



High Meadows "Hummer"

Roaring Gap, NC

September 2017

A Word From The President

The ground around our house was littered with acorns last week! Can summer really be coming to an end? The coming of fall promises magnificent colors, cooler temperatures and anticipation of the holiday season; the best time of the year on the mountain in my view.

Member-Guest weekend was a smashing success. Thanks to Pat Green and the Social committee for putting on a spectacular show that was sold out for the first time in several years. The Club Championship and the Memorial tournament are coming in mid September. The Memorial should be particularly meaningful. We will recognize past members who made contributions to the foundation and survival of High Meadows, as well as other individuals near and dear to our hearts. Equally important, the proceeds will be donated to local charities. Your generosity in the past on behalf of our County neighbors has been overwhelming; I anticipate nothing less this year. We will close out the season with the Fall Member - Member, the Kick - Out tournaments, and a Wine Dinner in October.

I hope you have enjoyed my focus this year on our employees. It has been a privilege getting to know these folks and sharing some of their stories with you. Our employees are the life-blood of our club; without them we could never enjoy the unique qualities that make High Meadows special. Please join me in thanking them whenever you get the chance. They are often over-worked and under-paid, yet their primary goal remains making our club the best around. A word of thanks or encouragement goes a long way and your recognition of their efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Don't miss our Annual Meeting on September 23rd that will include an update on current and future projects. We will elect three new Board members and address any other business that comes before the assembly.

Your Board has tackled a number of significant issues this year, and it has been a distinct privilege serving with such a dedicated and talented group of men and women. Finally, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your President; it has been an honor and a privilege.

See you on the mountain!
Paul

General Managers Message

I would like to thank you, the members of High Meadows for the many warm welcome and for the opportunity to serve as your General Manager! You have made my transition very simple and easy, while creating a feeling of home and surpassing many expectations of how truly special this club really is.

Since coming on board, much of my time has been spent trying to meet and get to know the members. It did not take long to become evident the camaraderie, friendliness and caring that exists with this outstanding membership. High Meadows is also very blessed to have an excellent staff. Over the last couple of weeks, I have met with all of the department heads, getting to know them both professionally and personally. This is an outstanding team who all are very dedicated to making your membership experiences more enjoyable.

I would like to take the time to highlight several goals. My first and primary goal will be to grow our membership base. Our recently redesigned website, combined with continual ongoing improvements to the site is just one of the many plans to bring additional exposure and new members to High Meadows. Membership growth comes down to how we are able to tell our story, who we are and what we are as a Club. Our story has to be told from both the members as well as the staff, letting prospects know about this wonderful Club, outstanding facilities and golf course, the special friendships to be made, and the various programs and activities we have to offer. Together as a team, I will be working closely with our Board, various Club Committees and staff to add new, while also continuing to develop and improve our existing programs to enhance your overall membership experience. My goal is to maintain and improve all club facilities and to provide premium golf course playing conditions. I will also be working closely with each of our departments and department heads to ensure we provide exemplary member service to you and your guests.

I am pleased to announce that in a few weeks, we will

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Welcome New Members

Cole Anderson - Golf Member, Morristown, TN
Richard & Deanna Werner - Golf Member, Raleigh, NC

Ladies News & Notes - THANK YOU HIGH MEADOWS

Back-to-School Supplies

Thank you to all who participated in the LGA Back-to-School Campaign. Your generous contributions were delivered to the Allegheny County Central Office by Eileen Franklin on Thursday, August 17. They were received with great appreciation. They will separate and distribute to their age appropriate schools. We want to share this picture taken just before we loaded up!



Queen Bee - 2017

The Queen Bee was played on consecutive Saturdays in August as a net ringer tournament. We had a strong turnout and crowned our Queen Bee and her court @ the luncheon immediately following the second day of play on August 26.



Queen Bee: Jerry Parsons	Viscountess Bees: Ginny Mountcastle
Princess Bee: Janet Nuckolls	Jenny Braswell
Duchess Bees: Yvonne Orr	Lisa Bishop
..... Janet Knott.....	Cathy Williams
..... Jean Lindsey	Baroness Bees: Cathy Benjamin
..... Anna Hayes	Sally Earnhardt
.....	Pat Green
Countess Bees: Vicki Cox.....	Nancy Willis
..... Dian Ramey	
..... Barbara Thompson	
..... Eileen Franklin	

Thanks to all who participated and Princess Bee Sally Earnhardt for planning our menu.

Club Championship

LGA and MGA Club Championships will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10. Support your LGA and MGA by signing up and having a couple of days of fun playing with and against your peers.

Guest Day Play

We only have one remaining Guest Day scheduled for 2017. **It will be September 28!!** This should be a wonderful time of the season to have some "girlfriends" up to HMCC for a fun day of golf. tournament. We had a strong turnout and crowned our Queen Bee and her court @ the luncheon immediately following the second day of play on August 2

Dian Ramey, Vicki Cox, Jenny Braswell, Lou Garner

Pros Corner

As we enter into fall and with crisp morning temperatures, there is no better time to play golf than now! The days are beautiful, the golf course is in excellent condition and tournaments still to come! We have the Club Championship, Member-Member and Cherry Lane events in the month of September and early October. We also want to thank everyone for there continuing support this year with our tournament programs and hope to see each of you in these events.

Also as a reminder, if you have received credits in the golf shop, stop by and browse the shop or we will be glad to special 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!

Tip of the Month - Short Game Consistency

Grab five balls out of your bag, and find a shot around the new practice green that you think is easy. "Hit all five balls at the target," "Give yourself a point for each ball, get it within two club lengths." After you've hit those five, move on to a chip that is medium difficulty. Hit five balls from here. Finally, move on to a chip shot that is hard and hit five balls from this spot. "See how many you were able to get within two club lengths. If you score more than eight out of 15, then you've graduated to an experienced level - which means the next time you have to get them within one club-length!" If you have any problems please check with your Golf Shop Staff.

Thank you,
The Golf Shop Staff!

Membership News

The long-awaited golf course video has been launched along with additional testimonials videoed by some of our members. Although it's taken a while to get everything up and going, the results are well worth the wait. Check it out for yourself and send us feedback where noted on the site.

The Getaway Package continues to be hugely popular, which means our website is successful in putting out the word about our club. Our volunteers are busy scheduling time to arrange tours and meet new potential members. We've added two new volunteers, Peggy Cooper and Bebe Peyton. If you are interested in helping, let us know. We can certainly use more volunteers.

High Meadows is well known for its friendly atmosphere. As you see unfamiliar faces around on the clubhouse, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our community. Our members are definitely a drawing attraction.

Now that our website is nearing its completion stage, we will totally concentrate on attracting home buyers and new members to meet the projected goal.

Your Membership Committee,

Carolyn Harrell, Chair
Jenny Braswell
Ricky Brown
Mark Stephens
Bill Whisenant

MGA News

Hard to believe that we are in September, seems like the season has zipped by. The Saturday Points Chase participation has been very good and going into the last few Weeks of the Season the race for the Lee Howell Trophy is heating up. The current standings are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Men's Locker Room. Hal Via leads the standings but is followed closely by Paul Demmink, Pete Ramey, Billy Tolar, Bob Reed, John Lyda and Will Bennett. Remember you must play 9 times to be eligible for the Trophy. The list with the number of times you have played is also on the Bulletin Board in the Locker Room.

Don't forget the Points Chase on Saturday each week and the Wednesday Skins Game. Call the Pro Shop by 5PM the day before to sign up for these events.

See you on the Course.
Tommy Thompson, MGA



Out & About - Local Happenings

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Music on Main - 6pm - Until - Everyone Welcome!

Oct 1. Come on out and listen to all the wonderful bands. The streets will be closed, so we'll be "Dancin' in the Streets!" Bring your lawn chair, relax and Join the FUN!

Mountain Soul - Sunday's following services beginning at 6pm

Sep 24 - Jonah Riddle & The Carolina Express

Oct 29 - John McCutcheon

Nov 26 - Glen Shelton

Dec 10 - Puddingstone Christmas Concert

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

Crouse House Pickers - Mondays, 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**

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

Every Tuesday - \$5, & Saturday - \$6

Doors open at 6pm. Music begins at 7pm.

Mondays - Line Dancing classes. 6-7:30pm. \$3 per person

Mountain Heritage Festival - September 16; 10:00 - 4:30

Family Fun: Entertainment arts, crafts, food, music & dance!
Main Street in Sparta.

20th Annual Wine Festival - October 1; 12:00 - 5:00

Thistle Meadow Winery in Laurel Springs. \$10 admission includes tasting glass and samples from NC wineries. Live music, food & craft vendors. Bring a lawn chair.

Hillbilly Comedy & Variety Show - October 21; 7:00

Music, fun & comedy are all part of the annual Hillbilly Comedy & Variety Show. Join us at the Alleghany Community Auditorium, Main Street, Sparta.

WILKES COUNTY

Thu, Sept. 21, 2017 - John Michael Montgomery

Fri, Oct 20, 2017 - The Doo Wop[Project

Fri, Nov 10, 2017 - Dirty Dancing

Fri, Dec 1, 2017 - Christmas w/Ernie Hasse & Signature Sound

Fri, Mar 16, 2018 - One Night in Memphis

Thu, May 17, 2018 - The Heart Behind the Music

Walker Center on campus of Wilkes Community College

336-838-6260

YADKIN VALLEY

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival & Big Elkin Brew Fest

be opening a fitness center located on the main floor of the pool house. The center will provide cardio equipment and group exercise space. Mark your calendars for several upcoming events in September. The End of Summer Bash is Friday, September 1, Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10, and Bingo Night on Thursday, September 21 (details to follow). As a reminder, the pool closes for the season September 5 and the final Sunday Chapel for the year will be September 24.

The future is bright for High Meadows! I am looking forward to serving you, the members of High Meadows as your General Manager. Mike West

September 2017

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 Super Senior Play Day 11:00 End of Summer Bash	2 9:00 Ladies Day/ Mens Point Chase 1:00 Nines Patriots Day
3 Chapel 9:00a m Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	4 Labor Day Super Senior Play Day 11:00	5 Pool Closed	6 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	7 9:00 Ladies Day 10:00 Nines	8 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	9 Club Championship
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17 Chapel 9:00a m Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	18 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	19	20 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	21 9:00 Ladies Day 10:00 Nines BINGO!	22 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	23 9:00 Ladies Day/ Mens Point Chase 1:00 Nines 3:00 Fall Member Mtg.
24 Chapel 9:00a m Open Tee X's.....8-10 Couples.....10-11 Mixed Couples..11-12	25 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	26 Cherry Lane Tournament	27 Wed. 11:00 Men's Group	28 9:00 Ladies Day 10:00 Nines	29 Super Senior Play Day 11:00	30 1 Day Fall Member- Member

Coming Events

October 2017

Oct 7LGA & MGA Kick-outs
Oct 16& 17.....Aerification

F & B Hours of Operation

September Dining Hours

Wed, Fri & Sat 6:00 - 9:00
Thur 5:00 - 8:00

Side Door Lounge Hours

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

Grille Hours

Monday - Saturday 8:00 - 4:00
Sunday 8:00 - 3:00



Our Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department

You may have already received or will shortly be getting the familiar little yellow postcard from the Firemen, First Responders and Auxiliary of our Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department (CLVFD) with regards to the annual fund drive. In the past we have always written a check and not given much thought to the impact that organization has on our lives. We see them, rain or shine parking cars for parties and watching for brush fires that may ignite during the 4th of July fireworks. But when emergencies arise, we realize that these folks play a much larger and more critical role in our lives. As it has been several years since we updated everyone on our CLVFD, we thought that this might be an appropriate time.

Did you know?

In 2016 our 32 men and women Firemen and First Responders (including 1 certified EMT and 1 EMTB) responded to 158 calls. They are the first on the scene of emergencies in this area and their list of "events" includes, but is not limited to personal injury, property damage, fire alarms, brush fires, traffic control, structure, chimney and vehicle fires, possible suicide, overdoses, stranded motorists, carbon monoxide reports, and flooding. That number will go higher in 2017.

In addition to serving the Cherry Lane region, in 2016 we provided "mutual aid" to the Sparta, Glade Creek, Laurel Springs, Piney Creek, Surry and Wilkes County fire departments answering 35 requests.

Our fire department owns, maintains, and operates an impressive fleet of vehicles: 1 pumper truck, 1 pumper and tanker truck, 1 tanker truck, 2 brush trucks, 1 brush/first responder truck, a utility truck, and an unbelievable assortment of personal protective gear and firefighting implements that must be inspected and updated regularly based on state regulations. This year we have purchased and replaced 1 brush truck and the utility truck.

In 2016 and 2017 we added a much needed addition to the firehouse that includes 3 new truck bays and greater storage. All the bays have been updated with LED lighting as well as upgraded HVAC along with other improvements to the existing structure.

Each year our Firemen and First Responders plus our Auxiliary plan, host and volunteer for 4 main fundraising events: a breakfast and chicken dinner in June, a BBQ in July, and the annual golf tournament and auction in September. And don't forget the untold hours these volunteers spend parking cars for us in order raise funds to maintain CLVFD's standing as one of the top volunteer fire departments in the state.

Last month we received very good news from the State of NC for the department, as well as for many of us with residences in this area. Through the hard work of Chief Johnny Simons and his crew, our CLVFD was awarded an upgrade in rating by the State of NC to 6/9E within a 6 mile district. What does this mean? Depending on your location, many residences should enjoy a reduction in our homeowners insurance as a direct reflection of this improvement.

What can I do?

So when you get that yellow postcard, remember the hard work, dedication, and training that it represents. The \$100 request is a small price to pay for the peace of mind in having our Firemen and First Responders of the Cherry Lane Volunteer Fire Department on call 24-7 to assist us,