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From the GM:

Summer is officially here! It seems as if we went from a fairly cool Spring, right into the dog days of Summer.

With the COVID19 pandemic 'uptick', we want to remind everyone to be safe, practice social distancing as much as possible, and wear a mask. The club is doing its part by taking employee's temperatures daily and asking them to wear a mask as well. We have installed a shield in front of the golf shop register to ensure the safety of our employees and our guests. We are not permitted at this time to put water coolers on the course, so please be reminded to get plenty of fluids before your round, and at the turn as well. We are allowing a very limited number of folks to dine in the clubhouse. Food will be served in disposable containers. We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to work towards compliance with ever-evolving recommendations.

If you have not been to the clubhouse recently, we encourage you to stop by and see all the improvements that have been made. The clubhouse has been painted, inside and out. Our interior has been redecorated. The stairs to the Eagles Nest, as well as the catwalk, have been replaced. The old deck was torn down and replaced with new TREX Decking, and will now be home to new outdoor furniture. The back deck will be a great place to come out when the sun goes down, have a cold beverage and enjoy the view! We are very excited and proud of our fresh new look! Thank you to everyone who played a role in getting this done; your efforts are appreciated! A special thank you for the time and hard work of Paul Sumner on the Eagles Nest stairs and catwalk and Gary Thorpe on the roof repair and deck demo. We plan to host a celebration and get-together to show off our clubhouse improvements, but we have not set a date yet due to COVID19 restrictions. But as soon as we are able to move forward, we will be sending out an announcement to come out and party with us!

We are excited to roll out a new **'Invite a Friend'** challenge to our Members and Owners. What a great way to show off our little piece of heaven to friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Additional information to follow in this newsletter and via email.

I always have an open door, so please stop by if there is anything you need to discuss. I can also be reached at the club at **912-832-4653**, on my cell phone at **770-596-5398**, or my email: abrown@cornerstonegp.com. Stay well and stay safe!

Andy Brown, PGA Professional

General Manager/Director of Golf

From the Director of Golf Course Operations:

Now that summer is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on course conditions and programs moving forward.

We have fertilized fairways and they are responding well. Our weed control program will continue through the summer.

Our greens continue to perform well and many have said they are the best in our area. Recent soil test results have identified some deficiencies and amendments will be applied to address these. Some of you have inquired about sand on the greens and why we apply it. The process is known as topdressing and actually dates back hundreds of years to Scotland, in the time of Old Tom Morris.

Basically there are three main reasons we top-dress. The first two are for smoothness and firmness, and they have to do with playability. Sand fills depressions and any voids, and is worked in to fill these areas making the green smoother and helping the ball roll with decreased bounce. Sand also prevents greens from becoming soft or spongy, firming them up to prevent ball marks, footprints and scalping by mowers. The final reason for topdressing is purely agronomic and probably the most important. Sand helps to control thatch. Thatch is defined as un-decomposed and living organic material above the soil surface. Thatch prevents water from entering the soil. Excess thatch harbors insects and disease. It ties up herbicides and insecticides, decreasing their effectiveness.

Due to our limited staff, we actually do not top dress as often as we could, and we have to apply at a heavier rate when done. Topdressing is a vital tool in the management of Bermuda grass putting surfaces. No one likes to putt on sand, but for these reasons it has always and will continue to be done.

I want to thank everyone for the many positive comments my staff receives. They are some of the hardest working people I know. Thank you also to our volunteers. Thank you to our owners and members for your continued support as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at 678-570-1888 (cell) or chankey@cornerstonegp.com. I look forward to serving you on the course.

Chris Hankey

Director of Golf Course Operations

Sapelo Hammock Golf Club

Invite a Friend Challenge



Beginning
August 1, 2020

***PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST REGISTER
FOR THIS CHALLENGE. BE ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL SOON WITH
DETAILED INFORMATION AND
INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER.***

*Prizes will be awarded based on the number of new
player rounds referred, with a grand prize to the
Owner/Member with the most new players.*

*During the challenge period, watch the leaderboard at
the clubhouse to see where you stand in the rankings
for most friends played.*

*Additional rules may be obtained from pro shop.
Challenge ends Oct. 31st.*



Ashley & Missy Thompson -
Social
Townsend, GA

Richard Fruge - Golf
Midway, GA

Roger & Beth Day-
Community
Riceboro, GA

Robb Kardas - Golf
Townsend, GA

"There's Something Special About Sapelo"
at Shellman Bluff

Members Hole-in-One

James Larkin
Hole-in-One
while playing in the Senior
InterClub at Pine Forest
GC, Jesup, GA
June 22, 2020
Hole #16

Congratulations James!



Annual Flag Tournament Winners
July 3-4, 2020

1st Place - Hank Boardman
T - 2nd Place - Carole Desmond
T - 2nd Place - Chad NeSmith

Congratulations to our winners!

Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Golf Tournament *June 27, 2020*

The 18th Annual Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes Golf Tournament was held on June 27th at Sapelo Hammock. The event raised \$32,271 for the Sheriffs' Youth Home. A good time was had by all!

1st Place: Webster's Christmas Tree Farm

T – 2nd Place: Ashley's Business Solutions

T- 2nd Place: TriCounty Bonding

1st Place Team pictured below: Webster's Christmas Tree Farm



SEGA Seniors Interclub

May 18th, 2020

- 1st Place: Laurel Island #3
- 2nd Place: Jekyll Island #3
- 3rd Place: Pine Forest #2
- T- 4th Place: Jekyll Island #2
- T- 4th Place: Laurel Island #2

<p>LAKEVIEW GC TEAM 1 P. DOUGLAS 35 J. GOODSON 28 L. HARRIS 31 T. CREWS 24</p> <p>118</p>	<p>PINE FOREST GC TEAM 1 J. PLYLER 37 D. PERRY 32 D. BLOCKER 26 L. COOPER 36</p> <p>131</p>	<p>OSPREY COVE GC TEAM 1 R. BOYLE 26 R. BOWLING 28 M. MCCRAW 27 M. WESTLUND 24</p> <p>115</p>
<p>LAKEVIEW GC TEAM 2 J. SAUNDS 34 J. RIGGINS DNS 29 S. TOMPKINS 24 G. BROCKINGTON 29</p> <p>116</p>	<p>PINE FOREST GC TEAM 2 M. PRIESTER 35 B. KNIGHT 32 J. COFFEE 37 A. NOLAND 37</p> <p>141</p>	<p>OSPREY COVE GC TEAM 2 D. KEYO 21 J. MOONEY 23 L. WADE 27 N. WIESNET 32</p> <p>103</p>
<p>SAPELO HAMMOCK GC TEAM 1 J. EVANS 37 L. FUENTES 33 M. BRITT 32 S. LAWSON 28</p> <p>130</p>	<p>PINE FOREST GC TEAM 3 B. KRUEGER 39 K. BRYANT 34 M. MILLER 34 S. GORSE 30</p> <p>137</p>	<p>OSPREY COVE GC TEAM 3 R. ANDREWS 32 J. ZORBA 25 J. HANNON 34 D. ZIEGLER 30</p> <p>121</p>
<p>SAPELO HAMMOCK GC TEAM 2 N. JOHNS 31 B. LEE 38 R. BARNARD 30 R. FRUGE 36</p> <p>135</p>	<p>JEKYLL ISLAND GC TEAM 3 S. HENRY 39 C. HUTCHINS 29 J. BROWN 40 P. SHELTON 36</p> <p>144</p>	<p>LAUREL ISLAND GC TEAM 1 W. KING 31 D. BACON 36 M. TOPDR 33 J. D. DONOVAN 27</p> <p>127</p>
<p>SAPELO HAMMOCK GC TEAM 3 M. DAVIS 29 D. DUNN 32 D. HILL 34 H. BOARDMAN 22</p> <p>117</p>	<p>JEKYLL ISLAND GC TEAM 2 J. GROSS 38 J. McNALLY 35 N. PAGA 32 B. HARTLEY 35</p> <p>140</p>	<p>LAUREL ISLAND GC TEAM 2 A. WRIGHT 32 J. STEWART 37 E. FOUCHE 36 R. STALLINGS 25</p> <p>140</p>
<p>SAPELO HAMMOCK GC TEAM 4 D. WIDINCAMP 30 J.J. DURRANCE 33 J. TAUB 35 B. HINSON 36</p> <p>134</p>	<p>JEKYLL ISLAND GC TEAM 1 J. FORD 38 J. CUMMINGS 31 D. SANTOS 32 D. MCDUFF 38</p> <p>134</p>	<p>LAUREL ISLAND GC TEAM 3 D. O'CONNOR 32 W. SMITH 37 R. BARLOWE 40 F. DEZDUCHE 37</p> <p>146</p>

***Congratulations to the
Winners!***

Welcome New Employees

William Holloway – *Cart Attendant*

William graduated from high school this year, and he plans to eventually join the military.

Ed Chase – *Cart Attendant*

Ed lives in Brunswick, GA, and loves the game of golf.

We welcome our newest staff members!
They look forward to serving you!



Haven't visited in a while?
Come By and See our Clubhouse Renovations
and New Merchandise!





Reminder of Sapelo Hammock's current COVID-19 Social Distancing Guidelines:

Golf Course: Social Distancing is encouraged where possible. However, due to a limited number of carts available, 2 people per cart will be necessary on certain days. Of course in these instances, we encourage you to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, etc. to limit possible exposure. If you are unable to ride 2 per cart due to extenuating medical circumstances, please let us know.

Club House: At the present time, we can only allow up to 12 people to dine inside the clubhouse at a time. Additionally, we have suspended all social and bar activities until further notice.

Please respect social distancing while inside and outside the clubhouse.

Thank you for your patience as we work to ensure the safety of our patrons!



- **‘Take Out Tuesday’** - offered each Tuesday from our Café & Bakery. It is a 1/3 sheet pan dinner that you take home, heat and eat. Enjoy ‘No Cooking’ Tuesdays at home! The menu for each meal will be sent out via email by the Friday before.

Call the clubhouse to place your order, 912-832-4653. Orders must be placed no later than 12:00 Noon on Monday to reserve your meal.

Chef Susan also makes desserts, so be sure and ask about any dessert specials when you order.

- **Thursday Lunch Bunch** – In addition to our regular daily menu, we offer these lunch specials on Thursdays:

Hamburger Sliders
Blackened Shrimp Po’Boy

