

# SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

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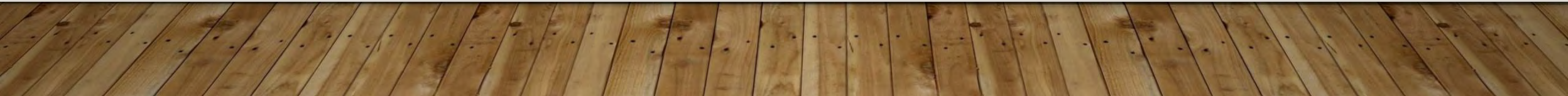
# FROM THE DESK OF GENERAL MANAGER, JEFF RUTH

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We have so much going on these days at the club and so much to be thankful for! Smithfields is busy with regular club events and an active group of members that keep the course busy 7 days a week. Our seniors have put together a great organization that boasts numerous opportunities for daily senior play and senior tournament play. Our ladies group is equally as organized and coming off a great Member-Guest Tournament. The parents of the juniors have created an outstanding league with PGA Jr. League. These are just a small sampling of the programs we have at Smithfields. I hope you all agree that Smithfields is a club that has something for everyone!

All of this could not be done on a daily basis without the following people. **Travis** has put together an exceptional staff in the maintenance department and the results are really showing on the course! **Donna** has an outstanding staff that covers all the Social events and continues to provide outstanding food with outstanding service! The Golf Staff of **Tim, Adam, Andy, Jamison and the entire golf staff** are providing the members with daily events that are fun, competitive and very well run! A special thanks to **Coby** as he continues to provide his knowledge and wisdom to continue to make Smithfields the best possible Club it can be! Their efforts are all greatly appreciated and I am so thankful to work with them on a daily basis!

As always, June is a busy time of year and you can stay connected by checking out our website ([www.smithfieldsgolf.com](http://www.smithfieldsgolf.com)). Don't forget, booking online (via our club app or the link on our club website) is the fastest and easiest way to get times reserved. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO ONLY RESERVE TIMES YOU ARE GOING TO USE!!!



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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- **Every Friday:** Couples 9 & Dine
- **June 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:** Upstate Junior Classic (Course closed)
- **June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Senior 4 Club (10am semi-shotgun)
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Member-Member/Guest Championship (9am semi-shotgun)
- **June 17<sup>th</sup>:** Pickens-Oconee Junior Golf Assoc. (8am double tee start)
- **June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser (2pm shotgun)
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>:** Junior Camp I
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>:** State Am Qualifier (8am double tee start)
- **June 29<sup>th</sup>:** Independence Wing Ding (9am shotgun)



# 2024 UPSTATE JUNIOR CLASSIC

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For the 33<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Smithfields Country Club will host the annual Upstate Junior Classic. The “Classic” is one of the premier junior championships in the southeast, boasting some of the finest junior golfers in the state. This year’s championship is slated for Wednesday and Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

If you’re around the club next week, take the time to ride around and check out the incredible talent that will be on display!



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS: MEN'S INVITATIONAL

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## Final Results

What an incredible weekend....With a field of 54 teams, the Men's Invitational was a tremendous success.

The "Invitational" is always one of the most anticipated events on the Smithfields calendar, and this year's event was one of the best ever - The weather was absolutely perfect, the food service was outstanding, and the competition could not have been more exciting!

The Member/Guest team of Tim Pickel and Cliff Alexander were able to survive the "gauntlet" by outlasting the 8 other flight winners and a wildcard team in the traditional "SHOOTOUT". The eventual winners had to outlast the other semi-finalist team of Will Spearman and Daniel Duncan to claim the Championship!



# CONT...FLIGHT WINNERS

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## Flight Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight: Will Spearman/Daniel Duncan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight: Clarke Smithson/Ed Smithson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight: Jeff Hawkins/Brandon Sheehan
- 4<sup>th</sup> Flight: Tim Pickel/Cliff Alexander
- 5<sup>th</sup> Flight: Rick Brackett/Tommy Rogers
- 6<sup>th</sup> Flight: Scott Freeman/Mike Postich
- 7<sup>th</sup> Flight: Jim Connor/Ryan Gaboriault
- 8<sup>th</sup> Flight: Matt Stroud/Houston Cassell
- 9<sup>th</sup> Flight: Donnie Arnold/Jeremy Peterson

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Flight Winners

Burgess/O'Neil – Merck/Phillips – LaCombe/Osborne  
Kennemore/Gardner – N.Walker/Gobel  
Scott Phillips/Pat Keegan  
Chad Coleman/Steve Scott  
Derrick Thompson/Jay Page  
Chris Callahan/Kyle Cupperneil  
Steve Smale/Garrett Callahan  
Fandetti/Ruoss – Corso/Phalen  
Tom Liddle/Aaron Smith

# SLGA MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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The SLGA hosted an incredible Member-Guest where teams accumulated PASSPORT STAMPS from countries around the World. Teams decked out their golf carts and dressed representing different countries.



# CONT...SLGA TOURNAMENT WINNERS

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## Winners

- **1<sup>st</sup> Gross** - Nancy Holcombe, Pam Prescott, Chrissie Spidell, Beth Magera
- **1<sup>st</sup> Net** - Connie Truesdail, Jennifer Callahan, Jane Weeks, Sherie Chapman
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Net** - Judy Petersen, Janis Wiggins, Candy Young, Wendy VanHoutegan
- **Most Countries Visited** - Deb Albertson, Joyce Holzapfel, Claudette Horanburg,
- **Closest to the Pin #15** – Pam Prescott

**Congratulations to all the Winners!!!**



# SENIOR MEMBER MEMBER/GUEST

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The **Men's Senior Association** has put together a fun event where members have the choice of playing as a **Member-Member** team or a **Member-Guest** team. All players must be 55 years of age or older. **Guests must have an established GHIN handicap.**

**Date: Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**deadline to sign up is 5pm on June 12<sup>th</sup>**

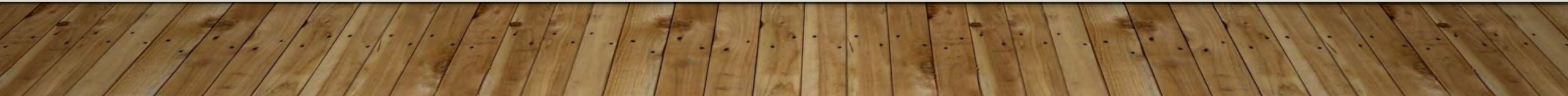
Time: 9:00 AM Shotgun Start

Cost: \$30 per player for tournament entry fee

- Includes lunch
- Guests will receive a voucher for FREE round at SCC
- Sign Up sheet posted on Pro Shop bulletin board

Cart Fees: Members will pay applicable cart fees. Guests will pay \$25 cart and greens fee plus the \$30 tournament entry fee.

Format: 9 holes Net Best Ball / 9 holes Texas Scramble



# TURF TALK

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This month I want to talk about Traffic and how it affects golf course conditions. It is one of the biggest problems we face at Smithfields Country Club.

Traffic on a golf course can come from a multitude of places. Examples are golfers, carts, and maintenance equipment. These things over time can significantly impact the turf's growing conditions and overall health. The repeated pressure exerted on the grass blades and soil can lead to compaction, which restricts air and water movement within the soil profile. Over time, areas that experience high traffic, such as putting greens, tee boxes, and fairways, can develop bare spots and uneven surfaces, detracting from the course's aesthetic and functional quality.

Traffic-induced compaction can result in firmer, less resilient turf, affecting the ball's behavior upon landing and rolling. Ensuring smooth consistent turf conditions is essential for maintaining the quality of play expected by the membership. Therefore, managing traffic and mitigating its effects are crucial for preserving the course's playability.

To address the challenges posed by traffic we implement various management strategies aimed at reducing compaction and promoting healthy turf. Regular aeration is the most common practice, to alleviate compaction and improve air and water infiltration. Additionally, restricting cart usage during wet conditions and spreading cart traffic over larger areas to allow for turf recovery. By everyone doing their part to abide by cart rulings and avoiding weaker turf areas we can greatly improve the overall health and playability of the golf course.

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# SOCIAL CALENDAR

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## Events:

- **9 & Dine** (Couples Golf) every Friday
- Friday, June 14th – **Friday Fish Fry**
  - 6pm to 8pm
  - Reservations required by June 12th at noon
  - Flounder, Slaw, Hush Puppies & Key Lime Pie
  - \$14.95++ and this can be ordered with 9 and Dine
- Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – **Burgers and Bingo**

SOCIAL *events*

