

Sapelo Hammock Hosts Record Breaking Golf Tournament----All For A Good Cause

By Bob Claxton

Sapelo Hammock Golf Club in Shellman Bluff recently set records on two counts----the largest number of players in any one tournament and the largest sum of money collected in a fundraiser at the course. On April 23, the club hosted the second annual "Trucking For A Cause" tournament in support of the TACP Foundation and the families of fallen service heroes. A total of 144 players participated in the event which was capped off in the afternoon by a high spirited live auction that contributed heavily to the total

funds raised---\$51,120.

TACP is the military acronym for Tactical Air Control Party. As members of the Air Force Special Warfare, TACP specialists imbed with Army and Marine units on the front-line with the responsibility of calling in air strikes on the right target at just the right time. The TACP Foundation was established to serve the TACP, community by memorializing the fallen, inspiring young TACPs, and providing support for the families that have lost a TACP due to combat or training. More information about the TACP Foundation can

be found at <http://tacfoundation.org>

Cliff White, a Shellman Bluff resident and member of the Sapelo Hammock owners group, was the key figure in bringing the tournament to the club. Cliff is a co-owner and President of Veteran Carriers, a trucking firm in Savannah----and hence, the tourney name "Trucking For A Cause". Cliff served as a TACP and was deployed multiple times during his career. He personally knows many family members who have lost loved ones in global conflicts----the source of his very special interest and



Cliff White of Shellman Bluff addresses the 144 players in the "Trucking for a Cause" tournament played recently at Sapelo Hammock Golf Club.

dedication to the TACP Foundation.

The day began with opening ceremonies where Cliff welcomed the players and thanked them for supporting the tournament. In attendance were four family members of fallen TACPs----the daughters (Lillian and Alorah) and widow (Sarah) of A1C Raymond Lasano, along with the daughter (Lauren) of SSG Brian Daly. Later, TACP Foundation President Marcus Mader spoke to the crowd and made special presentations to the families.

The event was met with stunningly good weather, with temps in the low 70s and a gentle breeze. The scramble format tourney lasted almost six hours and was followed by the live auction. The tone of the bidding was set early on as one enthusiastic participant bid \$2,500 for a cake----yes, a single cake. Next up was a hand stitched quilt bearing the TACP insignia that brought a winning bid of \$5,000. The bidding continued in that manner until all items were sold and the total climbed to \$51,120.

The tournament winners were the team of Chad NeSmith, Dan Shalunga, Ryan Robertson, and Brandon Simmons. The second and third



Marcus Mader, left, presents a check to Lillian Lasano, daughter of A1C Raymond Lasano, a fallen member of the Tactical Air Control Party.

place teams consisted of Noah Allen, Dylan Peterson, Willie Pusakis and Damien Shields.....and Johnny Myrick, Paul Otto, Keith Hendrix and Virgil Edwards.

All in all, the event was a demonstration of various groups coming together for a wonderful cause----Cliff White and Cliff Horton of Veteran

Carriers, TACP Foundation members, and the owners and members of Sapelo Hammock who volunteered their time and services to make the tournament a big success. The golf club is extremely proud of the role they play in supporting the community and their role in hosting charitable events such as this.

Going Green

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SolarWalk coordinates the development of the project on the behalf of the school system and then sells it to an independent power provider, in this case it would be Georgia Power. The school system doesn't pay to construct or maintain the panels, and the school system saves money while utilizing a renewable energy source. The power generated from SolarWalk costs less than rates charged by the power company. The energy produced off the panels will go to the power grid. It is not going to use batteries or back-up generators.

This is a 20-year contract. The warranty on the panels is 25 years, and the panels have a lifetime expectancy of 40-plus years.

Dr. Pulos said, "I would love to go green. We have to make sure we have gone the extra mile. It is no cost to use and offers the potential to save. Even if we save \$10, it is still a savings." Brigman asked, "Over these 20 years, we will not have to have any out of pocket expenses?" Whittle answered, "We

Mr. Massa discussed changes for the relocation of the Pre-K classes at Todd-Grant. This year parents had to drop off students at the gym and the students were walked back to the classes. The new proposal is for the classes to be moved to the far right end of the building, where there is an entrance and a separate parking lot that will be more convenient for parents to bring their children. A covered walkway will be added. "The change will provide more safety and less congestion," Massa explained.

The financial report summary for the month ending April 30 is as follows:

General Operating Account: beginning balance, \$4.85 million; total receipts, \$1.19 million; total disbursements, \$2 million; balance: \$3.99 million.

General Fund: fiscal year is 83.33% complete; revenues through 4/30, \$12.2 million; 85.11% of FY21 budgeted revenues of \$14.2 million; expenditures through 4/30, \$10.6

elementary teacher, Todd-Grant, effective July 30; Stacey Davis, Elementary teacher, Todd-Grant, effective July 30; Anjanette Stewart, Business Education teacher, MCA, effective July 30; and Rebecca Weikel, Reading teacher, MCMS, effective July 30.

Certified resignations: Margaret Straughan, Elementary teacher, Todd-Grant, effective May 28; and Leah Brown, Elementary teacher, Todd-Grant, effective May 28

Classified new hires: Bradley Larremore, Maintenance worker, effective May 24; Cindy Monroe, paraprofessional, Todd-Grant, effective July 30; Nikki Toler, Special Education paraprofessional, MCA, effective July 30; Ronnie Anglin, paraprofessional, Todd-Grant, effective July 30; Shelby O'Neill, Special Education paraprofessional, MCA, effective July 30; and Troy Spannuth, paraprofessional, MCMS, effective July 30.

Classified retirement: Rosa Brennon, Bus Driver, effective May 28.

Classified resignation: Justin Mixon, Maintenance worker, effective May 17.

"I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

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