



# High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

April 2016

## *A Word From The President*

The 2016 budget has been reviewed and approved. Our Operating Budget, Capital Funds, Emergency Funds and Road Reserves continue to keep us in a sound financial position.

We are excited about the upcoming spring and summer season for our Members. All of your board members and their committees have been working hard to make this the best year ever.

We are fortunate to have a terrific staff that wants our Members to have a fun filled season that will add to the treasured memories that we all share with our High Meadows friends.

You are going to see a number of improvements to our Clubhouse, Kitchen, Golf Course and Grounds that will enhance all of our facilities. The work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

It is important that we never lose sight of what has made High Meadows exceptional and that is the close Camaraderie that we share with all our Members. It has been said that the happiness in our life depends on the quality of our thoughts. When you think positive, positive things happen. All of us need to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. Tim McGraw has a new song that reminds us to always be Humble and Kind. When I think of the people at High Meadows, I think of people that are always Humble and Kind.

Let's make this a year, one that we all come together and build on the values that have made High Meadows such a special place to be. Your Board, their Committees and our fantastic Staff are looking forward to serving you this season.

We look forward to seeing you on the Mountain.

All the Best,  
Brad

## *Welcome New Members*

Kate Johnson - Dining Member  
Garland Tucker - Dining Member

## *General Managers Message*

Your club is getting into full swing for spring! We have started to hire our teams for the 2016 season, we are mowing and weed eating throughout the neighborhood, making last minute adjustments and repairs on equipment, new sod has been ordered to fix some rough spots from the winter and we have been touching up those areas that were left over from last year. We have completed the face lift on the club house, draperies will be up by June and we are ready for a wonderful season. Now we ask all of our neighbors to do the same! As we drive along the roads we see areas that have not been cleaned for some time, broken fences and homes that need some basic TLC. With a little general clean-up and some minor repairs, we'll have the best looking community on the mountain!

In the spirit of sprucing up for spring, we have been working with the Food & Beverage team to make positive changes for 2016. You will see this in our menus and a renewed commitment to quality and sanitization. Nicole and her team have made great strides in every area! We have 3 Serve Safe certified staff members and our team is working hard to fix all the problems from the past and insure that your operation is safe and ready for business. Thanks to the commitment from your Board of Directors we will have some new equipment to help us do an even better job! This is going to be a great year and we will need all of your help to make it even better. Please remember that we are here to serve you! Plan your next party at the club or join us weekly for a meal out, those small efforts make your club stronger!

Your club is amazing but, you have to experience all it has to offer to see its true value! We will be working across the entire golf course this spring to raise the bar. We will be aggressive on all of the greens, to deliver the healthier course deserve.

Call Todd, Tim or Sam today, arrange a tee time to show your friends why you're so proud to be a member of High Meadows!

Please note The Grille is now open weekends as listed in your directory. We are evaluating being open later hours for those members and friends who want to play a late round or just want a casual burger & beer without getting dressed up for the dining room. Watch for more info later.

We are all working hard to make your club the best it can

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## *Pros Corner*

### Notes from the Pro!

As we approach the golf season beginning in May, we will continue to offer the Play with the Pros program. This program will be for nine holes and target new golfers or even those interested in getting back into the game with fun, fellowship and learning foremost. We will offer this program on Fridays beginning at 3:00pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway and you may obtain additional information in the Golf Shop.

### Buyers Club

We will again be offering the Golf Shop Buyers Club in 2016. The buyers Club has an initial Buy-In of \$150.00 and the program runs from May 1, 2016 thru April 30, 2017. The program will allow members to purchase any merchandise thru the golf Shop at cost plus 15%. Below are a few examples:

Titleist Driver: - Reg. Price \$449.00.....Buyers Club  
\$365.00

Foot Joy Shirt - Reg. Price \$80.00.....Buyers Club  
\$49.50

Foot Joy LoPro Golf Shoes - Reg. Price \$109.00....Buyers Club  
\$88.50

### Tip of The Month!

#### **"Anchoring of Putter"**

Rule 14-1b prohibits anchoring a club when making a stroke, which took effect on January 1, 2016. Please see the brochures posted in the hallway outside the Golf Shop or inquire with the staff if you need additional information.

The Golf Shop Staff!

## *MGA News*

Spring has sprung and pollen is in the air. That means we are ready to get golf in full swing. We have a lot of events planned for the year and hope to have good participation. The first big event is the MGA Kick Off. This is a great event that you will not want to miss. It will be held May 20, 21 and 22. An entry form and tournament details will be mailed out mid-April. You will want to get your entry in as soon as possible as this event fills up fast. This is a match play tournament.

We will be having the Co-Ed points chase each Saturday until the first week of May. You need to call the Pro Shop by 5pm on Friday of each week to sign-up. Beginning the second week in May we have the regular men's points chase through the end of the season every Saturday unless there is a Club event planned.

Remember the Lee Howell trophy will be presented at the year-end Kick-Out Tournament to the member that is the best to target during the year. You need to play at least ten times to be eligible. The points chase is a great way to get a game on Saturday and play with other members as well. We meet in the Men's Locker Room each week after play to draw for partners.

Here's to a great year.

Tommy Thompson  
MGA

## *Around the Meadow*

Dear Members,

As April approaches, your golf course maintenance staff will be in full swing. The golf course seems to be coming in well from the winter with just a few damaged areas that we are addressing. On April 4th through the 8th the staff will begin the greens aerification combined with deep tinning and dryjecting. Dryjecting is a process in which a hand driven machine uses a high power injection to shoot sand into the green profile. This will help drain the greens of water much faster than we have before and it will also give the root system a much need boost. I am very excited that we are doing this process here at High Meadows and I believe that this is a good first step toward protecting your greens for the future.

Also as the month goes on your staff will be tackling the ditch on hole number 6. Our goal is to soften the slope and make that area of the fairway much more player friendly.

I hope to see you all very soon on the golf course and should you have any questions please stop me and ask. Once again I am looking forward to a great year and I hope to see all of you very soon around the course.

Nathan Biggs  
Golf Course Superintendent

## *The Social Scene*

Spring is lovely in High Meadows! The golf and social season is getting close! We hope you will join us for the Spring Member-Member Golf and Social Event June 4 & 5. It's two days of golf with a beach party themed dinner dance in between! We have scheduled a great band and will repeat the popular low country boil from last year. You can come dressed in your favorite beach wear (No swimsuits, please!). See the flyer in this edition of the Hummer for more information. Call the Pro Shop to sign-up for golf. Non-golfers who want to participate in the social events can call Donna for reservations. See you at the beach party!

Pat Green  
Social Committee Chair

## *Ladies News & Notes*

Ladies, our first event is coming up on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Our golf will kick off at 9:00 with a Captain's Choice format so all should be comfortable signing up. Lunch and our opening meeting will follow immediately after golf. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside the Pro Shop. We will have a "Meet and Greet" on Friday evening May 13 from 5:00 until 6:30 at Janet's home, 114 Chestnut Ridge Lane. Come by even if you cannot join on Saturday. If you are new to High Meadows, or to golf, or simply would like to be a social member with us, it is never too late to join! Feel free to contact Donna in the office or Janet Knott at [jcknott@nc.rr.com](mailto:jcknott@nc.rr.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Janet Knott, President  
Peggy Cooper  
Cindy Lee Middleton  
Dian Ramey,

## *From The Membership Committee*

Your membership committee (Kim Brown, Lou Garner, Maggie Styers, Ricky Shore, Dave Green and myself) is excited about the coming season on the mountain. We have proposed, and the Board has approved, the 2016 membership plan, "Discover High Meadows", to assist you in attracting new members to our club.

The initiation fee has been reduced to \$7,500. The "\$2,016 for 2016" dues package is a great deal, and includes a waiver of the food and beverage minimum. Look for our ads this summer in "Triad Golf Today". The member referral incentives (\$1,500 Golf, \$750 Social) remain in place. We look forward to promotional events featuring our touring pro, Laura Diaz.

We want to reaffirm that you are the most important players in this effort. Invite your friends, your community groups, or your co-workers to enjoy a day or weekend on the mountain. Bring a new face to Member-Guest. The club is facing many challenges, but most will fade away with an influx of new members. Please contact any of the committee members if you have questions or suggestions.

Paul C. Perlik  
Membership Chair

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be, come enjoy the efforts!

We could use your help to find new Members! All 70 Dining Memberships are full and we have a waiting list, but we have plenty of Golfing Memberships, so tell your friends that we will take their application to join anytime! They're going to want to take advantage of the new 2016 membership offers available soon; see the Membership Committee highlights in this Hummer! Please find a complete list of all committee & board members available in your new directory. Help them help us move forward in 2016!

Check the calendars in your new directory to see what we are up to at your club. Have you made your reservations for April and started saving dates for May? Are you ready for **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** with our first performer, Caroline Beverley, a folksy local singer-songwriter on Friday, April 8? The second Friday of each month we'll feature live music from a variety of singer-songwriters! Reservations are filling up for the first Wine dinner on Saturday, April 23! Join us for Bingo on Saturday, April 30, put on your fanciest hat to win a prize and saddle up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kentucky Derby party Saturday, May 7! Don't miss another great party or the

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## *Out & About - Local Happenings*

### ALLEGHANY COUNTY

#### **Crouse House Pickers**

**Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25 - 6pm – Open to the public**

Local musicians perform live bluegrass and old time mountain music in an informal setting.

Crouse Park; 60 Cherry Street; Sparta; 372-5473

#### **Every Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday**

**Alleghany Jubilee; 25 N. Main Street; Sparta; 336-657-1441**

Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm.

Tuesdays: Admission \$5.00

Ernest and the Rise & Shine Band;

Saturdays - \$6.00 per person

Saturday, April 2 – Katie and the Bubbatones

Saturday, April 9 – Mountain Park Old Time Band

Saturday, April 16 – Back Water

Saturday, April 23 – Buck Mountain Band

Saturday, April 30 – Mountain Park Old Time Band

Mondays - April 4, 11, 18, 25 - Line Dancing classes. 6-8pm.

#### **Mountain Soul Concert featuring Eliza Gilkyson**

**Friday, April 15, - 6:30pm – Open to the public.**

Well-known in Folk, Roots & Americana circles, this 2-time Grammy nominated singer/songwriter makes her first visit to Sparta.

**Christ Episcopal Church; 2543 US Hwy 21 S; Sparta; 372-5473**

#### **James and the Giant Peach**

**Thursday, April 7 – 7pm - Admission \$5. Kids under 12, Free**

The University of North Carolina-Greensboro Theatre for Young People performs at **Sparta School Auditorium.**

122 N. Main Street; Sparta; 372-4345.

#### **Cutting Tangles, Webs, or Vines – Ages 16-Adult**

**Studio Redwood – Deb Donaldson, Artist Instructor**

**Saturday, April 9, 10-noon \$30. per student – Supplies Furnished**  
Cutting techniques using exacto-blade to create strings for layering in art pieces.

16 South Main Street, Lower Level; Sparta; 372-7111

#### **April 8 - 7:00 to 10:00 pm - \*Old Time Square Dance**

**Sparta VFW - Fundraiser for Alleghany JAM**

BBQ served at 6:00; Cake Walk at 8:30 and Alleghany Jam Dancers exhibition. Music provided by the Cabin Creek Boys.

Call 336-572-5266 \$5 Admission; \$8 BBQ Plates

**\*No Taps Please**

### YADKIN VALLEY

**April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Surry Old Time Fiddlers Convention.**

#### **May 21<sup>st</sup>: Yadkin Valley Tour de Vino**

If you are a cyclist, ride amazing roads in the morning, cycling your choice of routes (25, 50, 71, and 100 miles). Tour begins at 8:00 am. Relax in the afternoon with a complimentary ticket to the Elkin Wine Festival in the afternoon. Visit [yvtdv.com](http://yvtdv.com) for more details and registration form.

#### **May 21<sup>st</sup>: Elkin Wine Festival 11:00-5:00**

This event at Elkin Municipal Park features wine tastings from 40 area wineries. It is open to the public, and there will be food, craft vendor displays, and music! Go to [yvwf.com](http://yvwf.com) for price of tickets and music schedule.

## April 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 Co-Ed Points Chase 10:00
3 Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	4 <b>Aerification &amp; Deep Tining</b>	5 <b>Aerification &amp; Deep Tining</b>	6 <b>Aerification &amp; Deep Tining</b> Rain Date <b>Dry Ject Course Closed</b>	7 <b>Aerification &amp; Deep Tining</b> Rain Date	8 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!</b> <b>w/Caroline Beverly</b>	9 Co-Ed Points Chase 10:00
10 Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	11	12	13 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	14	15	16 Co-Ed Points Chase 10:00 <b>Board Meeting 3:00</b>
17 Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	18	19	20 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	21	22	23 Co-Ed Points Chase 10:00 <b>Wine Dinner</b>
24 Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	25 <b>Grille Open 7 Days a Week!</b>	26	27 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	28	29	30 Co-Ed Points Chase 10:00 <b>BINGO!</b>

### Coming Events

#### May 2016

May 7 ..... Kentucky Derby Party  
 May 8 ..... Mother's Day Feast  
 May 13 ..... Friday Night Live - David Parsons  
 May 14 ..... LGA Kick-in with Social  
 May 20 - 22 ..... MGA Kick-in  
 May 27 ..... Twi-Lite 4:00; Pool Opening Party

### F & B Hours of Operation

#### April Dining Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat ..... 6:00 - 9:00

#### Side Door Lounge Hours

Sunday ..... 12:00 - 6:00  
 Bar opens at 12:00; Food Service at 3:00

#### Grille

Apr 1 - 24 ..... Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
 Apr 25 ..... Open 7 Days a week  
 Mon - Sat - 8:00 - 4:00; Sunday - 8:00 - 3:00

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race! Our Mother's day feast is Sunday, May 8; see menu this Hummer! Save the date for David Parsons Friday Night Live, May 13 and the Pool opening party and cook-out, to be held at the clubhouse, by popular demand on Friday May, 27 what a great summer kick-off! Things are already gearing up at your club! Are you ready?

We need more clicks! Please take time to check out our web site often [www.highmeadowscountryclub.com](http://www.highmeadowscountryclub.com) Join us on Facebook (High Meadows Country Club) or Twitter (High Meadows NC), share us with your friends and be sure to tag us in your photos that you take around the club. The more you click, tag and share us, the faster we move up in the Google rankings, all to help us grow in 2016!

Wow! You can just feel the positive energy building at your club. Shake off the past and join all of us for a new exciting & fun year!

See you around the club  
 Mark