



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

April 2017

A Word From The President

As you know by now, Mark Updike has submitted his resignation from High Meadows. His wife Sarah has accepted a job change with BB&T; great for her but unfortunately it takes her to Raleigh.

We knew this was a possibility going into the year, and to his credit, Mark was upfront about it. His next step is yet to be determined; perhaps stay in the club business, perhaps venture out on his own, or maybe just "be a kept man".

Mark came to High Meadows in 2013 and has had a remarkably positive impact on the club in four years. He has carried the High Meadows flag locally and regionally through his involvement in civic and professional organizations. High Meadows was selected as one of the top businesses in Alleghany County, and Mark served as our representative on the Governor's Initiative Council of 100, a study of economic development in North Carolina. He has been an active member of the local Chambers of Commerce, promoting High Meadows in and around our county. He has been a member of the Carolinas Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America, serving as Membership Chairman in 2015-16.

Mark has exerted a steady and insightful influence on the four Boards he has served, guiding them through tough decisions necessitated by dramatic economic impact on our membership and real estate sales. Despite the challenges, his unfailing dedication was to our membership.

Shortly after he arrived, the state finalized plans to widen Highway 21. Mark met often with planners and engineers to articulate the impact it would have on our property, and was able to negotiate a significant financial concession from the state. The fruits of that effort will become evident at our entrance and northern approach over the coming year.

Numerous major projects were identified and completed, made possible after Mark demonstrated our need for regular capital investment by the membership. Most obvious is our newly decorated clubhouse, including an updated and refurbished interior, a new roof and a magnificent front entrance. Upgrades to the Dining Room and Grille kitchens have made our dining experience more efficient and rewarding. The golf course has never looked better, thanks to professional oversight and new equipment made possible through a well conceived capital lease-purchase plan. His

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General Managers Message

It is with a heavy heart that I bid you all farewell. We will be leaving High Meadows Golf & Country Club by the end of this month. It has been an honor to serve you and be part of this special club. Over the last 3½ years we have worked hard to help make this club be the best and something you can enjoy both in golf and social events. I do not regret all of the hours we spent to make those things happen. As you all know by now, Sarah has received a new position with B B & T that is best served by us relocating to the Raleigh, NC area, putting her closer to her new team. I am so proud of my wife and all she has done to make our family great; our future looks awesome! It is so amazing to be part of a team of equals with only excitement around every corner.

As for you, the Boards of Directors, all the committee members and the members of HMG&CC, you will not be forgotten. Thank you all for allowing me to be your GM and giving me the opportunity to work with the hard-working, caring people that serve you. I am sad that all of you do not get to know your team the way I did. Their sacrifices, dedication, hours and time away from their families to serve you are incredible. I am so proud of the Team we are and the one they will be without me. Team, "Thank you" will never be enough for the effort and time we spent shoulder to shoulder working for our members, their friends and their families. Our Office team - Donna, Barbie, The Golf Team - Todd, Tim, Nathan, Lucas, Chris, Brian, Chris, Larry, Andrea, Sherlon, Our Roads Team - Tony, Dusty, Michael, Cindy, Our F & B Team - Nicole, Angela, Ashley, Aaron, Mason, Karie, Becky, Liz, Robin, Kala, Malaurie, Chelsea and Ashley. I appreciate and care about all of you. Thanks for all you do!

As in all my newsletters, I leave you with the idea that it is time to embrace a positive view of what's to come at High Meadows. There's a saying, "You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one." The same is true of club life: if you'll say goodbye to old hurts and grudges

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Welcome New Members

David & Cydney Stauffer (Winston) Golf

James & Linda Riddle (Galax) Dining

Pros Corner

New Merchandise Arrivals!

Please stop by the Golf Shop and check out our new inventory for 2017. We are receiving new clubs from Callaway and Titleist as well as apparel from FootJoy, Fairway and Green, EP Pro and Tradition as well as other assorted goodies. If you can't find what you are looking for, please check with the staff and we will special order for your golfing needs!!

Tip of the Month

There is no better time to get your clubs re-gripped than late winter to early spring. Did you know that over time your grips begin to decompose. Ozone, heat, and day to day grime will break down your grips and they will become slick and dry rot. Even if you are not an every day player these elements will eat your grips just as your car tires will dry rot! All you have to do is contact the Golf Shop and we can order your grips and have them installed in no time.

Reminder

Just a quick reminder to all: The Golf Shop is still offering Coupon Books for Family and Guest as well as the Buyers Club thru the Month of April. Please call for more information or to sign-up!

Thank you,
The Golf Shop Staff!

Ladies News & Notes

The HMCC LGA is excited to introduce **THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT** to all members of the HMCC LGA and MGA. This is an early "Mark your Calendar" request for September 16. This tournament will be an opportunity for the club and members to honor "gone but not forgotten" HMCC members who are currently playing golf with the angels.

We are asking anyone wanting to contribute to offer a written memorial or remembrance about their honoree. These will be collected and assembled into a program booklet for each tournament participant. Rather than sell hole sponsors we will accept any monetary contributions and add to the net proceeds of the event. These funds will be distributed within Alleghany County. This is an attempt to keep our funding local. The LGA still must vote on what charitable cause will be the recipient of these monies. This tournament will replace the Rumble on the Mountain, with a new name and a new direction.

The format will be a ladies v. men tournament (2-man teams) with a pairings party on Friday night, September 15. An entry fee (still to be determined) will be charged to help fund the chosen charity.

We hope you will mark your calendar now to participate and begin putting into writing your remembrance. Our hope is to have every possible past member represented and thus kept in our thoughts as the special person they were and are to all of HMCC.

Dian Ramey
Vicki Cox
Jenny Braswell
Lou Garner

MGA News

The first big event is the MGA Kick-Off. This a great event that you will not want to miss. It will be held May 19, 20 and 21. An entry form and tournament details will be mailed in mid April. You will want to get your entry in as soon as possible as this event fills up fast. We have planned for a great event and I am sure you don't want to miss it. If by chance you do not receive a sign-up form please let Donna know and she can get one for you.

Don' forget the Points Chase on Saturday each week and the Wednesday Skins Game. Call the Pro Shop by 5:00p.m. the day before to sign-up for these events.

The MGA has payed for new Tee Markers and they are ready for the season. Also the MGA will donate money to help with the restoration of the bathrooms on thirteen.

Looking forward to a great season.

Tommy Thompson,
MGA

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ultimate legacy may be the new driving range and practice area currently under construction.

While we are sad beyond words to see Mark go, we know we are better off for his having been here. He has left High Meadows in better shape than he found it, well positioned for the future. We wish Mark and Sarah nothing but the best going forward. Please join the Board and me in celebrating Mark's service to High Meadows at a reception in the clubhouse on Saturday, April 15 at 6:00 pm.

In the meantime, we are moving forward. Todd Hutcherson has agreed to serve as our Interim General Manager. A Search Committee, chaired by Pete Morrow along with Allen Williams, Mark Stephens, Vicki Cox, Bob Reed and Rich Kaplan is already hard at work. They have a tough job, but I am confident they will find another star to lead our club.

See you on the mountain.....
Paul

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and share in the positive vision of better times around the bend, then your club will have the future that all of you deserve. Those who choose to hang on to the negative will never see all your club has to offer and the good that goes on every day. Consider these wise words from Henry Ford: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Thanks for the memories
Mark, Happy Husband, Adventurer & Sarah, Amazing Unicorn & Best Wife Ever!





Save the Date
Farm to Table Wine Dinner
May 25, 2017
Cocktails at 6:00; Dinner at 6:30
\$80⁺⁺

Out & About - Local Happenings

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Community Knitters - Tuesdays, 1pm – April 4 - Dec 26

Knitters of all experience levels are invited to enjoy knitting together at the library for knitting and fellowship. **For more info: Alleghany County Library; dbrewer@nwrl.org or call 372-5573**

Bats Workshop - April 5 - Stone Mtn. State Park

Participants will learn about the bat species that occur in North Carolina, netting & monitoring programs including a demonstration if possible, acoustic recording surveys and white-nosed and other health related management concerns. Please come dressed for the weather as this entire workshop will be held outside. This six hour workshop will count towards Criteria II, III or Continuing Education credit for the NC EE Certification program. Please bring a packed lunch & plenty of water; there are no food options near the park. Prior registration is required; please contact Ranger Jeff Jones at jeffrey.jones@ncparks.gov - or - (336) 957-8185 to register.

Empty Bowls - April 10th at Sparta United Methodist Church

On behalf of the Solid Rock Food Closet, a service that plays a critical role in our hunger-relief, This event will be held from 11:00am to 2:00pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This is the 8th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser. Make plans to come out and enjoy a delicious lunch and take home a bowl made specially for this event by our local potters. **336-372-5473.**

Formation of Stone Mountain - April 15 - Stone Mtn. State Park

Come celebrate the North Carolina Science Festival by going on a ½ mile moderate hike to the south face of Stone Mountain. There, a ranger will discuss the formation of Stone Mountain. Bring shoes suitable for hiking.

Crouse House Pickers - Mondays, 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

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

Every Monday, Tuesday - \$5, & Saturday - \$6

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

Mondays - Line Dancing classes. 6-8pm.

Tour de Mountains - Saturday, June 10th

Registration opens February, 1, 2017

Alleghany Wellness Center, Inc.; 508 Collins Rd, Sparta, NC
336-372-2944

WILKES COUNTY

Thursday, April, 6, 2017 - Taylor Hicks

Friday, May 19, 2017 - Annie Moses Band

Walker Center on campus of Wilkes Community College

336-838-6260

YADKIN VALLEY

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - Yadkin Valley Wine Festival

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival
& Big Elkin Brew Fest

April 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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Coming Events

May 2017

May 1.....Grille Opens 7 Days a Week!
 May 11J.A.M. Dinner & Concert
 May 13LGA Kick-in with Social
 May 14Mothers Day Buffet
 May 19 - 21MGA Kick-in
 May 22CGA Senior Four Ball
 May 23.....Camerata 7:30
 May 25Farm to Table Wine Dinner
 May 26Summer Bash - Pool Opens!
 May 26Twi-lite 4:00 - 9 Holes

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

April Grille Hours

Friday - Saturday 8:00 - 4:00
 Sunday 8:00 - 3:00

Easter Sunday

April 16th

11:30 - 2:30

Carving Station

Slow Roasted Prime Rib
Herb Crusted Leg of Lamb
Served w/assorted dipping sauces
Assorted Rolls & Butter

Cold Line

Peel & Eat Shrimp with cocktail sauce
Deviled Eggs
Ambrosia Salad
Broccoli Salad
Quinoa & Kale Salad
Mixed Greens with all the toppings

Hot Line

Southern Style Fried Chicken
Grilled Salmon
Topped with brown butter, fresh dill and citrus vinaigrette
Grilled Tomatoes & Green Beans with balsamic reduction
Butter & Herb Yukon Gold and Sweet Potatoes
Rice Pilaf
Roasted Spring Vegetables

Dessert Station

A fine selection of pastries and desserts



Adults \$23.95++
Kids 12 to 5 \$11.95++
Kids under 5 Free



***Mothers Day Menu
Sunday, May 14th***

11:30 - 2:30

Adults - \$23.95; Kids 5 - 12 \$11.95; Under 5 - Free

Hot Line

***Southern Style Fried Chicken
Sautéed Vegetables
Roasted Garlic and Herb Red Potatoes***

***Citrus and Honey Glazed Root Vegetables
Corn Au Gratin***

Cold Line

Mediterranean Pasta Salad

Asparagus Salad

Steamed asparagus tossed with pine nuts, red onion, roasted red pepper and feta cheese, topped with a white balsamic vinaigrette.

Spinach Salad

With diced egg, bacon, mushrooms, red onion and cherry tomatoes.

Fruit Salad

Diced fresh fruit with local honey, garnished with fresh mint.

Cucumber Salad

Seedless cucumbers, heirloom tomatoes and sliced red onion on a bed of mixed greens, drizzled with green goddess dressing.

Carving Station

Slow Roasted Prime Rib

Honey and Cranberry Glazed Ham

Served with assorted sauces

Rolls and Butter

Seafood Station

Grilled Salmon

Topped with sautéed shallots, garlic, capers and diced tomato white wine sauce.

Crab Cakes

Hand patted crab cakes topped with mango salsa

Sautéed Shrimp

Shrimp, capers, tomatoes, garlic, and shallots in a white wine butter sauce. Served over cheesy grits.

Dessert

A delicious assortment of house made desserts.