and tinges of Southern Gothic. All of these books are available for purchase on Amazon.

John was also a prolific "Letters to the Editor" writer during his days in Atlanta and has written a number of newspaper and magazine articles about subjects far and wide. One of the more interesting ones to us local folks was a 2016 article in our hometown newspaper titled "How Did You Ever Find This Place?" wherein John told stories of how local folks found their retirement heaven in the magical and beautiful area around Shellman Bluff. Here's a link to the story:

[Shellman Story-Fall216.indd \(sapelohammockgolfclub.com\)](#)

John has always been very active in the Sapelo Hammock Men's Golf Association, which is now 62 members strong. During his tenure as President, John introduced updated technology to the group by developing score sheets, spreadsheets, and communication tools. The association is an integral part of our golf club and they have provided the manpower for several sweat equity projects around the course and, from time to time, they've funded various course improvement projects. John usually plays three times per week with his golfing buddies and is a well known figure around the clubhouse. As if his life was not filled to the brim with interesting things to pursue, John, along with several local friends, began having visions a few years ago that were similar to John Belushi and Dan Akroyd in The Blues Brothers. Remember "The Band! The Band!" ?

So a bunch of former teenage garage band guys got together and formed

the group Slackwater. John is the bass guitarist and musical historian for the group that mainly plays baby boomer rock and country favorites. You can read more about them at <https://slackwaterband.com>

Sapelo Hammock Golf Club and Shellman Bluff are so fortunate to have Club owners, members and supporters as interesting and accomplished as John. All of us continue to be amazed at the concentration of talented folks who've come to this little place at the end of the coastal road.

In the future, we will bring you more articles about members of our owners group and how their talents enrich our community in so many ways.

You can read more about John on his website at: <https://johnwilsterman.com>



# MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK !

You've heard us relate to you many times about the advantages of membership in the Sapelo Hammock family. Your social membership or golf membership not only is a vital piece to our day to day operations, but also includes invitations to all of our members-only social functions as well as charging privileges at our clubhouse. In our continuing efforts to give "value added" to your membership, we are excited to tell you about our plans for 2023 when we will introduce monthly events and programs that feature presenters such as local historians; writers and authors from our community; lectures or seminars involving health care, finances, wildlife and nature, and similar educational topics. We'll also have more non-golfing recreational opportunities like bingo, trivia and other fun activities. We hope that you will be as excited about this new initiative as we are----and we seek and welcome any ideas that you have that would be broadly interesting to a wide audience.

## But Wait ! There's More!

Beginning with the October Member Dinner - Dining Under The Stars, we will begin a new program. For ONE YEAR, for EACH & EVERY Club function you attend, your name will go into a drawing for **\$500 CASH!** So, the more you participate, the better your chances! This includes First Fridays, lectures, dinners, volunteering - you name it!



A Warm Sapelo Hammock Welcome To Our  
Newest Social and Golf Members:



**David and Cheryl O'Kelley**  
Social Membership

**Dax & Amber Williams**  
Social Membership

**Keith Lyons**  
Golf Membership

**Mike & Susan Hargroder**  
Social Membership

**Woog Roberson**  
Golf Membership

**Dorothy Coburn**  
Social Membership

**James Michael DeLoach**  
Golf Membership

**Arnold & Ellen Goldberg**  
Social Membership  
(in addition to Owners Group)

**Richard & Donna Lafreniere**  
Golf Membership &  
Owners Group

**John & Rose Anne Giles**  
Social Membership  
(in addition to Owners Group  
And Golf Membership)

**Jim & Jen Ferguson**  
Social Membership

**Ray & Carolyn Williams**  
Social Membership  
(in addition to Owners Group  
And Golf Membership)

**Welcome!**

# SAPELO HAMMOCK HOSTS 53 YOUNG GOLFERS AT SUMMER CAMP



The Sapelo Hammock Golf Academy recently conducted two summer camps with 53 youngsters from the ages of 5 to 17 attending. Each of the young golfers learned the basics of putting, chipping, the short and long game and the rules and etiquette of playing golf. For some this was their first time ever holding a golf club, while others had been playing for several years. Instruction for the camp attendees was provided by Graham Lewis, a United States Golf Teachers Federation Professional (USGTF); Mark Harman, a USGTF Master Professional and teacher at the PGA store in South Carolina; Ron Smith, the McIntosh Academy golf coach; Megan Shinske, a University of Florida golfer, and Walker Larkin, a Glynn Academy senior golfer. Each camp ran from Monday to Thursday and on the last day the kids played a 9 hole scramble and were accompanied by their parents, grandparents and friends who drove the carts. Here are some photos from the camp...



# Recent Events at Sapelo Hammock

Our biggest event of the year occurred on May 13th at Sapelo Hammock when more than 140 golfers gathered for a day of fun and camaraderie-----and, most importantly, to raise money for the TACP Foundation and family members of fallen servicemen. This was the second tournament hosted by Sapelo Hammock for "Truckin' For A Cause" and was spear-headed by Cliff White, a resident of Shellman Bluff, member of our owners group, and co-owner of Veteran Carriers of Savannah. The tournament brought in over \$100,000, more than doubling the amount raised in last year's tournament. Here's the photo album from that event: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Xyvf6THCSXFhdsDf8>

Many other tournaments and events were held since our last newsletter. To name a few.....U.S. Kids Tournament, Middle School Golf Match, Ladies Beginner Clinic, SEGIA Interclub Tournament, The River Cup, Sheriff Jessup Tournament, Coastal Community Health's Prescription Drug Seminar, Low Country Interclub Matches, various political and community meetings, and wonderful dinners sponsored by Laurie and Davis Poole and Mary Richards and Lou Fuentes. Laura and Jordy Evans also hosted a unique Asian Fusion Dinner on August 19th and you can take a look at the photo album here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/z2EgcxsLPDEQoZB66>

# Upcoming Events at Sapelo Hammock

We have THREE significant charity golf tournaments coming up in the next few months. These type tournaments align with Sapelo Hammock's commitment to being integrally tied into our community in far more ways than just golf. We hope that our members and players will come out to support these most worthy causes!

Saturday, September 10th: Annual One United Jeremiah Austin Golf Classic

Jeremiah and Sapelo Hammock have a very special relationship. Quoting from a 2021 article in The Darien News, Jeremiah said: "I so appreciate the great owners and members of Sapelo Hammock Golf Club. Sapelo Hammock is my home course and I have the honor of being coached by Mr. Graham Lewis. In addition to Mr. Graham, several people that are affiliated with the golf course are constantly encouraging me to keep practicing and they are always willing to help."

# ANNUAL ONE UNITED JEREMIAH AUSTIN GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday September 10, 2022

Registration 8:00 am

Tournament Start 10:00 am

Sapelo Hammock Golf Club

1354 Marshview Dr. Northwest  
Shellman Bluff, GA

Food truck, golf  
challenges,  
raffles, prizes  
and activities for  
the whole family!

**4 person  
scramble  
\$400 per team**

Registration, Sponsorships and  
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Richard Austin  
3365 Cypress Mill Road, Suite 6  
Brunswick, GA 31520  
912-297-8342

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Register, Sponsor, Donate  
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## *Annual One United Jeremiah Austin Benefit Golf Classic*

*Community Outreach Inc.*

*3365 Cypress Mill Road*

*Brunswick, Georgia 31520*

*Email: international\_cook@Yahoo.com*

*Phone number: 912 297-8342*

We are proud to present The One United Annual Jeremiah Austin Golf Classic. We are asking everyone to take part in making this a blessing. The purpose of the Annual Golf Classic is to invest in the life of a student/athlete that is a future college prospect, collegiate athlete, PGA Professional and Professional Golfer. The opportunity for Jeremiah Austin to advance in his golf career consists of training, traveling, playing in major tournaments, and other developmental requirements. The level of Jeremiah's future development will become possible with all of your prayers and support to continue with more advanced training and larger exposure opportunities. Partnering with us will help Jeremiah maximize his potential.

One United is a brand, vision and dream of Jeremiah. As he continued to participate in various tournaments and meeting new friends, he realized that golf is more than just a game, it has its own community. As he progressed and became friends with golfers from around the world, both young and old, he noticed all of the diversity. Jeremiah realized that everything is not about hatred and violence. There are people out here that are very nice and they truly care. He became friends with other young golfers with the same goals in pursuing their dreams. Jeremiah has a sincere desire in believing that his generation is going to be the generation that makes the difference in the world, not only through golf, but through business, careers, respect, honesty, and great character. One United stands for unity regardless of social and economic status, ethnicity, or nationality; Jeremiah has a mindset to make this world a better place.

We need your support and hope that you and or your company will provide sponsorship and support. Your donations will always be welcomed.

On Saturday, September 10, 2022 we will host The Annual One United Jeremiah Austin Golf Classic. The funds from this event will help with Jeremiah and other young golfers to pursue their dreams. This is just the beginning in our efforts to be a positive force in the community.

It is easy to be a sponsor. Just chose the sponsorship that's right for you. Use your phone to utilize our "QR CODE" or just click on the link below and go to the sponsorship tab to see the levels of sponsorships available.

Link <https://charitygolftoday.com/donate?e=4024&ce=62337c>



Thank you and we look forward to your support and if you have any questions regarding the tournament or our foundation, please contact me...

Richard Austin (President)  
Community Outreach Inc.  
EIN #36-5007740

FIRST ANNUAL  
**COASTAL**  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
**CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC**



- **Sapelo Hammock Golf Club**  
1354 Marshview Drive NE  
Shellman Bluff, GA 31331
- **\$125 per person or \$500 per foursome** - Includes green fee, cart, golfer gifts, breakfast, bag lunch, and prizes.
- **Sponsorships are also available.**

We are excited to be hosting our first annual charity golf classic. Our mission is to help ensure quality healthcare is accessible to all as well as help support our community's wonderful first responders. We are very proud to be starting this amazing tradition and we hope you will be a part of it. Show your support by playing in the tournament and/or becoming a sponsor.

**Together we can build a healthier, safer, and better community for all.**

**Friday, October 21, 2022**

Registration and Breakfast: 8:00 AM

Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

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For further details, including registration and sponsorships, please visit  
<https://coastalchs.org/golf-tournament-registration/>



Coastal Community Health ( <https://coastalchs.org> ) is a local, non-profit health care provider that plays an important role in our community. Their Shellman Bluff health center is located just a couple of miles from our golf course and they have other locations in Eulonia and Brunswick. Funds raised from its first annual charity golf tournament will help provide quality health care to anyone needing it, especially the underserved in our area, and will also benefit our dedicated first responders. Please come out and help us make the first charity golf tournament for Coastal Community Health a success!

A big Thank You goes to Lynn Lobit, a member of our owners group, for bringing this event to Sapelo Hammock. The flyer and the website link below will provide you with everything you need to know about the tournament: <https://coastalchs.org/golf-tournament-registration/>

Two area non-profit organizations, Bridgehaven Academy and SOAR have joined together to sponsor the Tournament for Success at our course. Both of them are quite extraordinary in their missions and the unique services they provide to their SOAR (Social Opportunities and Active Recreation, Inc.) at their website at <https://www.soargoldenisesles.org>.

Bridgehaven Academy was founded by Lynn Yeager, who along with her husband Tim, are members of the Sapelo Hammock family of owners. Their teenage son, Jacob, is autistic and recently "found his voice" via modern technology (Supported Typing). Because of his strong faith, Jacob wants to become a minister and one his first communications was his testimony about his faith. You can read all about Bridgehaven Academy along with Jacob's story at their website <https://bridgehavenacademy.org/about>.

We also extend a special note of appreciation to Ellen Goldberg, a member of our owners group, for connecting with this group and bringing the event to Sapelo Hammock. Additional information about the tournament and sponsorship packages can be found here:



The poster features a central image of a golf club and ball on a green field. At the top is a logo of a golfer in a shield. Below it, the text reads 'TOURNAMENT FORE SUCCESS' and '2022' in a large green brushstroke. To the left are logos for 'TOGETHER We SOAR' and 'BridgeHaven ACADEMY'. In the center, a text box says 'PLEASE ASSIST SOAR AND BRIDGEHAVEN IN PROVIDING SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS BENEFITTING YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.' At the bottom, the venue 'Sapelo Hammock Golf Club' and address '1352 Marshview Dr NE, Shellman Bluff, GA 31331' are listed. Registration details include '8AM Registration / Breakfast', '9AM Shotgun Start', '2nd Nov 2022 WEDNESDAY', and 'REGISTRATION \$125 Individual / \$500 Team of 4'. A call to action at the bottom says 'REGISTER TO PLAY OR SIGN UP TO BE A SPONSOR: tinyurl.com/tournamentforesuccess2022'.

**TOURNAMENT**  
FORE SUCCESS

**2022**

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We SOAR

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# Other Coming Events At Sapelo Hammock

**Coastal Ladies Golf Association: August 25th at 9:00 AM Shotgun**

**US Kids: September 11th**

**Owner/Member Dinner: September Salads September 16th**

**Coastal Georgia Buccaneers Tournament: September 24th**

**Sunday Couples: September 25th**

**Georgia PGA Senior Division/Sapelo Hammock Senior**

**Classic: September 26th and 27th**

**Sapelo Hammock Member/Guest Tournament: October 1st**

**Under Armour Junior Tournament: October 9th**

**Owner/Member Dinner: Dinner Under the Stars ---**

**Featuring Al Fresco Dining, Dancing, Auction, October 15th**

**LGA Halloween Tournament: October 25th**

**McIntosh Art Association Dinner: October 29th**

**Owner/Member Dinner: Pizza Night**

**Hosted by Joe & Terri Monaco, November 11th**

**Chamber of Commerce Auction: November 17th**

**Swindell--Long Memorial Tournament: November 19th**

**Miller-Haymans Beautification Tournament: December 10th**



# Put A Face To The Name

*These are the smiling faces that greet you when you visit our clubhouse and grill.*



Evin Jackson



Missy Lightfoot



Christina Moore



Christy Thiel



Alex Fields

# The Eagles Nest Stay & Play Packages, Vacation Rental, Business Meetings



Help us spread the news about the beautiful Eagle's Nest condo that we have available for rental. The completely refurbished two bedroom residence above our clubhouse is available for stay and play packages, lodging for your friends and visitors, and for your meetings or small get togethers. For further information and more photos, go to

<https://www.sapelohammockgolfclub.com/eagles-nest/>



# Update on Our Current Stock Offering

Our current and final preferred stock offering still has \$186,000 in remaining shares to reach our goal of \$750,000. This offering will expire on December 31st of this year so we are in the final stretches of this campaign. Keep in mind the benefits of ownership: access to our cart paths for you and your family; discounted rentals at our Eagle's Nest condominium; equity ownership and dividends if the club is sold to an outside entity at some future date; and leverage in selling your home by offering your shares as part of your package. To become a new member of the Sape-lo Hammock family of owners or to purchase additional shares, please contact Rose Anne Giles at [raggiles@aol.com](mailto:raggiles@aol.com)



# Not Yet a Member?



**SAPELO  
HAMMOCK**  
GOLF CLUB

*Social Memberships Available*

## Join Up and Join In!

- Access to **ALL** exclusive Member / Owner functions - at least 2 per month
- Meet and enjoy members of our community
- Charge account for golf, food and functions
- \$31.25 per month or \$375 per year - your choice of billing
- Please help support this important linchpin of our community

***Sign up today by calling 912-832-4653 or stop by the Clubhouse***





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