



# High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

June 2015

## General Managers Message

Things are happening around the club that has us all going a million miles an hour! Most of the problems of the winter are solved and the club looks great! The only hold back has been the roof and it is moving along slowly but surely. With the news of Andy fighting some health issues things will continue to spin for a little longer and we appreciate your patience as we work through his to-do list. Today we opened the pool with an excellent health department report. We have several of our lifeguards back this year and are looking forward to a wonderful pool season. The rest of Andy's team helped with work on the pool and around the club and today were finally able to get back on our road schedules of mowing and weed eating! Sorry to everyone and thanks for the understanding. I know the team is working hard to help everyone have a great and happy season!

We had an amazing Mother's Day event and had over 100 in attendance at our Pool Opening party. Even without a pool to swim in, the party was fun with fantastic food and beverages. We expect an even bigger crowd for our next pool party—our 4th of July Firecracker Buffet and Pool Party. Last year we had over 200 folks in attendance. Be sure to join us this year, you won't want to miss out on the fireworks at Camp Cheerio where we are invited every year to attend and you'll enjoy their historical presentation along with a special fireworks display! We are very proud again this year to be the venue for several of our member's special events from weddings to birthday parties and more. It's truly an honor to be able to help you celebrate these occasions; please know that your F & B team is here to serve you. Contact Mark to start planning your next event. Also, be sure to look in your directory and see all of the club events coming this season. These events fill-up fast and we would love to have the max of 160 every time, so please save the dates or make your reservations now. See this Hummer for some special event information.

The search is on for new members that will add to and enhance our current roster! The flyer for the "New Members Drive for 2015" can be found in this Hummer. We are all excited about the future of our club and we know that we can count on all of you to get the word out! This is the season to show off your club and all it has to offer! Please let us help you with any suggestions you have or with folks you think would be interested in a great club and a special deal to join! Please remember you

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## A Word From The President

I am often asked my friends and even sometimes by fellow members: What is there to do in the mountains besides playing golf? I believe this is widely not understood. Playing golf and our wonderful golf course will remain our crown jewel of the club but, there are many other "things to do" for everyone from kids to older adults. I know everyone is aware that tennis, swimming and walking trails are available at High Meadows. Our club's 800 acres of property are adjacent to Camp Cheerio and Stone Mountain State Park (which is 14,000 acres). We have had a long time strong relationship with Camp Cheerio as many of our member's kids and grandkids have attended over the years and regularly attend their outstanding 4th of July festivities. In addition, we have had at least 2 members who have served on the Board of Directors at Camp Cheerio over the years – Carter Holbrook and Bill Ervin. Stone Mountain State Park offers hiking, camping, fishing/fly fishing and mountain biking activities and the park entrance is only 5 miles away.

### Some other points of interest:

- ✂ Area wineries – There is a growing list of local wineries and you can tour, taste and go to events for music, car shows, dinners, etc. We are becoming the Napa Valley of the East Coast!
  - ✂ Blue Ridge Parkway – the parkway is only 3 miles north of our entrance and offers 460+ miles of wonderful views, picnic areas, camping and other side adventures.
  - ✂ Virginia Creeper Trail – an old railroad bed that has been converted to a biking/walking trail with scenic views and vistas.
  - ✂ The New River offers kayaking and rafting on various levels of rapids for beginners to more advanced.
  - ✂ Blue Ridge Music Center – world renowned bluegrass artists and events in Galax, Virginia
  - ✂ Various potteries and other artisan interests are available for tours and purchases
- MerlelFest – a huge music festival held annually in

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## Pros Corner

### 1. Reminder:

As we enter into the golf season and play continues to increase, please be cautious while using the golf course to get home or to a friends. We have had a couple instances that members were teeing off and noticed someone crossing or using the course to get to a destination. Please be careful and use good judgement as we do not want anyone hurt!

### 2. Tip of The Month:

A putting routine that sets you up to make a positive stroke is a must. I want you to adapt the Analyze – Apply approach. While others are putting or before you take your stance, take time to assess the putt; slope, break, and speed. Once you have Analyzed the putt you are ready to go. Get set up to your ball, take a final look at the hole, and Apply what you learned earlier to make the putt. From the moment you commit to the putt I recommend 15 seconds from setup to stroke. Spend some time on the practice green with someone timing how long it takes you to hit the putt. What I want you to avoid is getting over the putt and continuing to analyze instead of thinking about holing it.

### 3. Dress Code Reminder:

**Ladies** - Modest sleeved or sleeveless shirt/top with or without collar; pants, capris, skorts, or shorts of appropriate length. Short shorts or cropped tops are not permitted.

**Men** - Collared shirt, turtleneck must be tucked in. Short shorts, tennis shorts, or cutoffs as well as denim is not permitted.

Thanks, Todd

### *Congratulations to Todd Hutcherson!*

Todd has been elected into the Quarter Century Club of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. The Quarter Century Club is an elite group of members who have served the PGA with honor and pride for 25 years. Todd's election into the Quarter Century Club will be acknowledged in an upcoming issue of **PGA Magazine!**

Tim Brant and Sam Bryant are both in the process of gaining membership into the PGA of America. They both have completed the Playing and Rules requirements and are currently attending Business School 1 which will be followed by Business Schools 2 and 3. This process takes about three years to complete. Best of luck to both Tim and Sam.

*Way to go Todd!*

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share in the growth of our club not only with a club credit but in the knowledge that you have someone new to listen to your stories!

What a great club; what a GREAT place!

See you out and about at HMG&CC,  
Mark

## Fore Ladies Only

The High Meadows LGA Kicked off its 2015 Season on Saturday, May 9 with a Captain's Choice followed by lunch and a business meeting. Our official play days are Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:00 with the nine-holers starting at 11:00 for the month of May. We will move to 9:00 starting in June. Call the Pro Shop to sign up!

Our big event for June is the High Meadows Invitational scheduled for June 15. This promises to be a fun tournament, and allows us to showcase our amazing golf course to women from around the state. (Particulars: \$49 if on the trail fee and \$70 if not on the trail fee, to include breakfast, lunch and awards. Individual stroke play flighted, awards for gross and net payable to one third of the field.) Plan to participate, and call the Pro Shop to sign up.

Plans are underway for the LGA Member Guest Tournament July 9. In August we will host the Lynne Allen Memorial Tournament, and in September is our Rumble on the Mountain, also known as the Pink versus Blue Tournament. We look forward to having all LGA members join us in these events.

Pat Green, LGA President

### *Benefit Pro Am - Hole Sponsors*

We appreciate all those who have agreed to sponsor a hole in the upcoming HMCC Pro Am. The Committee members are in the process of getting the forms into Donna where she will be awaiting receipt of your checks. If at all possible, please get these checks into Donna by the first of June. As a reminder, your check should be made payable to: **HMCC Pro Am.**

Again, thanks so much for your support.  
Pro Am Committee

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North Wilkesboro and many of our members attend

☞ Ashe County Cheese – a unique experience to visit and purchase various cheeses from the oldest cheese manufacturer in NC – since 1930.

☞ Mt. Airy – visit for a throwback to Mayberry days and try the Pork Chop Sandwich at Snappy's.

So, you can see if you are open to try new things, there are numerous interesting and exciting activities for people of all ages to explore. Many of our members are active with these points of interest so, let us know if we can provide more connections to get involved. Remember our elevation is 3,200 feet above sea level which optimizes our cooler temperatures but allows a longer season to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the club this summer.

Mark Stephens  
President

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## High Meadows Golf & Country Club

**Benefiting: The Alleghany County Community Foundation**

It is the time of year when we start the "Hole Sponsorship" drive for our annual High Meadows Golf & Country Club Pro Am. The tournament itself is scheduled for Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. The High Meadows membership has made this tournament a huge success over the past couple of years through its generosity as hole sponsors for this tournament.

In just two years, through this initiative, High Meadows has become the single largest financial contributor to the Alleghany County Community Foundation. We have a wonderful tournament scheduled again this year and hope to keep the momentum going for such a wonderful cause. As in the past, all the net proceeds from this tournament STAYS in Alleghany County through our contributions to the Foundation. Some of the areas that the money is being used are: Foster Grandparents and senior companion programs, in-school tutoring, rural delivery of the Solid Rock Food Pantry, star pupils, Blue Ridge Read, emergency assistance programs, and many more worthy causes.

Please expect a call within the next few weeks from a member of the tournament committee soliciting your help by sponsoring a hole during the Pro Am to support the Foundation.

Thank you so much for what you have done during the last two years, and let's make 2015 the best and most successful year yet!

2015 Pro Am Committee

## High Meadows Chapel

We are pleased to announce that High meadows Chapel will begin the 2015 season on Sunday, June 8th in the clubhouse and will continue thru the last Sunday in September. Dr. Jim Frazier will be back to conduct the services and Deb Oliver will provide the music!

These are non-denominational services and people of all faiths are welcome. Services begin at 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn in time for you to make a 10:00 tee time. Golf Attire is completely acceptable.

We look forward to these inspirational messages that Jim brings to us and to seeing old friends again! Help us get a great turnout by inviting your friends and neighbors to join us. We usually have a brief social hour down in the Grille afterward while we enjoy "Brunch". Please join us for that if your schedule permits.

Harold Shehan  
High Meadows Chapel Committee



## House Committee Update

What a difference a month makes, dining numbers reflect that the season is on! Your House Committee has met and we are finalizing the details of the next stage of improvements to begin later this year. What a great time to come enjoy and support your club!

Sally Earnhardt, House Committee Chair

## Around the Meadow

Dear Members,

As we approach June we find that the golf course is shaping up!! Our main focus during the next few months will be to maintain the course and keep it in good condition. However, we do need your help to keep the course that way. Please keep carts away from the greens and obey the cart policy. Also, please repair your ball marks and divots!! As we move closer toward tournaments we will try to increase the speed of the greens, weather permitting.

We are currently growing in the nursery so I am hoping to have that open by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. June has been a good month for golf and for growing turf grass here on the mountain, so I hope to see everyone out on the course very soon! Once again if anyone has a question, please feel free to stop and ask. I am always glad to answer any questions. Once again I hope to see everyone out on the course this month.

Nathan Biggs,  
Golf Course Superintendent

Apr. Dining Numbers			
Sun	Wed	Fri	Sat
	41	56	8
84	11	63	10
	46	47	26
	23	41	Closed
	30	x	x
486			

May Dining Numbers			
Sun	Wed	Fri	Sat
		59	66
	33	63	43
99	33	59	67
522			

## MGA News

The one day Men's Member-Guest will be Friday, July 26th with a shotgun start at 1:00p.m. You can invite up to three guests. There is no green fee for this event. The cost is \$50 plus cart fee which includes prizes and dinner after play.

If you did not play in the MGA Kick-off, you missed a great time! We announced at the Kick-off Luncheon that Barry Ward had purchased a trophy in memory of Lee Howell. The trophy will be presented at the end of the year event. It will go to the MGA member that has the best to target fro the season. You must play in 50% of the games to be eligible.

**Here's to having a GREAT season!**

Tommy Thompson,  
MGA President

## Welcome New Members

**Frank & Suzanne Brooks**  
Dining Members from Raleigh, NC

## June 2015

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2	3 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	4 Ladies Day 9:00 am 10:00 Nines	5 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	6 <b>9:00 Spring Mem-Mem Round 1 Beach Party</b>
7 Chapel 9:00 am <b>10:00 Spring Mem-Mem Round 2</b>	8 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	9	10 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	11 Ladies Day 9:00 am 10:00 Nines <b>Pizza in the Grille Begins! 5-8</b>	12 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	13 Ladies Day/ Men's Points Chase 10:00 1:00 Nines
14 Chapel 9:00 am  Open Tee X's ... 8-10 Couples ..... 10-11 Mixed Couples . 11-12	15 <b>LGA Invitational 9:30</b>	16	17 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	18 Ladies Day 9:00 am 10:00 Nines	19 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	20 10:00 Ladies Day/ Men's Points Chase 1:00 Nines <b>Board Mtg 3:00</b>  <b>Past Presidents Dinner</b>
21 Chapel 9:00 am <b>Fathers Day</b>  Open Tee X's ... 8-10 Couples ..... 10-11 Mixed Couples . 11-12	22 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	23	24 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	25 Ladies Day 9:00 am 10:00 Nines	26 <b>1:00 Men's Member Guest Dinner to Follow</b>	27 Ladies Day/ Men's Points Chase 10:00 1:00 Nines  <b>Team Trivia Ladies Vs. Men</b>
28 Chapel 9:00 am  Open Tee X's ... 8-10 Couples ..... 10-11 Mixed Couples . 11-12	29 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	30				

### Coming Events July

July 4 ..... Tourn, Cart Parade, Cook-out  
 July 9 ..... LGA Member-Guest  
 July 13-17 ..... Kidsweek  
 July 24 ..... Twi-lite  
 July 30 - Aug 1 ..... Member-Guest Weekend

### June Dining Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat. .... 6:00 - 9:00  
 Thursday (Pizza In the Grille Beginning June 11) .... 5:00 - 8:00

### Side Door Lounge Hours

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