



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

December 2016

A Word From The President

" 'Tis more important to give than to receive". Some might wonder how that applies to a country club, but you may be surprised by what follows.

The Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department golf tournament drew over 130 players despite inclement weather. Your generous contributions netted \$20,595 for this critical community service upon which we depend every day. The Pro- Am Tournament was equally successful. Twenty thousand dollars was raised for the Allegheny County Community Foundation. This money will profoundly benefit our larger community. Lastly, you hosted the "Gold Donor" round of the Allegheny Memorial Hospital Tournament.

I take great pride being a member of a social organization that embraces such significant community commitment. Our members can be equally proud that we aren't just a social club, but also a major contributor to the welfare of our county.

That said, it's fun to receive as well, and we are grateful recipients of both tangible and intangible gifts. The beautiful grand piano that now graces the Great Room was a generous gift from Helen and Pete Williams. We have all benefitted from the work of our Board members and their committees. Thank you, all of you.

And how about our employees? Their investment of time and talent greatly exceeds their financial reward. No one does more than the G&A staff:

Everyone knows Donna Moore, our Administrative Assistant, but I bet you didn't know she's from the Philadelphia area. She loves the beach and has a soft spot for animals. She dropper-fed chinchillas and bottle-fed raccoons as a kid! She is married to John and has a daughter and two grandsons.

Barbie Blankenship is responsible for the club toeing the financial line. She and husband Scott live in Wilkes County and have a daughter, Autumn. Ask her about Zumba and cake decorating; she teaches both and has even made a TV appearance!

We have been fortunate to have Mark Updike as our leader for three years now. He loves family time (wishes he had more!) and the staff describes him a just "a big kid at heart". He and his wife Sarah have been tremendous

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General Managers Message

Hope, love and faith are swirling around my head for this Holiday Season: We hope all of your dreams come true; I have to tell you how much I feel the love of a great wife, our amazing Board and our members; We enjoy the faith of the season and know that with all three of these, hope, faith and love, our Christmas will be wonderful. We are excited to see our Social Committee's decorations go up all around the club and the Christmas tree will be spectacular again this year! Are you ready to party your way to New Year's? The Christmas season kicks off with our Holly Jolly Cocktail Party on Saturday December 10th; join us to start your holiday season right! We can also accommodate your private holiday get-togethers at the club. Give yourself the gift of a stress-free Christmas Party by letting us do all the work while you enjoy the evening with NO after party clean up! Then join us as we wrap up this season of fun on December 31st - please book your table of 8 or more for our New Year's Eve Bash! We would love for all of you to be part of an amazing evening of food, fun and one of the area's best bands...The Troupers!

Make your club a destination for your holiday cheer:

- * Make sure to get your reservations in for dinner Wednesday, Friday or Saturday from 6:00-8:00
- * Holly Jolly Cocktail Party Saturday, December 10. Make your reservations now! We have appetizers to get you started and you can make dinner reservation as needed for this day and then stay and join us for some fun & music as we raise our voices to celebrate the season!
- * New Year's Eve Bash Thursday, December 31, starting at 6:30 with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, formal dinner around 7:30, dancing and more till midnight. Build your table of 8 today to bring in 2017 High Meadows style!
- * Please note: The Grille is closed for the season; we'll see you again March 2017! I can't tell you how great it is to have folks like Becky, Stephanie and Karie taking care of you all season - Thank you, ladies, for all of your hard work. We are planning some Grille surprises for you in 2017!
- * We will be closed January 1-17 for deep cleaning. Join us for our re-opening dinner on Wednesday January 18 and BINGO returns with a fried chicken buffet on Thursday, January 19. See e-mail blast for more information.

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additions to our club. I won't tell you his favorite drink (it starts with a "T"), but if you get a chance, buy him one some time.

Finally, a few housekeeping items. We want you to dine at the club, but Mark's staffing plan is based on reservations. Please help his team serve you better by making yours in advance. Also remember, the goal is to seat you at your reservation time, so come early, enjoy a cocktail and visit with friends in the bar. Our wine list is improving, so skip the corkage fee and save that special bottle for an evening at home. Lastly, the New Year's Eve Party will be a blast. Talk to your friends, reserve a table, and help us ring in 2017 in style. Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful holiday season.

See you on the mountain.....

Paul

LADIES NEWS & NOTES

Have a Merry Christmas & a prosperous New Year. May 2017 bring you great joy & good cheer!

Dian, Vicki, Jenny & Lou

Membership is Our Goal

We have a bright, hardworking Membership Committee made up of Bill Whisenant, Jenny Braswell, Ricky Brown and Mark Stephens. If you know of anyone with an interest in joining High Meadows, please contact one of us and we will be glad to assist you.

NOTE: We are in need of housing for visiting women golfers beginning May 2017 and continuing throughout the summer, Monday's only. We hope events featuring women will promote the club in a positive way. Anyone interested in renting their home for one night, please contact me.

Carolyn Harrell
Membership Chair

carolyn@harrellproperties.com

Welcome New Members

John & Kay Clifford - Golf Members
From Matthews, NC



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I want to take time to thank all of you who contributed to the employee Christmas bonus fund. It has been such a big deal to all of our staff to have the extra money to help make the holidays special for their families! Every year we try to make HMG&CC the best place to work and when we work for people like all of you who care so much about us, the job is that much better! Your kindness and generosity will be remembered at this season and for years to come!

Happy Holidays to All - see you by the tree,
Mark

From the House Committee

It is with great pride that I assume the chairmanship of the House Committee. Our committee's work will be all the easier because of the fine job done by my predecessor, Sally Earnhardt. I thank Sally for her dedication and for putting together a thoughtful multiyear plan that the current committee will use as a road map for the future, and for all the great improvements to our clubhouse which she and her team piloted.

Your new House Committee consists of Sally Shore, Cathy Benjamin, Chris Payton, Yvonne Orr and me. While it will take some time to come up to speed, the committee is ready to go to work on your behalf. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact any member and share those.

Now for a gentle reminder – due to the very limited capacity of our kitchen we respectfully ask that you be ready to go to your table at the time of your reservation. We love it that you want to socialize with friends in the bar, but for the dining pleasure of all the members, and the best possible food and service, please come early and honor your reservation for dinner. Thank you.

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House Committee Chair

Ladies Angel Tree Project

In Memory of Pastor Pam Caudill, The LGA will once again host a party and collect gifts for the Angel Tree Project., to benefit children in Alleghany County.

This year's event will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:00 in the Pool House. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. **RSVP to the Office**, to give us an idea of how many to expect.

Please bring a wrapped gift (\$25 or less) with a label telling if the gift is for a boy or girl and the age. We are told that the age group they have the most need for is the Pre-teens & Teens. Cash donations and gift cards are also welcome.

If you have questions, please contact:

Bebe Payton - 336-200-9041 - paybebe@aol.com

Cheryl Philo - 336-200-9065 - cherylanphil@yahoo.com

Donna Moore - 363-2622 - donna@highmeadowscountryclub.com

And again, RSVP to Donna. Thanks and hope to see you there!





New Years Eve

Plan on saying goodbye to 2016 &
Hello to 2017 High Meadows Style! You'll be glad you did!

6:30pm to 12:00pm

Dinner service starts at 7:30

Dancing to the Music of "The Troupers"

Free Bottle of Champagne & Party Favors

\$169 per couple; **\$84.50** per single

Call the Office for Reservations!

New Years Eve Menu

Hors d'Oeuvres

Pan seared stuffed sea scallops
Smoked gruyere shrimp & grit bites
Pulled pork & sweet potato bites
Phyllo wrapped asparagus
Bacon wrapped potato bombs

Winter Jewel Salad

Butter lettuce topped with roasted butternut squash,
dried cranberries, bacon, toasted pistachios
& feta cheese, served with a cranberry vinaigrette.

Beef Tenderloin Medallions

Beef tenderloin medallions on a bed of
buttery roasted garlic mashed potatoes,
topped with a champagne & wild mushroom
sauce, served with holiday vegetables.

Sterling Silver Dessert Trio



December 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 11:00 Co-Ed Point Chase	1	2	3 11:00 Co-Ed Point Chase
4	5	6	7 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	8	9	10 11:00 Co-Ed Point Chase
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18	19	20	21 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	22	23	24 F&B Closed Golf Shop Closes at noon
25 Christmas Day CLOSED	26	27	28 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00	29	30	31 New Years Eve

Out & About - Local Happenings

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Crouse House Pickers - Mondays, 6pm – Open to 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.

Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair - Sat, Dec 3, 9am - 4:30pm

This indoor craft event always occurs at the height of Choose & Cut Christmas Tree season. Shop the various vendors of handmade items in indoor comfort. Food is available throughout the day. US 21 & Bledsoe Creek Road.

Emerson Black Building at the Fairgrounds

OVER THE RIVER - Christmas Events - Nov 26 - Dec 4

Contact Alleghany Chamber Office for more info. 372-5473

Singing Christmas Tree - December 2 - 4

Crouse House Christmas - Music & Movies each night at 7

Buggy/Wagon Rides - 6 - 10 nightly

Christmas Tree Planting - Crouse Park, Dec 3, 5:00

J.A.M. Fundraiser - Square Dance at the VFW - Dec 2

J.A.M. Winter Showcase - Dec 8th, Sparta Auditorium

Fund Raising for The Bluffs at Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway is underway. If you are interested in donating to the project, please visit the **Blue Ridge Parkway**

Foundation website: at www.brpfoundation.org/. Go to "Give Now" and then specify "**Doughton Park , Repair & Reopen Bluffs Buildings.**"

WILKES COUNTY

Friday, March 10, 2017 - The Bellamy Brothers

Thursday, April, 6, 2017 - Taylor Hicks

Friday, May 19, 2017 - Annie Moses Band

Walker Center on campus of Wilkes Community College

336-838-6260

Coming Events

January 2017

Jan 1 - 17..... F&B & Golf Shop Closed;
Office open

Jan 19.....Bingo & Buffet

February 2017

Feb 11 Sweetheart Dinner & Dance

Feb 16 Bingo & Buffet

Feb 22 - 25 Mardi Gras Dining Specials

F & B Hours of Operation

December 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

December Grille Hours

CLOSED