

The Idle Times

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2010 Social
Calendar
In the Centerfold!

Santa Arrives

December 12th
at 10:30 a.m.
on the 18th Green!

There's Something for Everyone at Idle Hour's
Olde Time Holiday Market

December 20th * 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Christmas Carolers, Family Portraits, Carriage Rides & The Grand Holiday Buffet



From the Desk of

Mr. David Ruddell, Jr., CCM
General Manager

Can you believe December is here? Where does the time go? We have been preparing the Club for the holidays, and I hope you share my admiration for the

decorations. We have gone all out to create a holiday environment that you will love to share with all your friends and family. If we can assist you with ideas or plan and implement your parties here at the Club, please let us know. Our event Staff is ready and happy to help in any way we can.

You will see a new speed breaker installed outside the Golf Pro Shop to create a safer driving environment for everyone. We have noticed that the speed of cars on the slope between the practice green and the tennis facility needs to be reduced. Therefore, we have taken this necessary measure to accomplish that goal. Please note that the lighting project has been completed by the driving range to provide you with better visibility while driving between the Clubhouse area and the Blum Learning Center. We are in the process of evaluating safety in all areas of the Club and have implemented these two projects to improve safety for the Idle Hour family. Please bear with us as we continually make improvements to the safety of the Club grounds.

At this time, we say goodbye to Executive Chef Jason Knowlton, who will be transferring to the Country Club of Birmingham to become their new Executive Chef. Jason has given us ten wonderful years, spent enriching the culinary team and building a foundation for excellence that I hope you have experienced during his tenure. Moving forward, Executive Sous Chef Victor Pinkney will assume the position of Interim Executive Chef. Victor has been with Idle Hour for twelve years and is able and prepared to lead our culinary team through the holiday season. I am confident that, with Victor's leadership, we will see continual improvements in food quality and consistency.

Remember that the Staff at Idle Hour is here to make all of your experiences at the Club more enjoyable. Please share your thoughts and ideas with us to ensure that we are reaching our goals. I look forward to continued success here at Idle Hour and thank you for your support. Please let me know if I may be of assistance. You may reach me at 477-1724, ext. 223, or druddell@idlehourclub.com. We at Idle Hour wish you a joyous and safe holiday season and a prosperous new year!

The Idle Times

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2009 Board of Directors

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Membership Information

Welcome, New Member! Effective November 17, 2009



MR. MARK A. HURT
President
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Macon, GA 31210
478-471-1185

Any comments concerning those posted for membership may be directed to the Membership Chairman, Cubbedge Snow, III

Posted for Membership Effective December 16, 2009

DR. W. WADE HARDY
Physician - W. Wade Hardy, M.D.
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Posted for Membership Effective January 19, 2009

MRS. KARA R. MCMICKLE
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Spouse: Mr. Donnie McMickle



*Idle Hour Country Club
You are cordially invited to attend*

*The Annual President's Ball
in honor of President Mr. Jeffery L. Avant
Friday evening,
the fifteenth of January, two thousand and ten
8 o'clock to 10 o'clock
in the Ballroom*

Members Only

Black Tie

Attention all voting members!

You are invited to attend the

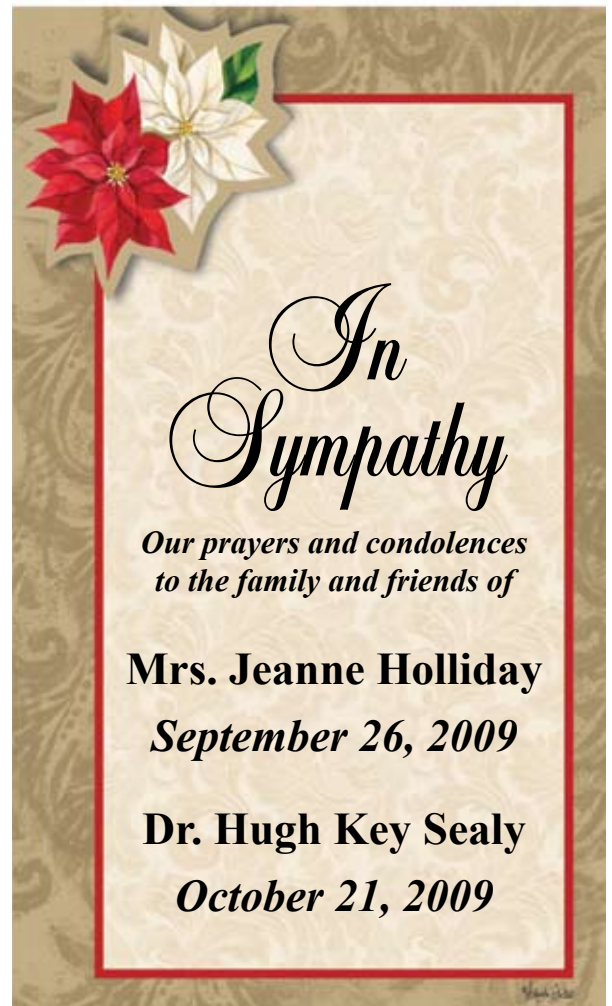
Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th, 2010

6:30 p.m. Open Bar * & 7:15 p.m. Buffet Dinner

Voting Members Only * Coat & Tie

Clubhouse Closes at 6:00 p.m.





Santa's Arrival

Make sure you're on the list!
Call 477-1724 for reservations.

Saturday, December 12th

Santa Arrives

at 10:30 a.m. on the 18th Green
Free for All to See!

Santa Visits

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
\$15/child includes a Marionette Show
Photos Optional: \$13 per 5x7.
Statues \$40, plus \$5 per additional person.

Christmas Marionette Shows Peter Hart presents "Holiday On Strings"

11:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
The Grille will be closed for breakfast
and lunch to host the Marionette Shows.

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Santa Brunch

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.,
\$12/adult, \$6/child,
3 & under are complimentary.

Peter Hart presents "Holiday On Strings"



A Christmas season puppet spectacle featuring marionette puppets in a variety program that is colorful, audience-interactive, and will have something to delight everyone in the family! See the *Quartet Of Holiday Unicorns* as they leap and dance! Tap your feet as the *Mountain Bunny Family*

performs with Papa playing fiddle, Ma riding a unicycle & juggling, and Junior doing his best clogging dance! Cheer for *Blitzen the Dare Devil Reindeer* as he soars through space on his Holiday Unicycle! Clap along with the *Jingle Bell Monkeys* as they shake their bananas to a "Duelin' Banjos" version of Jingle Bells! All this – and more - with a grand finale featuring a *Nutcracker* confetti/streamer launcher that will shower your family with holiday time cheer!

Mixed Greens
Fresh Seasonal Fruit & Berries
with Mango Yogurt
Southern Fried Chicken Tenders
Smoked Pork Loin
Roasted Garlic Rosemary Scented Bechamel
Smoked Bacon
Eggs Benedict
Cracked Black Pepper Hollandaise
Cinnamon Roll French Toast
Chocolate Sauce, Caramel & Powdered Sugar
Lemon Dill Roasted New Potatoes
Sautéed Broccoli & Spaghetti Squash
Assorted Mini Cupcakes
Holiday Cookies

Older Time Holiday Celebration

Sunday, December 20th 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

There's Something for Everyone
at Idle Hour's

Older Time Holiday Market

All festivities begin at 11:30 a.m.

Real Artisans

*Creating masterpieces for you!
Personalization available!
Each item is one-of-a-kind!*



Glass Blowing by Jenke Studios

Crochet by Naasira Love

Wooden Pens & Pencils by Louie Cheek

Jewelry & Stationery by Sara Spivey

Photography & Belts by Suzanne MacCrone Rogers

Walking Sticks & Canes by Debbie & Neal Redd

Soaps & Candles by Pam Bryan



Christmas Carolers

by All Star Entertainment
Touring all dining areas!



Family Portraits

by Mr. W. John O'Shaughnessey, III
*In the Living Room
\$13 per 5x7*



Carriage Rides

by Dave Hutchinson
*Complimentary!
Fun for families!
Romantic for couples!*

Grand Holiday Buffet

*Adults \$25, (8-11) \$13.50,
(4-7) \$10, 3 & Under Complimentary.*

Tossed Garden Salad
Green Bean & Baked Potato Salad
Blue Cheese and Applewood Smoked Bacon
Roasted Turkey and Wild Rice Salad
Cranberry Vinaigrette

Lemon Herb Scented Basmati Rice Pilaf
Maple Whipped Sweet Potatoes
Braised Collard Greens
Grilled Vegetable Medley
Cauliflower & Smoked Cheddar Gratinee
Pan Seared Salmon
with Tomato Dill Beurre Blanc

Pan Seared Salmon
Tomato Dill Beurre Blanc
Southern Fried Chicken
Carved Honey Baked Ham
Pineapple Cherry Glaze
Carved Prime Rib of Beef
Au Jus

HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Eve: Club Closes at 3 p.m.

Friday, December 25th
Christmas Day: Club will be closed

Thursday, December 31st
New Year's Eve: Regular Hours

Friday, January 1st
New Year's Day: Club will be closed

Buche De Noel
Mint Chip Cheesecake
Chocolate Fudge Cake
Rum Raisin Bread Pudding
Cinnamon Apple Tart
Ice Cream Station

Special Events

New Year's Eve

with the Kinchafoonee Cowboys

Thursday, December 31st

9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - 1:00 a.m. New Year's Day
Guests Welcome, Prizes, All Night Open Bar * only \$65!

Assorted Tea Sandwiches

Fresh Seasonal Fruit Tray

Grand Marnier White Chocolate Dip

& Cherry Mint Yogurt

Mini Chicken Wellingtons with Bearnaise Sauce

Andouille Sausage in Peppered Puff Pastry

with Marinara Dipping Sauce

Baked Spanikopita

Dinner a la Carte * \$45

Join us for a four course meal and save your receipt...
Then, enter the Ballroom for 1/2 price, \$32.50/person!

Salads

(included with entrée)

Mixed Winter Greens

Papaya, Feta Cheese, Candied Walnuts
and Cranberry Vinaigrette

Traditional Caesar Salad

Toasted French Bread Croutons and Parmesan Cheese

IHCC House Salad

Sliced Egg, Crisp Bacon and Choice of Dressing

Appetizers & Soup

Lobster bisque

Chilled Shrimp Cocktail

Tomato Horseradish Sauce

Oven Roasted Duck Breast

White Cheddar Risotto Cherry Reduction

Entrées

Potato Crusted Red Snapper

Grand Marnier Beurre Blanc

Basmati Rice Pilaf with Caramelized Onion

Pan Seared Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes

Roasted Red Pepper Hollandaise

Basmati Rice Pilaf with Caramelized Onion

Charbroiled Filet Mignon

Truffle Bordelaise

Boursin Au Gratin Potatoes

Sautéed Free Range Chicken Breast

Wild Mushroom Demi Cream

Boursin Au Gratin Potatoes

Charbroiled Pork Porterhouse

Mango and Apple Chutney

Boursin Au Gratin Potatoes

Desserts

Black Forest Torte

Chocolate Cake, Brandied Cherries, Chantilly Cream
and Chocolate Sauce

Raspberry & White Chocolate

Bread Pudding Soufflé

Chambord Cream

French Pear Tart

Vanilla Anglaise, Whipped Cream and Fresh Berries

BRIDGE TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 5th
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

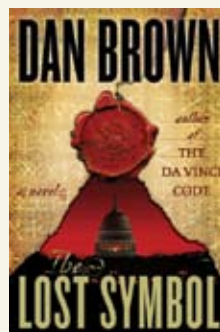
Whether you're a master player or a novice,
join us for great fun and prizes.
Only \$12/person includes a delectable luncheon.
Please call 477-1724 or visit the Front Desk
to sign up your group!

IHCC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 26th
at 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Alcove
for refreshments, \$5.
R.S.V.P. 477-1724.

Hostess, Felicia Seguin
The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown
Author of *The Da Vinci Code*
brings us another good read!



Social Calendar 2010

Idle Hour Golf & Country Club

established in 1912

“Where memories are made from generation to generation.” www.idlehourclub.com



January

- 1 New Year's Day - CLOSED
- 5 Bridge Tournament
- 8 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 12 Ladies' Fun Day (Golf)
- 15 President's Ball
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 19-22 Tennis Boot Camp
- 20 Annual Meeting
- 26 *Club closes at 6:00 p.m.*
IHCC Book Club

February

- 3 Civic Club Dinner & Show
- 5 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 9 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 13 Cardiac Cafe
- 13 Valentine Dinner Event
- 14 Valentine Round Robin
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 LGA Club Nine
- 19-20 Men's Member Guest Golf
- 22 Course closed for fertilization
- 23 LGA 18 Play Day
- 23 IHCC Book Club: *The Lost Symbol*

March

- 5 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 5 Stratford Scramble
- 6 Selfish Saturday
- 8 Course closed for aerification
- 9 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 10 IHCC Bingo
- 13 Demo Day at Learning Center
- 13-14 Tennis Jr. Satellite Tournament
- 15 Course closed for maintenance
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 LGA Club Nine
- 18 Tennis Men's Night Out Begins
- 19-28 Cherry Blossom Festival
- 21 Grille closed for Lunch & Dinner
- 23 LGA 18 Play Day
- 23 IHCC Book Club
- 25 LGA Golf Clinic
- 26 Grandparent's Buffet in Ballroom

April

- 2 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 3 Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt

May

- 1-2 Men's Peach Blossom
- 3 Course closed for aerification
- 7 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 8 Tennis Panama Jam
- 9 Mother's Day
- 11 *Club closes at 3:00 p.m.*
LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 12 IHCC Bingo
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting
- 20 LGA Club Nine
- 20 Tennis Men's Night Out Ends
- 25 LGA 18 Play Day
- 25 IHCC Book Club
- 27 LGA Golf Clinic
- 28 Summer Kick-Off Pool Party & Dive-In Movie
- 31 Memorial Day - *Club Open*

June

- 1 Club & course CLOSED
- 1-4 Day Camp, Ages 4 & 5
- 3-5 Men's Member-Guest
- 5 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 8 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 8-11 Pee Wee Tennis, Ages 4-6
- 8-11 Day Camp, Ages 8 & 9
- 9 IHCC Bingo
- 11-13 Higdon Tennis Open
- 15-18 Beg.-Adv. Tennis, Ages 8-12
- 15-18 Day Camp, Ages 6 & 7
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 17 LGA Club Nine
- 20 Father's Day Buffet
- 22 LGA 18 Play Day
- 22-25 Pee Wee Tennis, Ages 4-6
- 24 LGA Golf Clinic
- 25 Dive-In Movie
- 27-7/3 Wesleyan Tennis Camp
- 28 Hydroject Greens
- 29-7/2 Day Camp, Ages 4 & 5

July

- 2 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 4 Independence Day Celebration
- 5-9 Wesleyan Tennis Camp
- 5 Course Closed
- 6 Bridge Tournament
- 6-9 Day Camp, Ages 6 & 7

August

- 7/26-2 Clubhouse Shutdown
- 6 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 9 Hydroject Greens
- 10 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 11 IHCC Bingo
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting
- 19 LGA Club Nine
- 21-22 Tennis Jr. Championship
- 23 Pre-Emerge Bermuda
- 24 LGA 18 Play Day
- 26 LGA Golf Clinic
- 27 Dive-In Movie

September

- 3 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 6 Labor Day Celebration - OPEN
- 7 Club closed / Greens Aerification
- 7-10 Tennis Ladies' Boot Camp
- 8 IHCC Bingo
- 13 Course closed - rain date
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting
- 14-15 LGA Club Championship & LGA President's Cup
- 16 Tennis Men's Night Out Begins
- 21 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 23 LGA Club Nine
- 24 Kid's Camp Out at Learning Ctr.
- 28 IHCC Book Club
- 28 LGA 18 Play Day
- 30 LGA Golf Clinic

October

- 1 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 5 Bridge Tournament
- 12 LGA Meeting Day Scramble
- 20 Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 LGA Club Nine
- 26 LGA Member Guest
- 26 IHCC Book Club
- 28 LGA Golf Clinic
- 28 Boo Bash
- 28-31 10's State Championship
- 29-31 Haunted Houses (Fun/Scary)
- 30-11/1 Tennis 10's State Tournament

November

- 5 AYCE Prime Rib & Crab Legs
- 9 LGA Meeting Day Scramble

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Let's Do it Again in 2010

4	Easter Sunday Buffet <i>Club closes at 3:00 p.m.</i>	14	IHCC Bingo	16	LGA Turkey Shoot
6	Bridge Tournament	13	LGA Meeting Day Scramble	17	Board of Directors Meeting
8	Camp Parents' Registration	13-16	Pee Wee Tennis, Ages 4-5	18	LGA Club Nine
8	Mini-Masters	13-16	Day Camp, Ages 6 & 7	25	Thanksgiving Day Buffet <i>Club Closes at 3:00 p.m.</i>
13	LGA Meeting Day Scramble	19	Hydroject Greens		
15	Camp Grandparent's Registration	21	Board of Directors Meeting		
20	Board of Directors Meeting	20-23	Beg.-Adv. Tennis, Ages 8-12		
21	Administrative Professional's Day	20-23	Day Camp, Ages 4 & 5		
21	Rally for the Cure Round Robin	20-23	Teen Camp, Ages 10-13		
22	LGA Club Nine	22	LGA Club Nine		
22	Camp 2nd/3rd Registration	23	Dive-In Movie		
19	Children's Hospital Golf	27	LGA 18 Hole Play Day		
27	LGA Member-Member	27-30	All Sports Camp		
27	IHCC Book Club	27-8/2	Annual Clubhouse Shutdown		
29	LGA Golf Clinic	29	LGA Golf Clinic		
29	Camp Houseguests Registration	25	Christmas Day/ <i>Club Closed</i>		
30-5/2	Men's Peach Blossom	31	New Year's Eve Celebration		














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Tennis/Special Projects
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Hours of Operation

Sunday Buffet in the Living Room

Reserved seating available

Sunday.....11:30am-2:00pm

The Grille

Breakfast & Lunch Service

Tuesday - Friday.....11:30pm-2:30pm

Saturday Breakfast/Lunch.....7:30am-2:30pm

Sunday Brunch.....11:30am-2:30pm

Dinner Service

Tuesday - Thursday.....5:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday Night "2-for-1" in Grille & Trotters

Friday & Saturday.....5:00pm-9:30pm

First Friday "All You Can Eat Prime Rib & Crab Legs"

Sunday.....5:00pm-9:00pm

The Sports Bar & Club Room

Menu Service

Tuesday - Thursday & Sunday.....11:30am-9:30pm

Friday & Saturday.....11:30am-10:00pm

Bar Service Hours

Tuesday - Thursday.....11:30am-11:00pm

Friday & Saturday.....11:30am-Midnight

Sunday.....12:30pm-10:00pm

Men's Locker Room Attendant

Tuesday - Friday.....8:30am-Dusk

Saturday & Sunday.....6:30am-Dusk

Men's Grille

Tuesday - Sunday.....11:30am-8:30pm

Tennis Shop

Sundays.....1:30pm-5:30pm

Mondays.....Closed

Tuesday - Thursday.....8:30am-7:30pm

Friday & Saturday.....8:30am-6:30pm

Golf Shop

Mondays.....Closed

Tuesday - Friday.....7:30am-6:30pm

Saturday & Sunday.....7:00am-6:30pm

Pool (in season)

Tuesday - Sunday.....10:00am-8:00pm

Mondays.....Closed

Youth Building (in season)

Tuesday - Sunday.....11:00am-7:30pm

Mondays.....Closed

Wellness Center

Monday - Friday.....7:00am-7:00pm

Saturday.....7:00am-12:00pm

24-Hour Access with your ID card or entry code

Babysitting Service

For children aged 1 year - 10 years

Tuesday - Friday.....8:00am-1:00pm

Thursday & Friday Evenings.....6:00pm-10:00pm

Reception Desk

Tuesday - Saturday.....9:00am-9:00pm

Sunday.....9:00am-6:00pm

Voicemail system.....24 hours/7 days a week





Wellness

Rob Haver

Wellness Center Director
Direct Line: 474-8535, ext. 271

It's the end of the year again. Don't lose focus on all that you have accomplished with the past eleven months of workouts. Here are some tips to help you last through the new year.

Holiday Survival Plan

- * Drink plenty of water.
- * Eat before you go to the party - you'll eat less of the calorie laden hors d'oeuvres.
- * Don't converse near the food or bar areas - you will consume less of both.
- * Continue to work out - interval train if your time is limited.
- * Don't miss your appointments - we are flexible when you can't be.

Get a jump on your New Year's resolutions and let us help setup your exercise routine. Remember, we are here for all your health and fitness needs.

Free Massage Drawing

December 1st - 22nd

Upon each work out, enter your name for a chance to win a one-hour massage or one of two half-hour massages



IHCC Biggest Loser

February 8th

You'll get training on three days each week for six weeks, for only \$225! Contest ends right before spring break - to get in shape for the beach. Sign-up in the Wellness Center!

Following the Easter holiday, we will host our first outside, high intensity interval

Boot Camp!

Be prepared to RUN.
More details to come!

48-Hour Cancellation Policy

Applies to All Club Events.

This will be strictly enforced.

Without a cancellation number or a valid excuse, you will be charged the full price of the event you were unable to attend.

Bridge Service

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Saturday

If your group meets prior to or after this time, please understand that service has not been arranged for times outside of 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

To schedule regular bridge play, please call the Front Desk at 477-1724.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Theresa Abercrombie



Please join us in congratulating Theresa Abercrombie for being recognized as Employee of the Month for the third time during her tenure at Idle Hour. Theresa works as our Front Desk Supervisor, which is no easy task and includes taking

reservations for Club events, operating the switchboard, updating the website and membership directory, ordering supplies, designing menus and event advertisements. She is also Designer and Editor of *The Idle Times*. She has been our Front Desk icon for over six years.

Theresa likes to spend time with her family, friends, and boyfriend, Ryan. Among many interests, she enjoys music, books and road trips to Savannah. In the future, she wishes to study graphic design and web design. Theresa is a kind hearted person with a genuine passion for hospitality. We are blessed to have an employee like Theresa! Please stop by the Front Desk to congratulate her on this great accomplishment!

Congratulations, Theresa!



From the Learning Center

Bobby Hix

Director of Golf Instruction
A Golf Digest Top Instructor

Reaching Your Scoring Goal

To reach a higher level of play, here's what you need to do by the numbers. Data was compiled for tests using over 100 amateur golfers. Just for fun, we are throwing in the numbers from Tiger Woods' rounds to see how they measure up.

Greens in Regulation per Round

This is arguably the most important stat in golf. To break 90, hit at least three or four greens in regulation. To break 80, hit eight or nine. To play with the big boys, hit twelve or more.

Here is how it breaks down:

HCP 36 – 0 GIR	HCP 18 – 3 GIR
HCP 9 – 8 GIR	HCP 4.5 – 10 GIR
Scratch – 12 GIR	Tiger – 14 GIR

Fairways Hit per round (out of 14)

If you want to move your handicap from double to single digits, you must improve your driving accuracy – but driving accuracy by itself doesn't necessarily translate into lower scores for the best players. Tiger may hit fewer fairways per round than a typical scratch golfer, but he's hitting it much farther in a narrower course. Here's the breakdown:

HCP 36 – 0 FPR	HCP 18 – 5 FPR
HCP 9 – 8 FPR	HCP 4.5 – 10 FPR
Scratch – 11 FPR	Tiger – 10 FPR

Greenside Up & Downs (%)

A player trying to break 100 will do well to get up and down from just off the green once or twice a round. To break 90 regularly, you need to get up and down about 20% of the time. What separates the single-digit player from the high handicap one? The good player can get up and down about 50% of the time. Tiger is almost automatic.

HCP 36 – 0% GSUD	HCP 18 – 17% GSUD
HCP 9 – 46% GSUD	HCP 4.5 – 60% GSUD
Scratch – 77% GSUD	Tiger – 85% GSUD

Putts per Round

Some of us may never be able to hit the ball as accurately, powerfully or consistently as a scratch player, but with work, we can realistically hope to putt like one. If you are struggling to break 90, about a third of the difference between you and the players who shoot even par are those six putts per round that they make and you don't. Here's your breakdown:

HCP 36 – 41 PPR	HCP 18 – 35 PPR
HCP 9 – 32 PPR	HCP 4.5 – 30 PPR
Scratch – 29 PPR	Tiger – 28.76 PPR

Work to improve on each of the above statistical categories and you will see your score improve. Keep your stats over a period of 10 rounds to get a good read on where you currently reside, and go to work from there. You will find you can reach your scoring goal by targeting your practice to the most needed area.

2009 Golf Committee

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2009 LGA Officers

President – Georgia Hatcher
 V. P. & Tournaments – Arja Forester
 Recording Secretary – Susan Ogburn
 Corresponding Secretary – Julie Fortney
 Treasurer – Irene Cook

Events

Tuesday – December 1st
18 Hole Play Day

Low Gross / Low Net

Individual stroke play. Gross (no handicap) and Net (with handicap). Choose your group and starting time. Final LGA points event of the year.

Tuesday – December 8th
Annual Ladies' Golf Association
Christmas Brunch

Please R.S.V.P. with member number
Call 477-1724 by December 2nd!

Shop Open House, December 6th
Guest Day – December 11th

Golf Shop News

On the 6th for December, the Golf Shop will be hosting an Open House in the multi-purpose room. There will be food and beverages available for all that attend. The Open House is a time for fun but you will also get the chance to receive discounts by playing the games that we will have set up around the room. We would like for all to join us and bring the children because the games are for all ages. This is a good chance to get some Christmas shopping done with some added discounts.

Guest Fee Specials

Weekly Rate: \$59.00 + Tax (includes cart)
 Next Preferred Guest Day: December 11th
 \$30 + Tax (includes cart)



Turfgrass Talk

Winter Rules

Wade Thomas

Director, Greens & Grounds

Winter in Macon is always a challenge when you're trying to keep turfgrass in excellent shape. We have been fortunate over the last several years with mild winters. So, we are due for a nasty one! The Farmer's Almanac says colder and wetter. This is not a good combination for fine turfgrass.

The colder temperatures change the way we manage the golf course. During freezing and thawing cycles the soils become saturated, making them susceptible to compaction from traffic. We have turned hole 11 to cart path only for this reason. This hole will remain COP until the spring. This process has been followed for the past five years with great success.

Frost delays are another fun event we encounter during the winter months. We have to keep off of the greens when frost is on the leaf tissue because the ice crystals will puncture the leaf blade, leading to dessication and death of the plant. We have been fortunate to avoid delays in the past, but a cold winter will increase the chances of delays. Please be patient with us if this situation occurs. We have done a good job predicting delays and done shotguns in the past when the scenario looks favorable for a delay. This process will continue.

We need everyone to slow down around the property! Watch for golf carts and people closely. Be especially careful around 17 tee, the Pro Shop, and 11 green. Cars are traveling much too fast in this area. As a result we are adding a speed breaker at the cart crossing behind 11 green. Slow Down!

Thanks in advance for filling divots and repairing ball marks. You can make a difference. Please call us at 477-2373 if you have any questions or comments.



Christmas Ideas

Laser Link – Easily and quickly find your yardage from the pin by just scanning the top of the flag where the crystal is located. It comes in 2 versions – The Gold, \$379, which is just like a Bushnell and finds yardage to trees, bunkers, and the pin. The Quickshot model, \$289, just finds the yardage to the pin for a quick, easy option.

Titleist/Callaway Golf Bags – Our new selection of golf bags in the Golf Shop varies in price, size, and color.

FootJoy Shoes – Many comfortable styles and sizes!

Antigua Fleece Sweatshirts – Very warm and comfortable! Priced very low at \$49 or 2 for \$89.



Nash Rolfes

Superintendent

Recently we have received a number of comments on the dye we have sprayed on the fairways. Although the dye has stood out, it will fade with the cooler temperatures and rain. The dye actually contained a high content of iron. During the growing season the mowers create striping effect with reflection of light on the leaf blade. The light stripe is the mower going away from the tee box while the dark stripe comes towards the tee box. The iron was sprayed only on the stripe coming back towards the tee. This should create an extremely dark stripe that should last through dormancy. It also will give a very visible target to hit towards off of the tee.

The bunkers have become somewhat low on sand from the heavy rains. We are planning to add sand and drainage to most of the bunkers in the first of the year. If the sand was added now, it would just be blown out with the leaves. This is a concern we will be addressing. The greens continue to be excellent. Please remember to fix your ball marks.

Travis Cantrell, *Assistant Superintendent*

December is a great time of the year to plant new material in your landscape. In the cooler temperatures, your new plant or tree will have a better chance of surviving, as opposed to being planted in the summer time. When digging holes, the bigger the better. Over time, soils can become very compacted. The packed, but loose, soil around the root ball in your over-size hole will help the roots get a better start in growing. A slow release fertilizer can be mixed in the soil to aid the root's growth. Be sure to water it thoroughly and pack down any air pockets that can develop in your back-fill. Planting trees or shrubs during the month of December cause less stress on the roots, as well as yourself.

Sales

We have many different sales that are going on in the shop this month. All polo shirts are \$79 for 1, and \$139 for 2. All Georgia apparel is 25 – 35% off. Most long sleeve shirts for the winter are 1 for \$59, and 2 for \$99. We have Vests from Bobby Chan and Polo that are marked at low prices to begin with. There is also a selection of shirts that are starting at \$29.



Notes from Craig

Craig A. Jones
USPTA, USPTR
Director of Tennis

2009 has been a wonderful year. The tennis program has been booming here at Idle Hour. I hope 2010 will be as successful as this past year has been. Please don't hesitate to call us here at the Tennis Shop if you have any questions. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy new year!

Thanks to all who participated in
Men's Night Out!

*We hope everyone had a great time!
We will have a Spring Session,
March 18th - May 20th.*

Thanks to all who participated in the
**Wesley Glen Ministries
Round Robin!**

The fundraiser was a huge success. We had 54 ladies participating, that's almost twice as many as last year. All the donations were much appreciated. Picture below.



Left to Right: Sabina Grigorian, Eliza Freedman

10's State Championship

Congratulations to Craig's students,
Sabina Grigorian & Eliza Freedman.

Sabina Grigorian - 3rd Place
Eliza Freedman - Sportsmanship Award!



Idle Hour Golf & Country Club



Congratulations to our best
Boo Bash costume winners!

*Anna Thompson
Jake Jamison
Hadley Neal
Ava Walker*

Special Events

Please call the Tennis Shop at 477-6701 to Sign-Up!

Men!

ATHENS vs. IHCC

Saturday, December 5th

10:00 a.m. at the Tennis Complex

Entry Fee: \$30

How would you like to whoop up
on Athens Country Club?

Athens has won once, and so has Idle
Hour, so this will be an intense match!

A group of men from Athens Country
Club will be traveling here
to battle it out for the cup!

Play will begin around 10:00 a.m.,
then lunch will be served, followed by
another match. It will be a lot of fun,
and we would love for you to play!

Call the Tennis Shop to sign-up,
or for more information.

Ladies!!

Santa's Gifts & Toys

Round Robin

Wednesday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: a child's toy

This is a great way to make a child's
Christmas unforgettable.

Call the Tennis Shop to Sign up!

Drills & Lessons

Men's Saturday Morning Drills

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Conducted by Craig for men of all levels.

**Ladies, if you are a 3.5 or 4.0 player,
you may join us at this drill!

Starter Level Jr. Tournament Drills

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Jr. Tournament Level Drills

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

& Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tournament Level Players and Advanced Players.

Quick Start Drills

Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

Quick start is a program developed by the USTA
for children ages 5 to 8. It is an exciting new play
format for learning tennis, designed to bring young
kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment,
such as shorter court dimensions, lower nets and low
compression balls. The kids will also be taught
how to keep score and play a match.

2.5 - 3.0 Ladies' Open Drills

Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ladies, levels 2.5 and 3.0

3 Plus a Pro

Tuesday – Saturday

\$60.00 amongst the 3 players.

Three people plus a pro will play for 1 1/2 hours.
Play includes three sets of doubles. Partners rotate after
each set so each player will be paired with the pro.

2009 Tennis Committee

Dean Copelan, John O'Shaughnessey,

Pat Patton, Tom Swift, Susan Stone,

Rob Wall, Jimmy Weatherford, Ricky Hicks,

Jessica Driver, Julia Wood, Robin Graham,

Kimberly Faulkner, Floyd Williams,

Lou Holmes and Randy Stephens

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Santa's Arrival Call 477-1724 for reservations. <i>Saturday, December 12th</i> Watch Santa arrive by helicopter at 10:30 a.m. Sharp! Santa Visits: 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Santa Brunch: 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Marionette Shows, 11:15 a.m./12:15 p.m.</p>		1 Jackpot Drawing	2	5 "2 for 1" Entrees in The Grille & Trotters	4 All-You-Can-Eat Prime Rib & Crab Legs	5 Breakfast in The Grille ATHENS VS. IDLE HOUR
6 Sunday Brunch Buffet in the Living Room	7 CLUB CLOSED	8 LGA MEETING & SCRAMBLE LGA CHRISTMAS BRUNCH <i>Please R.S.V.P.</i> Jackpot Drawing	9	10 LGA CLUB 9 "2 for 1" Entrees in The Grille & Trotters	11	12 GRILLE IS CLOSED FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH SANTA'S ARRIVAL
13 Sunday Brunch Buffet in the Living Room	14 CLUB CLOSED	15 Jackpot Drawing	16 <i>Meeting of the Board of Directors</i>	17 "2 for 1" Entrees in The Grille & Trotters	18	19 Breakfast in The Grille
20 GRAND HOLIDAY BUFFET & HOLIDAY MARKET	21 CLUB CLOSED	22 Jackpot Drawing	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE CLUB CLOSSES AT 3:00 P.M.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CLUB CLOSED	26 Breakfast in The Grille
27 Sunday Brunch Buffet in the Living Room	28 CLUB CLOSED	29 Jackpot Drawing	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION "2 for 1" Entrees in The Grille & Trotters	<p>New Year's Celebration <i>Thursday, December 31st</i> Kinchafoonee Cowboys 9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - 1:00 a.m. New Year's Day</p>	