



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

September 2018

A Word From The President

As you read this I will have only about twenty days left as your president (but who's counting?) It has been a wild ride, but also a very good year. I have helped a new General Manger get his feet on the ground in his first full year. We have had major problems in the Food & Beverage operation. We had two sever wind storms that took out over sixty trees. And, we had the major rain storm of the century, with resulting storm damage.

We have worked our way through all of this. Mike West has figured out where all the land mines are and how to navigate through them. We have a solution to the Food & Beverage problem that should be good for some time. The emergency repairs for the storm damage have been largely completed except for the Bunkers and some longer range drainage repairs to the golf course.

The board will be making a proposal to the membership to rebuild the bunkers and repair some additional drainage problems around the course. This will be an investment that will raise the playability of our course and make our great course even better. Information will be published to the membership shortly and the proposal will be discussed at the annual membership meeting on September 22nd and voted

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General Managers Message

Rain-Rain-Rain Go Away! My goodness August has been one wet month here on the mountain. I first would like to thank Nathan Biggs and our golf course maintenance staff for all of their hard work over recent weeks to get our golf course back into playable condition. We have now started to make repairs from the heavy rains received earlier this month. Our projects will include bridge replacement/repairs on holes #13 & #14, repair erosion damage to creek banks on #13 & #14, backfill washout adjacent to the cart path on #18, fill erosion on back of dam on hole #10, and repair failing culverts on holes #4 and #9. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we get these much needed repairs accomplished.

September promises to be a very busy month, especially on our golf course. Sign-up sheets are posted for the Club Championship on Saturday/ Sunday, September 8th & 9th. The following week will be our Ryder Cup matches. Friday evening, September 14th will be a pairings party and dinner, with the matches being held on Saturday, September 15th. It's time to get your partner for the Fall Member/Member to be played on Saturday/Sunday, September 29th and 30th. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board adjacent to

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Roads Update

Evidently we've done something to upset Mother Nature! Excessive snow this past winter, October storms and now in excess of 15 inches of rain causing damage to our roads and golf course. Tony and his crew have been plowing snow, clearing roads and cutting trees and now patching roads since last October!

The repair list below will give you an idea of his "things to do list". Plus the normal day to day upkeep, trimming grass along all of our roads, mowing throughout the community, supervising the pool maintenance, taking care of etc., etc.,etc.

- ◆ Culvert on Red Bird.
- ◆ Shady Ln. road damage.
- ◆ Top storm drain on front hill.
- ◆ Gutter and catch basin Lakeview Dr. and Meadowview.
- ◆ Gutter on front hill and pole hole.
- ◆ Gutter and catch basin on Buchanan and Ridge Rd.
- ◆ Red Bird gutter drain.
- ◆ Cart path above cart barn sinking.
- ◆ Woodcrest berm in wooded area.
- ◆ Ridge Rd. above first speed bump catch basin at cross ties.
- ◆ Chestnut Ridge gutter.
- ◆ Ridge Rd. #7 crossing side gutter going down.
- ◆ 188 Lake Dr. catch basin.
- ◆ 372 Longview Circle.

Bottom line he and his crew are doing a terrific job! If you see him, PLEASE, a quick Thank-you is in order but don't take up too much of his valuable time. He's got "stuff" to do.

It's going to be a process putting all of this back together, please be patient for the GOOD OF THE CLUB!

Rich Kaplan, Roads, Security & Landscaping

Pros Corner

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 to ten greens in regulation. So this results in using our wedges quite often. 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? 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 around 15 yards between clubs. Also there are different types of swings to consider. 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 assist with your wedge game!!!

As we enter into fall, there is no better time to play golf! The days are beautiful, the air crisp and refreshing, as well as some exciting events to come. We have our Club Championship, Ryder Cup, Fall Member-Member and the Cherry Lane event. We also want to thank everyone for your continuing support this year with our tournament programs even though it has been a tough year with weather! As a reminder, if you accumulated any credits in the Golf Shop this year, please stop by and browse the shop or we will be glad to order anything for your golfing needs!

Please call the Golf Shop and schedule a day of golf with your friends to enjoy this beautiful time of the year!

Thank you,
The Golf Shop Staff!

Welcome New Members

Christopher & Donna Edden

Golf Members - Winston Salem, NC & 52 Deer Run

Bob & Dot Hurley

Golf Members - Elkin, NC

Louis & Peggy Watts

Annual Assoc. Members - Charlotte, NC & Sparta, NC

Social Happenings

First and foremost – our special thanks to everyone who participated in the Employee Appreciation Dinner on August 12th. It was a big success thanks, in great part, to our members' contributions. Your food and support were much appreciated by all!

High Meadows will be hosting a reception for Georgann Eubanks on Thursday evening, September 20th, from 5:00 – 7:00. Georgann is a renown North Carolina author and we feel very fortunate to have her here at High Meadows. All members are invited to attend but space will be limited so please make your reservations early. More information will be coming out about this special event shortly.

Several of our other social events in September will revolve around golf. The LGA will once again sponsor the Ryder Cup Tournament on Saturday, September 15th – with a Pairings Party the evening before. The Fall Member-Member tournament will kick off with a Cocktail Party on Friday, September 28th followed by golf on September 29th and 30th.

We will look forward to seeing everyone at the Club.

The Social Committee

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on by the membership.

We have had some positive things happen for us. The web page and the social media marketing program has matured and is being recognized around the country. The real estate company, High Meadows Country Club Properties, is fully organized, functional and selling houses. We have had 13 new and returning members join us. A number of houses have sold.

We have a new fitness center with top notch equipment. The Capital Funding Group, authorized by the board has raised money from volunteers and has rebuilt the deck and made significant improvements to the pool. High Meadows is on the move again!

Each board member has worked hard in their committee areas and helped the club operate smoothly and move forward. They have each given wise leadership in the decisions and actions of the Board. I am very grateful to each of them for their dedication and their wise leadership.

We have a wonderful staff of smart, hardworking dedicated people. In my twenty years on the mountain, this is the best staff we have ever had. Please express to them your appreciation.

Despite the problems that arise, it has been an exciting, satisfying year as your president. Now I intend to relax and try to learn how to play golf.

Allen Williams

CLVFD Tournament Reminder

Only 2 weeks left for registration! The Tournament dates are Mon, Sept. 24 at Roaring Gap Club; Tue, Sept. 25 at High Meadows; Dinner on Mon. evening Sept. 24 at Olde Beau. We have rain dates scheduled for one week later (Mon, Oct. 1 & Tue, Oct. 2) same times and sites.

We have two shotguns each day and you can indicate your time preference on the registration form. Completed forms with full payment will be logged as they are received and preferences noted.

Registration forms are available in the Golf Shop or Office. Deadline for registration is Sept. 14. Your team captain will receive e-mail conformation by the deadline of Sept. 14.

Entry Fee is \$200 per player and includes 2 rounds of golf with cart, lunch each day and dinner on Monday evening. Sponsorships will be available for \$100 and greatly appreciated. For questions, please contact Neal Harrell at nharrell@unc.edu or 919-475-3295.

Thank you for your support, CLVFD Board of Directors

HMCC LGA

It's hard to believe that we are coming into the last month of our 2018 golf season. Summer has flown by even though it has left us unwelcome souvenirs of all the rain. Hoping Fall is going to be beautiful and calm.

Our Artisan Day show and sale was well received with several vendors displaying and selling their wares. Thanks to Denise Horne-Kaplan for an excellent job of organizing and conducting the show and to the LGA members who volunteered and helped make the event run smoothly.

On August 18th we delivered the collected school supplies to the Allegheny County School Offices for distribution to the various schools in the county. We had an impressive amount of supplies this year thanks to your generosity and willingness to donate. This drive gives us an opportunity to help our neighbors and your involvement is always greatly appreciated.

Our last big event for the season is the **RYDER CUP TOURNAMENT** on Saturday, September 15th with the pairings party and dinner on Friday evening, the 14th. There is lunch following golf on Saturday. Both meals are optional.



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Team captains this year are **Barry Ward** for **EUROPE** and **Mark Stephens** for the **USA**. They are being assisted by Sue Talley and Deanna Werner.

Check out the sign-up sheets outside the Pro Shop, sign up and get ready for a fun-filled golf and social event.

We end our season with our Kick-out on Saturday, October 6th. We will have a Captain's Choice play day followed by lunch. Sign-up sheets will be outside the Pro Shop.

Hope to see everybody there!

Out & About - Local Happenings

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Music on Main - 6:00. Join us in Sparta as we close off the street and enjoy music and shopping in downtown Sparta! Bring a lawn chair if you just want to sit and enjoy the music. The Dates are as follows: **Sept 7 & Oct 5**

Stone Mountain - Sept 8 - 11:00 Old Fashioned Day. Free Event with live Music and traditional Art

Mountain Heritage Festival - Sept 15 from 10 - 4:30 - Free Admission. Downtown Sparta. Live Music, Art, Craft and Food Vendors. Traditional Music & Dancing. Live demonstrations and Historical Exhibits.

Mountain Soul 2018 - Christ Episcopal Church Services at 6:00; Concerts at 6:20

September 30 - Swing Set: Light Swing/Jazz

October 28 - Fraidy Cats: 1920's to Current Hits

November 25 - For All The Glory: Gospel

December 30 - The Faithful Four: Christmas Gospel Service.

Studio Redwood - Fall Schedule; 16 S. Main, Sparta
To register e-mail: redwood@skybest.com Register early, classes

fill quickly. Deadline - 2 weeks prior to class. ASF=All Supplies Furnished, bottled water furnished or bring own beverage. Dessert furnished for Thurs. eve. classes. Gingerbread Cookie furnished for Gingerbread Class. Bring lunch for Chair Caning, or go out to lunch.
October 13 - Double Post Basket Weave Chair Caning \$80
9:30 - 3:00; Age 18 - Adult

October 18 - Painted Pumpkin Class; 6:00 - 8:00; \$35
Ages 12 - Adult; ASF

November 1 - Painted Snowman or Santa on Canvas; \$35
6:00 - 8:00; Ages 12 - Adult; ASF

November 10- Painted Gingerbread House; \$30
10:00 - Noon; Ages 12 - Adult; ASF

WILKES COUNTY

Sept. 20, 2018 - Dailey & Vincent

Nov. 1, 2018 - Under the Streetlamp

Dec. 6, 2018 - Deep in the Heart of Christmas - Texas Tenors

Feb. 28, 2019 - Mike Farris & the Roseland Rhythm Review

Mar 28, 2019 - Artrageous

May 10, 2019 - The Oak Ridge Boys

Walker Center on campus of Wilkes Community College
www.walkercenteronline.org - 336-838-6260

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Ladies Day /Men's Point Chase
2 Chapel 9:00 <small>Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12</small>	3 Labor Day Super Senior Play Day 11:00	4 Pool Closed	5 Wed 11:00 Men's Group	6 9:00 Ladies Day	7 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	8 Club Championship Wine & Tapas
9 Chapel 9:00 Club Championship	10 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	11	12 Wed 11:00 Men's Group	13 9:00 Ladies Day	14 Super Senior Play Day 11:00 Ryder Cup Pairings Party	15 Ryder Cup Board Mtg 3:00
16 Chapel 9:00 <small>Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12</small>	17 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	18	19 Wed 11:00 Men's Group	20 9:00 Ladies Day Georgann Eubanks Reception 5 - 7	21 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	22 9:00 Ladies Day/ Mens Point Chase Fall Member Meeting 3:00
23 Chapel 9:00 <small>Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12</small>	24 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	25 CLVFD Tournament 	26 Wed 11:00 Men's Group	27 9:00 Ladies Day	28 Super Senior Play Day 11:00 Fall Mem-Mem Cocktail Party	29 Fall Mem-Mem

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Chapel 9:00
Fall Mem-Mem



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the Golf Shop. As a reminder, the Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department golf tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 25th. Mark your social calendars for a Wine & Tapas event to be held on Saturday, September 8th. Make your reservations with Donna if you would like to attend.

You have probably noticed some additional projects going on around the Club. Our pool deck has been extended, with new fencing put up around the exterior. We are also renovating our clubhouse deck. The deck is being replaced with new wood and railings. We will also be extended the deck around the Golf Shop side of the clubhouse, picking up approximately 350 sq. ft. addition to the deck surface. A fire pit will also be installed under the overhang area of the deck. Deck completion is expected towards the end of September. Thank you to all of the members who have given to the Living Tree fund to make these projects possible.

As a couple of reminders, please make sure to frequent our website. The more visits we have to our site increase our exposure to Google searches. Another reminder, the pool will be closed for the season on Tuesday, September 4th. We know what the closing of the pool means, Fall is just around the corner!

See you around the Club
Mike West, General Manager

Coming Events

October 2018

- Oct 6 LGA Kick-out w/Social
MGA Kick-out
- Oct 13 Fall Festival
- Oct 22 & 23 Aerification
- Oct 24 & 25 Aerification Rain Date

F & B Hours of Operation

Dining Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat. 6:00 - 9:00

Side Door Lounge Hours

Sunday 2:00—6:00

Grille Hours

Mon - Sat 8:00 - 4:00
Sun 8:00 - 2:00