



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

September 2014

General Managers Message

As you read this Hummer you have been part of an amazing summer. We have had so many great things going on at the club from Social to Golf Events. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a grand Gala that demonstrated the tenure and loyalty of so many families and showed how hard all of you work that volunteer to serve on committees and your Board of Directors! Our hats go off to all of you with special thanks for a job well done! We've enjoyed pool parties with crowds no one could believe, we had over 2300 golf rounds the month of July alone and the dining room is filled nightly. Our team throughout the club has done so well and I would especially like to thank our pool staff for all they did for us this year and look forward to having them back for another great season in 2015. Remember that even though the summer ends, we don't stop here at HMG&CC! Come and see what we are up to next:

- ✂ Make sure to get your reservations in for dinner Wednesday, Friday or Saturday from 6:00-9:00. Please remember that as our small kitchen fills with orders our food service slows down.
- ✂ When making your reservation, note that we will seat you for dinner at your reserved time in order to help maintain the flow of the evening for all tables. If you plan to spend time at the bar please share that so we can make your reservation for your dining time.
- ✂ If you have special dietary needs, would like smaller portions or more, just ask and our food and beverage team will take care of your needs. Outstanding service is what we are all about, but we need you to remind us of what we can do to help!
- ✂ Pizza Night will continue thru October 9, 2014! On Thursday nights, build your favorite pizza served casual in the Grille from 5:00-8:00. Enjoy a fresh salad from our salad bar to go along with your one-of-a kind homemade pizza.
- ✂ Breakfast & lunch in the Grille served every day—We are ready to start your day with a smile.
- ✂ The Pool closes on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.
- ✂ Ladies' President Cup, Club Championship and Ryder Cup happening this month in golf!
- ✂ The Fall Membership Meeting is Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 3:00p.m.It is the active participation of you,

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A Word From The President

As our summer season comes to a close, let's not forget how great the fall is on the mountain! Our golf calendar is still action packed with the Club Championship, The Ryder Cup, Fall Member-Member and the Cherry Lane VFD Tournament.

Our Annual Membership Meeting is Sat, Sept. 27th. Each committee will review the past year and preview plans for next year. We will announce our 3 new Board Members who will serve on the Board for the next 3 years.

It has been my honor to be your President this year. I believe we've had a great year. I want to thank the entire Board and all those that served on committees for their help and support. But most of all, I want to thank you....Thank you for being a part of our 50th Anniversary! Our participation levels were back to where they used to be. We had a great time at events such as the 50th Gala in June, Member-Guest in August, and the Pool Parties. We saw a record number of golf rounds played in July, sold out MGA Kick-off, Spring Member-Member, Ladies Invitational, Ladies Member-Guest, Kids Week, Member-Guest and the Pro-Am and this all happened because of you!

We've had 26 new golf members take advantage of our 50th Anniversary promotion and we are not done yet! We still have 4 months remaining and expect even more folks to see the value of our venue and the people that live and play here. Let your friends & acquaintances know that time is running out.

It's been a great year, but we've got many more ahead....thanks to you!

Happy 50th and Let's have a great Fall!

Pete Morrow, HMCC President

As of September 1st
there were Only
121 Days left
to join HMCC for **\$500!**

Tip of the Month

Tip of the month: Wedge Play

Do you have the correct wedges in your bag??

Statistics show that 43% of a round of golf is from 100 yards and in, and the average player will hit around nine or ten greens in regulation. So this means we are using our wedges quite regularly. When we go to replace these clubs what is the thought process? Could be loft, brand, or just replacing what our existing wedges are. Something to think about! Have you purchased clubs in the past couple of years? If so, it is getting more critical because pitching wedges are getting stronger in lofts. Many companies are making these clubs with 45 or even 44 degrees of loft. So if your next wedge has 56 degrees of loft this could possibly be a yardage gap of up to thirty yards. Typically there should be between ten and fifteen yards. Also there are different types of swings. Are you a sweeper, neutral or do you take deep divots. These characteristics are taken into effect with the clubs bounce, the angle between the leading edge of the club and the sole when grounded. Having the correct bounce is your friend as it represents forgiveness. Stop by the golf shop if we can be of assistance with your game!!!

Todd Hutcherson, PGA



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our members, that make this club so special! Come join all of us for information about your club.

✂ Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department Tournament is on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Over the last month you have likely seen some folks playing golf, dining and touring the club looking to possibly become part of our family. Some are returning after participating in some very successful events such as our first Ladies' Invitational and the CGA's Super Senior Tournament, held earlier this season. We have been proud to welcome them back to HMG&CC with the goal of them spreading the word off the mountain of how wonderful your club is...and its working! Our mission all year has been to stop hearing people say that "High Meadows Country Club is one of North Carolina's Best Kept Secrets". Well, the secret is out of the bag! For the first time in 10 years, your club will have positive membership growth and there is a renewed dedication from your team; all of this will allow us to set the club's value back to no less than the \$10,000 initiation fee or more. You have something to be so proud of and we wish you could have heard all of the positive comments about HMG&CC! Every guest we have hosted and those that have returned have shared such kind statements about the course, the clubhouse, the staff and you, our entire membership! With that said, our anniversary deal is still on and you can help others join you as part of the HMG&CC Family, today during our 50th Anniversary membership drive for **ONLY \$500** initiation fee!

See you around the club,
Mark

Welcome New Members

James & Barbara Meek

Golf Members from State Road, NC

Cynthia Bir

Golf Member from Carmel, IN

Vernon & Ginny Mountcastle

Golf Member from Wallace, NC

Stopping, Speeding & Parking

We need your help, **Please, Please, Pretty PLEASE!** Observe our Stop Signs, Speed Limits and Handicap Parking. These things are in place for the safety and well being of all the residents of High Meadows Estates. We promise, they are not there as an inconvenience or an annoyance to anyone!

So the next time you are driving through the neighborhood please remember: Stop no Evil, Speed no Evil and Park no Evil! It could be your family, friend, neighbor or pet that is spared from harm.



Fore Ladies Only

FALL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER....

It is a great time of year to be on the mountain....Our next Social/Luncheon is Thursday, September 4 - the President's Cup. Sign up in the Pro Shop prior to this Play Day for golf and the Pro Shop will assign teams (Red & Blue). The sign up for the Social/Luncheon is posted in the Ladies Locker Room. Charities have been designated for this year: D.A.N.A. Services and The Children's Weekend Program/The Solid Rock Food Closet. This day is also an opportunity to donate to the local school system - during the next month please bring school supplies and store in the closet in the Ladies Locker Room: Backpacks, pencils, papers, notebooks, etc. will be delivered to the school offices of Alleghany County. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sign ups for the Club Championship September 6 and 7 are posted-the tournament is flighted with Gross and Net winners in each flight. Sign up today !

September also presents the EVENT OF THE YEAR....The Ryder Cup at High Meadows September 19 and September 20. Details (see Hummer insert) and sign ups are posted outside the Pro Shop. This is an event not to be missed !

Join in all of these exciting September events ! Also mark your calendars for the October 11 LGA Closing. See you around the Club.

Glenda MacKeen
LGA President

Smashing Social Successes!

Now that I have your attention, I would like to say that the 2014 Member-Guest was indeed a smashing success. We had 110 golfers and 152 people for the Gala Dinner/Dance. The staff did a fabulous job. Everything from registration (with free Bloody Mary's) to the awarding of prizes on Sunday went very well despite Mother Nature's attempt to mess things up. Thanks to all members who participated and made this such a great event.

The Employee Appreciation Party was a success as well. We had lots of employees, tons of delicious food, a DJ, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all the members who prepared food and helped at the party. It was a fun way to show our employees how important they are to us and our club.

This is my last article as Social Chair as my term on the Board ends this month. It has been my privilege to be Social Chair for three years and I have greatly enjoyed putting together social events for the Club. I want to thank my fantastic committee members who helped make it all happen and who gave of their time and talent so that you could enjoy fun times on the mountain. Current members are Pat Green, Debbi Shelburne, Sally Shore, Maggie Styers, Sue Talley, Diane Tucker, and Cathy Williams. During my tenure Lisa Bishop, Jerry Parsons and Mary Beth Adams were also a part of the committee. I couldn't have done it without them, I am very grateful for their help and willingness to serve. Thanks to all of you, the members, who supported our efforts and made the events successful. We couldn't have done it without you.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the staff members who have worked closely with me and my committee and helped make our ideas a reality—Mark, Donna, Mary, Andy, Todd, Tim, Nathan, Tony, Nicole and Angela and all their employees who actually made it all happen. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Thanks,
Vicki Cox, Social Chair.

The Adventurers

Once again it is time for us to gather and celebrate fall with a luncheon. Please join us on Saturday, September 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Pat Green, 1024 Country Club Road.

The luncheon will be pot luck. Please let Caroline or Judy Ann know if you will be joining us and what you plan to bring. Hope to see you on the 13th!

Caroline Cowan 336-725-0878 or 363-2913
Judy Ann Deal 704-212-7481 or 363-6233



Cherry Lane VFD Tournament



Mon, Sept 29 10:00 Shotgun at Roaring Gap Club

Mon, Sept 29 6:30 Dinner at Old Beau

Tue, Sept. 30 9:00 shotgun at High Meadows CC

Entry Fee \$200 per player

Includes: 2 rounds of golf w/cart, lunch each day & dinner on Monday (additional dinner guests welcome at \$30/ticket)

Registration forms available in the office.

Deadline to register is September 20, 2014

Notes from the Pro

Golf Shop Reminder:

There is still lots of golf to be played this season, but fall is just around the corner and a number of our members will be heading south. For all the members that have accumulated credit in the golf shop now is the time to order that needed club, apparel piece or special gift for the holiday season. Please let us know if we can assist in any way as these credits expire at the end of the year.

Todd Hutcherson, PGA
HMCC, Golf Pro

Around the Meadow

Dear Members,

I hope you have been out enjoying the course and the weather. We have been working hard on course conditions. I have noticed there are many unrepaired divots and ball marks. Please repair and fill or replace your divots and ball marks. Also just as a reminder we will be punching holes in greens on September 7th & 8th. A huge thank you to the MGA for the divots boxes and bunkers rakes. I hope to see you all on the mountain soon.

Nathan Biggs,
Golf Course Superintendent

Local TV

Alleghany County residents living south of the Blue Ridge Parkway are limited to Charter Communications for Cable TV. They currently offer no station with news and emergency information for Alleghany Co. We have the opportunity to change that. ACTV is produced at the Wilkes Community College campus in Sparta and features local news, sports, event information, and emergency information (school and other closings due to weather). It is part of the cable system in the northern part of the county. We need to petition Charter to add this channel at no cost. The more of us who ask the more likely we will get the station.

To support this endeavor follow simple instructions below.

1. Go to <https://connect.charter.com/channelrequests>
2. Fill in the form- only a few lines.
3. In the box asking for Recommended Channel type or paste the following exactly as written- this is important so they hear the same request from all of us.

"Alleghany Community Television Inc. in Sparta, NC. A Public Access non-profit PEG Channel serving Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Surry Counties. Local TV, keeping the local area informed".

Thanks for your help.
Fred Pfaender





THE RYDER CUP AT HIGH MEADOWS SCOTLAND VS USA

Scotland Captain Ray Earnhardt & Assistant Glenda MacKeen
USA Captain Ralph Garner & Assistant Lisa Bishop

Friday, September 19

6:00 Pairings Party

Buffet & Cash Bar

Saturday, September 20

9:00 Shotgun Start

Ryder Cup Format: #1 to #9 Best Ball Net of Twosome

#10 to #18 Individual Net Match Play

Cheer for your teams from deck as they finish on # 18 for bragging rights !!!

Cash Bar....Lunch after Play

NO ENTRY FEE...Pairings Party and Lunch priced independently

Pro Shop to select players for each country

Captains & Assistants to determine pairings

Ladies & Gentlemen: Carts & players dress to impress in your country's colors !

Entry deadline September 12—Field Limited to first 80 to Sign-up.

**GOLFERS: You must sign up for the Social events
in addition to the Golf sign-up**

Social events open to all club members



2014

THE RYDER CUP AT HIGH MEADOWS SCOTLAND VS USA

SOCIAL EVENTS

OPEN TO ALL HIGH MEADOWS MEMBERS

Please sign up on posted sheets-Select # 1 and/or # 2

Friday, September 19

(Event # 1)

6:00 Pairings Party

\$ 21.50 Inclusive/ Cash Bar

Passed Hors d'Oeuvres: Mushroom & Onion Tarts, Popovers, Caprese Swords

Carving Station: Flank Steak with Sauces—Breads

Pan Seared Scottish Salmon topped with petit legumes & lemon beurre blanc

Roasted Root Vegetables

Herb Roasted Potatoes

Braised Cabbage

Green peas with prosciutto

Garden Salad

Creamy Bailey's Mousse Pie

Saturday, September 20

(Event # 2)

Drinks on Upper Deck

Buffet from Cookout

\$ 16.95 Inclusive/ Cash Bar

Hotdog & Hamburger Buffet

Fixings: (cheese, chili, slaw, kraut, onion, lettuce, tomato and pickles)

Potato Salad—Chips

Fresh Watermelon - Cookies

September 2014

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Patriots Benefit Weekend	2 Pool Closed for the Season	3 Wed. Men's Group 11:00	4 9:00 Ladies Day Presidents Cup 10:00 Nines Social/Luncheon PIZZA NIGHT	5	6 9:00 Club Championship
7 Chapel 9:00 a.m. 10:00 Club Championship	8 Aerification	9 Aerification	10 Aerification Rain Date Wed. Men's Group 11:00	11 Aerification Rain Date 9:00 Ladies Day 10:00 Nines PIZZA NIGHT	12	13 9:00 Ladies Day/ Men's Point Chase 1:00 Nines Board Meeting 3:00 Adventurer's Pot Luck at Pat Green's
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28 Chapel 9:00 a.m. Open Tee X's...8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples11-12	29 Cherry Lane Tournament	30 Cherry Lane Tournament				

Coming Events October

Oct. 4.....Wine Dinner
 Oct. 5.....1 Day Mem-Mem
 Oct. 9.....MGA & LGA Kick-Outs
 Oct. 31.....Halloween Party

Sept. Dining Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat. 6:00 - 9:00
 Thursday (Pizza in the Grille).....5:00 - 8:00

Side Door Lounge Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat. 1:30 - 9:00
 Sunday 1:00 - 6:00