



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

March 2016

General Managers Message

High Meadows is truly a short wedge from heaven! Some of the best traits members have shared with me about High Meadows are the peace and quiet, the closeness to parks, mountain trails & mother nature. You're happy your cell phones don't always work and you're grateful to be out of the rat race of the larger cities. You value the amazing camaraderie and fellowship between members. With that in mind, we have added a new column to this month's Hummer. "Out & About - Local Happenings". We're excited to share with you some of the positive activities and happenings going on in and around Alleghany County. This column will be in the Hummer throughout 2016 to keep you informed about events you will surely want to be part of in the surrounding communities! We are proud of our small towns and want to embrace the small town qualities that make our club and our communities so special.

2016 will be the year we all work harder to get our name out there! We are exploring marketing strategies that we have not used in some time. We will work to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. We ask all of you to share your positive stories about High Meadows Golf & Country Club, so more folks will want to live in our community and be part of our club. Invite some new friends to play golf this spring & summer! Every Golf & Social member will receive a gift from the membership committee and the Board of Directors just to say thanks for being part of our family... coming to you in May! Your club is amazing but to know the true value, you have to experience all that we have to offer!

The season is kicking into gear: Have you made your reservations for March and started saving dates for April? Our F&B team will have special menus for Mardi Gras starting Wednesday, March 9 & Saint Patrick's starting Wednesday, March 16 you know some green beer will be available! Join us for our Easter Feast on Sunday, March 27! Make your plans for our First BINGO night Saturday, April 2 then get ready for **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE!** Just to add more fun, on the second Friday of each month we'll feature live music from a variety of singer-songwriters all season long, beginning on April 8 from 6 till 9. Watch for upcoming e-mails about our artists. Save the date for Saturday, April 23 for the

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A Word From The President

This is going to be an exciting season for our club. Nathan, Mike Carlton and the Greens committee have been working hard to be ready for the season. The new equipment is here and our team has already begun the process of becoming familiar with it. You will see work being done to clean up the wooded areas along the course. The drainage problem along #8 is also being repaired.

The failing computer system that manages our irrigation system is being replaced. This will allow Nathan and his crew to know exactly when scheduled watering takes place. We will be dry-jetting our greens this year to extend and maintain their life. This process blasts aeration holes through the root zone to fracture the soil while a vacuum technology fills the holes with sand. Work is continuing on the putting green to repair the damage caused by winterkill.

Sally Earnhardt and the House Committee have completed the inside painting of the clubhouse. The hardwood floors in the great room have been repaired and refinished. Any of you that have been to the clubhouse would surely agree that they look fantastic. The clubhouse renovation is a continuing project that will be completed as money is available.

Paul Perlik and the Membership committee have worked tirelessly to find the best approach to attracting new members. They have many activities planned to introduce new members to High Meadows.

Tony Misenheimer and the Golf Committee are planning a golf schedule that will make this season filled with fun activities.

Sue Tally and her committee are reviewing the By-Laws, club policies and personnel policies. This requires tedious

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Welcome New Members

Don Hudson - Dining Member
Paul & Ann Rudd - Dining Members
Laura & Daniel Gentry - Dining Members
Chuck & Amanda Billings - Dining Members

Pros Corner

Notes from the Pro!

Spring is just around the corner and we all are eager to see some nice golfing weather! We have exciting events scheduled for this year and looking forward to seeing everyone back at the club. As always, if we can be of assistance please do not hesitate to reach out to us 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

Coupon Books

The 2016 Family and Guest coupon books are now available in the golf shop and will expire one year from date of purchase. All booklets will be handled thru the Golf Shop. Please contact the Golf Shop staff for any questions or details.

Ladies News & Notes

Ladies, hope all are gearing up for a fun season in High Meadows and you have put our LGA dates on your calendar, beginning with the "Kick In" coming on Saturday, May 14, 2016. We'll play a little golf, have our opening meeting, and of course eat! We are working on our directory, so if you have any informational changes or updated pictures, please get those to Donna in the office. 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.

Enjoy the rest of your winter.

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

Attention LGA & MGA

Remember the Co-Ed Points Chase! When weather permits! The more the merrier so please try to join us when you can.

Just call the Golf Shop to sign-up.

Tommy Thompson



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first Wine dinner of 2016! Be sure to get that special hat out and saddle up for our 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party on May 7!

Don't miss another great party: Cut off the calendar on the back of this and every Hummer and hang it on the fridge so you are always in the know! Things are already heating up at your club! Are you ready?

We need more clicks! Please take time to check out our web site often 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 photos 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!

It is all going to blossom right in front of you around your club soon,
Mark

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effort to examine these documents to see if they comply with the current needs and requirements of our operations.

Charlie Tucker and the Roads committee have been hampered by the weather but have a full schedule planned for this season.

Allen Williams and the Finance Committee are working diligently to put the finishing touches on the budget.

Pat Green and the Social committee have assured us that they have planned activities that will help us do what we do best and that is party!

High Meadows and our members are the best. Let's think about the positives in our lives and make the year a Fun Fest.

All the Best,
Brad

House Committee Update

Watch for some great Mardi Gras and St Patricks' Day themed menus coming up this month! And as always.....

Jan Dining Numbers

| Wed | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|
| | X | X |
| X | X | X |
| X | X | X |
| X | X | X |
| 23 | 30 | 70 |
| 123 | | |

Feb Dining Numbers

| Wed | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 15 | 51 | 9 | 21 |
| 6 | 34 | 60 | |
| 21 | 67 | 16 | |
| 24 | 31 | 12 | |
| 367 | | | |

.....Thank you for supporting your club!

Sally Earnhardt
House Committee

Out & About - Local Happenings

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Alleghany County Library Reading Challenge Ongoing, March 1, 2016 - November 1, 2016

Never read Sci-Fi? What about True Life Adventure? Take the Reading Challenge and give other genres a try! Sign up at the Alleghany County Library; 122 N. Main Street; 336-372-5573

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

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

March 1,8,15,22,29. Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm \$5.00 pp

March 5,12,19,26. Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm \$6.00 pp

March 7, 14, 21, 28. Line Dancing classes. 6-8pm.

Enjoy Ernest w/the Rise & Shine Band and a variety of other guest groups.

Ministerium Lenten Service & Lunch

Sparta United Methodist Church – 12pm

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16 - March 2, Pastor Jim Doss; **March 9**, Pastor Bruce Benton; **March 16**, Bob Miller. Come for the service, stay for the fellowship. Each service will be 30 to 45 minutes long, followed by a light lunch.

Sparta United Methodist Church; 190 N. Main Street; Sparta - 372-5473

Fundamentals of Water Color

Studio Redwood – Chris Elliot Davis, Artist Instructor

Friday, March 4 - 9am-noon \$50. per student

Learn water color basics including tools of the trade and painting techniques.

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

Crouse House Pickers

Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 - 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

VFW Fish Fry

Fridays, March 11 & 25 – 5-8pm \$9.00 per person

Nothing beats a plate of catfish, fries, and hush puppies, especially if it's cooked up by our local veterans! Includes slaw and a drink. Eat in or take out.

VFW Post 7034; 1193 Hwy 21 S; Sparta ; 200-0083

Special Olympics Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 12 – 11:30-3pm (Plunge begins at 2pm.)

Choose from a variety of chili recipes, desserts, and drinks as the Plungers prepare for their jump into Lake Louise. There's a costume contest and music, along with lots of thrills and *chills* to support Special Olympics.

Lake Louise, Roaring Gap - 372-5432.

St. Frances of Rome Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 19 – 4-7pm \$10.00 per plate

All the traditional favorites. Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and Irish soda bread, plus specialty desserts and green libations. Eat in or take out, but definitely make reservations!

St Frances of Rome Catholic Church; 29 Highland Drive; Sparta

Reservations: 372-6810 or 372 -8846

Music Benefit for Solid Rock Food Closet

Saturday, March 19 – 7pm-10pm \$10.00 - adults, \$5.00 - 12 and under. Or, bring 5 cans/boxes of food.

Hillbilly Wes is your MC for the Lonesome Willow bluegrass band, St. Patrick's Day costume contest, cake walk, and silent auction. Refreshment available.

Sponsored by Alleghany Rotary Club. **VFW Post 7034; 1193 US Hwy 21 S; Sparta; 372-5473**

Mountain Soul Concert featuring Bandit's Roost

Sunday, March 20 – 6:30pm Open to the public, donations accepted

Singer-songwriters offering fresh sounds and a unique fusion of folk, Celtic, Newgrass, and Americana.

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

SURRY COUNTY





March 19th: Barter Theatre comes back to Elkin

April 1st & 2nd: Surry Old Time Fiddlers Convention.

Elkin Trails Association

Elkin Valley Trails Association is a non-profit affiliate of NC Rail-Trails Inc. In 2014 EVTA was awarded the "Golden Spike" award by the NC Rail-Trails for outstanding activities on the trails. Volunteers are working on the trails in Elkin, one of which follows the old Elkin & Alleghany railroad bed. A new bridge is being built this summer so the trail will ultimately be the Mountains-to-Sea trail between Stone Mountain State Park and Elkin/Jonesville and Pilot Mountain. Several sections of the trail between Elkin and Stone Mountain have already been completed. A six mile mountain bike trail in Elkin should be complete by summer. Sparta has just started an organization as well, and the trail from Sparta will go to Stone Mountain. Plans are also in the works to have hiking and biking trails to local wineries. These are exciting times for hikers and bikers, and equestrians as well, as part of the trail will be designated for them with no bikers. Come on out and check out the trails. For more information about the trails and volunteering, visit their website at elkinvalleytrails.org, or contact Dolores Neil at 363-6035.

March 2016

| <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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| | | 1 | 2 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00 | 3 | 4 | 5 Co-Ed Points Chase 11:00 |
| 6 | 7 | 8  | 9 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00 Mardi Gras Theme Menu | 10 | 11 | 12 Co-Ed Points Chase 11:00 |
| 13  | 14 | 15 | 16 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00 St Patrick's Theme Menu | 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 Co-Ed Points Chase 11:00 Board Meeting 3:00 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00 | 24 | 25 Grille Opens on Friday's, Saturday's & Sunday's | 26 Co-Ed Points Chase 11:00 |
| 27 Easter Sunday Feast  | 28 | 29 | 30 Co-Ed Skins Game 11:00 | 31 | | |

Coming Events

April 2016

Apr 2 Bingo!
 Apr 4 - 6 Aerification & Dry Ject
 Apr 23 Wine Dinner
 Apr 24 Grille Opens 7 Days a week!

Hours of Operation

March 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