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A Newsletter for Cherokee Ridge Members and Residents

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The Shootout drew crowds, especially to Hole 5, a picturesque par-three. Photo by Malcolm Goode.

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QUALITY OF PLAY, PRIZES CHARACTERIZE 2013 MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

By far Cherokee Ridge's most coveted annual event, the 2013 Member-Guest Tournament proved worth its reputation in stiff competition, valuable new prizes, and unforgettable camaraderie.

The optional Pre-tournament Shootout kicked off the competition on Thursday, June 6. Father-son team, Ed and Scott Childress won the alternate-shot format. It was a fitting start to their 23rd member-guest tournament together. Without fail, the two have paired in one

annual member-guest tournament each year since Scott was in his teens.

Thursday evening participants gathered for the Calcutta, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and the live music of Tony Mason.

Friday and Saturday, fourteen teams played seven rounds in a shamble format. The first flight ended in a tie for first place between the teams of Gary Halbeisen/Charlie Rochester and James Sears/Chris Cothran. The team of Lar-

ry Campbell and Don Johnson won the second flight.

The Tournament Shootout on Saturday afternoon was a fitting conclusion to the highly competitive weekend. Teams tied on several holes, requiring a chip off to select the advancing teams. In the end, experience defeated vigor as former PGA Tour Member Larry Campbell and his partner Don Johnson sunk a putt to beat Glenn Goodnight and Seth Bryan.

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Photo by Malcolm Goode.



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Besides the regular cash prizes and Golf Shop credit, competitors were treated to a variety of new prizes.

Each participant received a goodie bag filled with a stylish, blue and white or red and white-striped Foot Joy performance golf polo, a Titleist ProV1 golf cap, a dozen ProV1 golf balls, and a coupon redeemable for Maui Jim Sunglasses from Joe V. Clayton Chevrolet.

Prizes were also awarded on six closest-to-the-pin holes and for aces.

Chris Cothran won a Nike Golf Cart Bag and a box of Pro V1s for his two closest-to-the-pins on Friday. Billy Dickson, Davis Lee, Jim Lowry, and Charlie Rochester each won a box of Pro V1s for closest-to-the-pins on Saturday.

The most exciting new prizes were reserved for those who made aces. Two beautiful, new vehicles from Joe V. Clayton Chevrolet and fun golf vacation packages enticed

golfers to hit it close. Scott Childress made a hole-in-one on number five Friday to earn a Fairmont Resort vacation package!

As tradition requires, the Member-Guest festivities finished with a big party in the Clubhouse on Saturday evening. Chef Maceo delighted golfers and their guests with a lavish barbecue buffet with all the trimmings and a delicious assortment of macaroons and cakes for dessert.

After dinner, the dance floor quickly filled as couples danced to the live music of Rare Breed. Their tribute show was a hit, bringing the crowd to its feet in applause on several occasions. Almost the entire party stayed until the last song was played.

Many thanks to the Member-Guest Event Planners from the MGA: Bob Rieger, Ed Childress, David Tomlinson, and Jim Poff.

"We appreciate the great turnout and hard work of our volunteers and staff," said MGA President Jim Poff. "Thank you for once again making this Cherokee Ridge's best annual event!"



Photo by Malcolm Goode.

First Flight

First Place Tie

Gary Halbeisen and Charlie Rochester
(Pictured Left)

James Sears and Chris Cothran
(Pictured Right)

Third Place

Glenn Goodnight and Seth Bryan



Photo by Malcolm Goode.

Second Flight

First Place

Larry Campbell and Don Johnson
(Pictured Left)

Second Place

David Bridges and Tucker Bridges
(Pictured Right)

Third Place

Jim Poff and Leon Wells



Photo by Malcolm Goode.



Photo by Malcolm Goode.



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Saturday Shootout

First Place

Don Johnson and Larry Campbell
(Pictured Left)

Second Place

Glenn Goodnight and Seth Bryan

Third Place

James Sears and Chris Cothran

Fourth Place

Gary Halbeisen and Charlie Rochester



Photo by Malcolm Goode.

Pre-Tournament Shootout

First Place

Ed Childress and Scott Childress
(Pictured Right)

Second Place

Gary Halbeisen and Charlie Rochester

Third Place

Bob Overbeek and Carl Ezell

Fourth Place

Bob Rieger and Billy Dickson

Hole-in-One

Scott Childress, Hole #5
(Pictured Far Right)

Closest-to-the-Pin

Friday

Chris Cothran, Hole #8
Chris Cothran, Hole #15

Saturday

Davis Lee, Hole #5
Billy Dickson, Hole #8
Charlie Rochester, Hole #11
Jim Lowry, Hole #15



Photo by Malcolm Goode.



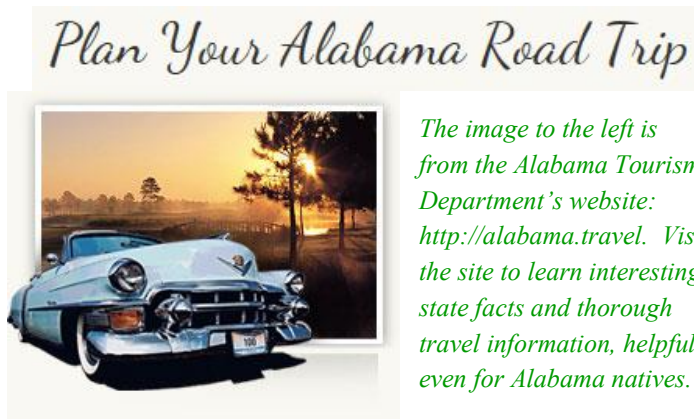


ALABAMA TOURISM DEPARTMENT BRINGS GOLF MEDIA TOUR TO CHEROKEE RIDGE

The Alabama Tourism Department organized a Golf Media Tour on June 3-7. The purpose was to introduce Alabama's stunning golf courses to regional golf writers who may have never experienced the Southern hospitality, charm and beauty of this area.

The tour made an overnight stop at Cherokee Ridge on Tuesday, June 4. The group enjoyed a round of golf, dinner at The Waterfall Grille, and accommodations at the newly remodeled Lake House.

Seven writers representing



golf publications toured Cherokee Ridge: *Golf Time of Chicago*, *Golf Oklahoma*, *Golfer's Tee Time of Nashville*, *Southeastland Golf of California*, *Arizona Fairways*, *Golf Getaways*, *golftavel.com*, and *Golf Vacations*.

Honours Golf and Cherokee Ridge are grateful to the Alabama Tourism Department for bringing this influential group of golf writers to the Ridge and hope to see favorable coverage in their publications soon!

HONOURS GOLF WELCOMES SECOND PGA GOLF APPRENTICE TO CHEROKEE RIDGE



PGA Golf Apprentice Jonathon Watts joined PGA Golf Professional John Harbison and PGA Golf Apprentice Michael McDaniel to complete Cherokee Ridge's golf staff.

Watts hails from Brandon, Mississippi. He previously served at the Country Club of Jackson before moving with his family to Arab.

Jonathon and wife Casey have three children: Danielle White, a student at Mississippi State University; Leah White, an incoming senior at Arab High School; and

Allison, an incoming student at Arab Middle School.

MEMBER'S AREA



HAVE YOU LOGGED IN?

At the request of Cherokee Ridge members, Honours Golf updated our website and created a new, members-only portal. This convenient online tool offers a current event calendar, announcements, The Waterfall Grille menu, and a member directory!

All you need is your Cherokee Ridge member number to sign up at cherokeeridgegolf.com. Please remember to visit the member directory section if you would like to share your contact information with other members. Out of respect for your privacy, Honours Golf only provides members' names.

For more information or assistance with the website, please visit or call your clubhouse staff.

OF COURSE

FROM THE PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL



The Member-Guest Tournament kicked off the summer in dramatic fashion! Great competition, including an ace, and serious fun set the tone for our busy summer season.

In June, we have already enjoyed our biggest member event, hosted a

Golf Media Tour, a Dixie Golf Junior Tournament, a local realtor tournament, a large wedding . . . and the month is only half-way through! We still have the Golf Channel AM Tour, Parent/Grandparent and Child Clinic, and more to enjoy.

Please join us for these exciting events. We look forward to serving you and helping you enjoy your summer to the fullest!

John Harbison

AGA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AT RIDGE



Cherokee Ridge is proud to host the Alabama Golf Association's 23rd Women's Stroke Play Championship on July 26-28. The best female golfers from the state will travel to our course and battle for top golfer honors.

The tournament is no small undertaking, and the Alabama Golf Association needs six volunteers each day of the tournament to help with live scoring. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Golf Shop at 498-5300.

For more information about the tournament, please visit www.bamagolf.com.

Junior Golf Instruction

Junior golfers and their families are in for a treat! An instructor that U.S. Kids Golf has recognized as a *Top 50 Kids Teachers Honorable Mention* for the past four years will be hosting clinics and camps at Cherokee Ridge this summer.

Many members will be surprised to learn that it isn't a guest instructor, but our own PGA Golf Professional, John Harbison, who has received the accolades and will host the summer instruction series! There will be a variety of instructional sessions for families to choose:

Parent/Grandparent and Child Clinics

Fridays, Beginning June 21

4:00pm

Cost \$15

Weekly Junior Clinics

Fridays, Beginning June 21

5:00pm

Cost \$10

Junior Golf Camp I

Tuesday, July 9 — Thursday, July 11

Call the Golf Shop for times.

Cost \$130, includes t-shirt and lunch daily.

Junior Golf Camp II

Tuesday, July 16 — Thursday, July 18

Call the Golf Shop for times.

Cost \$130, includes t-shirt and lunch daily.

To reserve your child's place or learn more, please call the Golf Shop at 498-5300.

OF COURSE

STANLEY EDWARDS: ACING RETIREMENT

After thirty years of service in the Army, Sargent Major Stanley Edwards began his transition into retirement on May 16 with a round of golf.

Edwards was particularly excited to head to the course with a buddy. His arm had been in a cast four weeks in an effort to recover from tendinitis, and he couldn't wait to get back to the game he loves.

When Edwards took his pitching wedge out on hole number five, he never imagined that his golf legacy would change forever. One perfect swing resulted in an ace from 125 yards.

"It was my first one," explained Edwards. "I couldn't play correctly the next two holes. I just couldn't contain my excitement."

Edwards has been a member and resident of Cherokee Ridge for more than five years. A native of New Hampshire, Edwards has lived throughout the United States; however, he and his wife Sadhna are happy to retire at Cherokee Ridge.



COTHRAN WINS LOCAL DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT

One of Cherokee Ridge's youngest golfers won a local qualifying tournament for the inaugural Drive, Chip & Putt Championship. Ellie, the seven-year-old daughter of Chris and Melissa Cothran, took first place overall in the seven to nine-year-old girls division at the Georgia Trail at Sugarloaf on June 4. She also won ribbons for first in chipping and second in putting.

The win sends Cothran to the regional qualifier at

Atlanta Athletic Club on August 5. The winner of each age division will move on to play in the Drive, Chip & Putt Championship at Augusta National the Sunday prior to the Masters in 2014.

The Drive, Chip & Putt Championship is a joint effort by the USGA, PGA and Masters Tournament Foundation to promote junior golf. To learn more, visit drivechipandputt.com.



Ellie Cothran, left, took first place honors at the local Drive, Chip & Putt qualifier in Duluth, Georgia. She advances to the regional qualifier at Atlanta Athletic Club in August.

WEAVER FINISHES 8TH AT STATE; WINS DIXIE AT RIDGE



Zachary Weaver continues to collect golf awards as he heads into his senior year at Arab High School. This Cherokee Ridge member qualified for the AHSAA High School Individual Stroke Play Championship at RTJ at the Shoals on May 13-14. He shot 75 and 78 during difficult conditions to tie for 8th in the Class 5A division.

More recently, Weaver won the PGA Dixie Section Junior Golf Tournament at Cherokee Ridge on June 3 with a 73. Fellow Arab High School teammates Joe Crowder and Lucas Whitaker took second and third place with 80 and 81, respectively. Brooks Malone, son of Arab High School Coach Jason Malone, placed third in the 10-12 year old division.

GOLF CHANNEL AM TOUR STOPS AT THE RIDGE SATURDAY

The largest amateur golf tour in the United States is hosting the Summer Open Tournament at Cherokee Ridge on Saturday, June 22.

The Golf Channel AM Tour is a sprawling schedule of more than 800 events through the US. It is open to players of all ages, both male and female. Players must first become a member of the Golf Channel AM Tour by registering online and paying a fee. Then members are eligible to sign up for any of the one-day tournaments offered in more than 55 cities.

Competitors may simply

enjoy the local competition or accrue points to gain entry into the AM Tour's 30 two-day Major Championships.

Summer Open tee times begin at 10:30am, and awards will be presented at 3:30pm. Cherokee Ridge members may come watch or play a regular round during the competition. Please contact the Golf Shop for tee time availability.

For more information about the Golf Channel Am Tour, visit gcamtour.com. The Summer Open is listed as part of the Birmingham Local Tour.



GOLFERS, PLEASE REMEMBER

Range Hours:

The Range will close approximately one hour before sunset.

Check-In Reminder:

Please remember to check-in at the Golf Shop before playing your round and any extra holes.

Cart Reminder:

Please refrain from driving carts onto range tee boxes, course tee boxes, or greens.

THANK YOU!



ENJOY SOCIAL MEDIA?

Follow Cherokee Ridge's new Facebook and Twitter feeds! Each features information and photos about tournaments, upcoming events, and popular golf topics.

COUPLES GOLF

If you haven't joined Couples Golf, you are missing the most fun, relaxing round of weekly golf at the Ridge! Every Friday members gather at 5:30pm on the range or the veranda to make foursomes and head out for a laid-back nine holes of golf.

Couples traditionally enjoy a scramble format with an emphasis on fun and fellowship rather than competition. Afterwards, couples usually gather at The Waterfall Grille for a delicious dinner or appetizers.

Despite its name, couples golf is open to any member, regardless of whether you have a partner. Singles are paired together before the round.

For more information or to reserve your spot, please call the Golf Shop at 498-5300.



MAY WINE SOCIETY: HOW SMART IS YOUR NOSE?

The Cherokee Ridge Wine Society was given a challenge at their May 14 meeting. JoAnne from Kala's Cottage presented wines in black glasses that were to be identified by smell alone. It was fun and stimulating for all present. Lisa from International Wines provided fine wines, and Chef Maceo served



excellent food as usual. The evening was unusual and educational!

We have another fun and educational evening planned for Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm. If you are not a member of the Wine Society, we would like for you to come as a guest. The cost is

\$15 plus the price of dinner. We think you would really enjoy the evening.

Thanks to all our members and guests for making Wine Society so much fun!

David Tomlinson
President

A HANDY GUIDE TO CRCC POA ASSISTANCE

by *Diane Neustadter*

The Cherokee Ridge Property Owner's Association (POA) Board of Directors works to help keep our community safe and attractive. To facilitate that, each board member has a specific area of responsibility.

Ed Childress is the President.

Nick Williams is responsible for Security, Lighting, and the Cable system. This includes continuing to oversee gate repair and contractor liaison, handling requests from residents for added street lights, and following up with Charter regarding their exclusive cable rights in the community.

Jack Chaney is responsible for the Common Areas. He is working with Stewart White, our general contractor; the Honours staff and Turf Technologies, our landscape contractor, to establish a definitive map of what constitutes the common area. He is also communicating with the Architectural Committee regarding their landscaping ideas. Part of the landscaping activities includes expanding and repairing the irrigation system.

Malcolm Goode is dealing with both the Sewage System and Garbage. He has researched paperwork regarding the sewer plant and is in the process of contracting for long overdue repairs. He is also asking all residents to put their trash inside the dumpster not beside it and to empty their burnable items in the open burn field, emptying the plastic trash bags because they will not burn.

Jim Pittman is responsible for Covenants, Roads, and Signage. He works with owners on rectifying discrepancies from the covenants. You will soon be receiving a letter from Jim concerning our covenants. Contact Jim for details on obtaining "For Sale" signs, too.

Diane Neustadter is the Secretary and also handles Member Communication. In addition to preparing minutes from the POA Board of Directors meetings she prepares periodic notices of items of interest to POA Members and arranges for their distribution either by Linda Thrower or through the CCRC newsletter.

Wayne Burke is the Treasurer and handles Insurance matters. He works with Dollar and Watson CPA firm in Guntersville. He is also verifying that the Member assessment payment by bank draft capability is working.

At this time, the POA board meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:30pm in the Clubhouse. Contact any of the above board members with questions and concerns and feel free to attend any board meetings.



BEATLES REVIEW

Kapelle, a local string ensemble featuring Cherokee Ridge's own Sally Goldner on cello, earned rave reviews with their energetic Beatles review on May 23.

A pleasantly full dining room enjoyed dinner by Chef Maceo while listening to the familiar tunes. For many, the music evoked fun memories of the original Beatles invasion of the United States fifty years ago.

A GATE UPDATE

The schedule for the Cherokee Ridge Entry Gate is now as follows: Morning opening is 5:00am. Evening closing is 8:00pm. The closing time was moved back to accommodate late golfers and outside guests wishing to use The Waterfall Grill.

If at any time the gate is not operating correctly, please contact the Clubhouse at 498-5300.



RELAY FOR LIFE WINNER

The Cherokee Ridge Relay for Life Team wants to express their gratitude to all members and residents who donated to the fund. Through your generosity, the group was able to raise more than \$2500 for the American Cancer Society.

Due to member participation and volunteering, the Relay for Life Golf Day at Cherokee Ridge was a success. Russell Bobo won a Nike Golf Bag in the closest-to-the-pin contest.

Main Dishes

Breads

Southern Living Tip of the Month:

Buying Melons

When buying melons, choose ones heavy for their size. They should be firm, not hard and have a nice floral smell.

For more information about the Southern Living Cooking Group, please contact the Clubhouse at 498-5300.



DELICIOUS DINING WITHOUT THE DRIVE



The Waterfall Grille is a refreshing change of pace from crowded chain restaurants with insufficient parking and long lines. At The Waterfall Grille, regular patrons are immediately greeted by name and given their pick of seats. Often, the chef will step out to greet diners and ensure the meal was delectable.

A menu, a calendar of upcoming special dining events, and dining room hours are conveniently available online in the *Member's Area*. Don't forget to check out the popular, made-to-order Sunday Brunch and Friday night steak or seafood dinners!

WATER AEROBICS RESUMES SUMMER SCHEDULE



Swimming isn't just child's play! The pool offers a variety of fitness options for adults looking to stay in shape. Twice a week, a steadfast group of Cherokee Ridge members gather at the pool to enjoy water aerobics. These low-impact exercises tone and strengthen muscle without straining joints.

This year Colleen Lee has volunteered to lead the bi-weekly water aerobic sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am, tentatively. For up-to-date water aerobic news, please call the Clubhouse at 498-5300.

HANES FINISHES SECOND AT POKE SALAT 5K



Photo by Del Hanes.

After a nearly 15-year-hiatus from running, Cherokee Ridge member and resident Ronnie Hanes resumed training and entered the inaugural Arab Poke Salat 5K. Looking as though he never left the field, Hanes took second in the over-60 age division with the respectable time of 26 minutes and 38 seconds. Following this successful run, Ronnie and his wife Del have begun training for more races. They are often seen jogging through Cherokee Ridge.

Left: Ronnie Hanes crosses the finish line in a red shirt. His time of 26:38 isn't bad for 60+!

POOL SECURITY, UPGRADES SAFER FOR KIDS, COMMUNITY

For twenty years, Cherokee Ridge’s Junior Olympic-size pool has been the crowning joy of children’s summers. Giggles, squeals and splashes radiate from the sparkling blue waters throughout the nearby playground, to surrounding houses, and all the way to the driving range. They are beautiful, joyous sounds of summer!



New Gate Lock

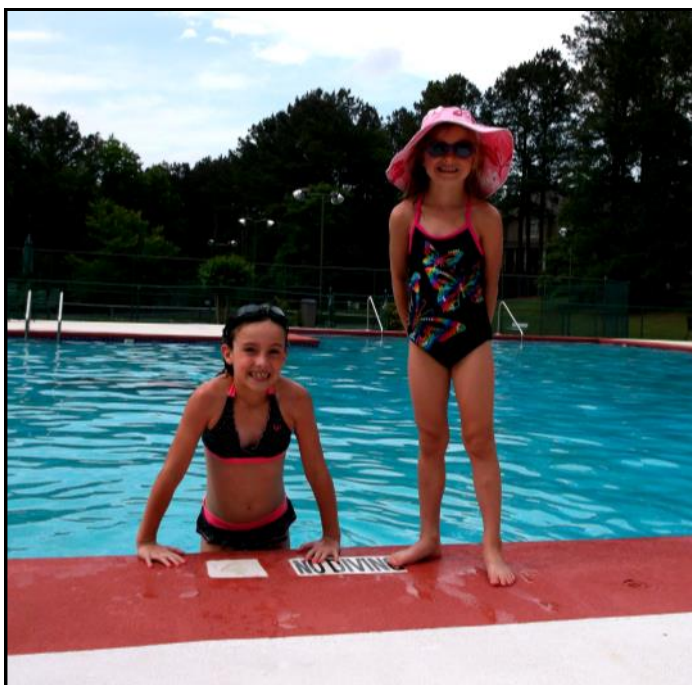
Thanks to many recent improvements by Honours Golf, members can relax and enjoy the pool more. The most obvious change is the implementation of an electronic lock system on the pool’s front and side gates. Members must purchase an electronic key fob from the Golf Shop before entering the pool area, including the fitness center. The new lock system prevents children from wandering through the unsecured gates into the pool area, unbeknownst to family. While children always need watched around water, this safety feature has the potential to prevent tragedy.

Members also appreciate that pool cracks and leaks that developed over the years have been repaired. The pool was sandblasted and given a fresh coat of paint, and the locker rooms beneath the pool were also cleaned and painted.

In order to maintain the pool’s current beauty, members are asked to dispose of all trash, especially food that could attract insects, in the waste cans. They are also asked to return community toys and floats to the gray storage unit on the patio before they leave. And, finally, Honours Golf requests that members register at the podium so they can track pool usage and needs.



The Registration Podium



CHEROKEE RIDGE EVENTS

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JUNE EVENTS

June 21, Friday	Parent/Grandparent and Child Golf Clinic, 4:00pm Junior Golf Clinic, 5:00pm Couples Golf, 5:30pm
June 22, Saturday	Golf Channel AM Tour Summer Open, 10:30am-3:30pm
June 23, Sunday	Sunday Brunch, <i>made-to-order</i> , at The Waterfall Grille, 10:00am-5:00pm
June 25, Tuesday	Water Aerobics, 10:00am Southern Living Club
June 27, Thursday	Water Aerobics, 10:00am
June 28, Friday	Parent/Grandparent and Child Golf Clinic, 4:00pm Junior Golf Clinic, 5:00pm Couples Golf, 5:30pm
June 30, Sunday	Sunday Brunch, <i>made-to-order</i> , at The Waterfall Grille, 10:00am-5:00pm

FUTURE EVENTS

July 9-11, Tuesday-Thursday	Junior Golf Camp I
July 16-18, Tuesday-Thursday	Junior Golf Camp II
July 20-21, Saturday-Sunday	Member-Member Tournament
July 26-28, Friday-Sunday	Alabama Golf Association Women's Stroke Play Championship at Cherokee Ridge
August 16-18, Friday-Sunday	Men's Club Championship

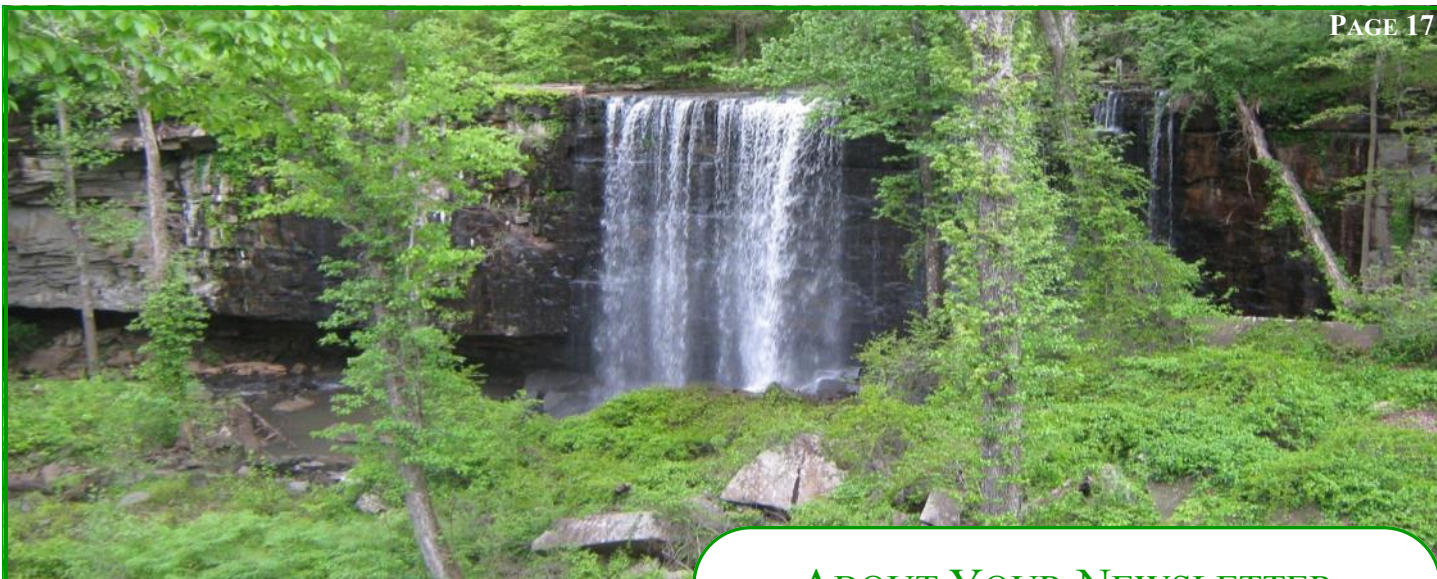


CHEROKEE RIDGE

The Waterfall Grille

HOURS

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10:00am — 5:00pm
Wednesday:	10:00am — 6:00pm
Thursday:	10:00am — 6:00pm
Friday:	10:00am — 6:00pm
Saturday:	10:00am — 6:00pm
Sunday:	10:00am — 5:00pm



ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER

We hope you enjoy the Cherokee Ridge Country Club E-letter. The newsletter committee would love your input! Please send your news, photos, questions, comments or suggestions to crceletter@gmail.com.

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