

# SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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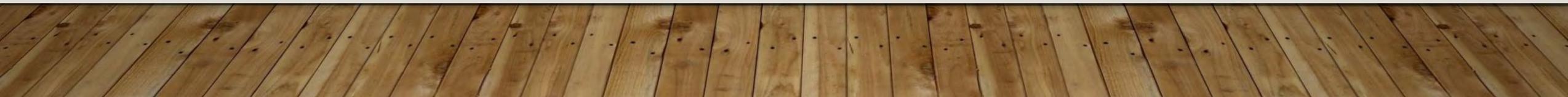
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# AROUND THE CLUB

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**Hello 2023 and Happy New Year to all our members!**

Wow...with exception to the last several days, the first few weeks of winter have been brutal. With a little luck, the temperatures will remain the same while the rain stays away, and we can enjoy a little golf as we turn the page to a new year.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all who donated to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your generosity is overwhelming and very much appreciated. We were able to provide our entire staff with a well-deserved bonus during a time of the year when things can become a little tight.

In looking back over the last year, we would like to express how proud we are of the effort put in by our maintenance crew, which is constantly finding ways to provide outstanding conditions and a club we can all take great pride in calling home. Speaking of our maintenance staff, we are excited to announce that we have hired a new superintendent. Travis Brown, who has been serving as the Senior Assistant Superintendent at The Cliffs Vineyard Club for the last 9 years, will officially join our staff on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of this past year, we far exceeded our projected growth in overall membership. As indicated in our last couple of newsletters, our membership is full, with close to a dozen on a waiting list to join.

As always, I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of Smithfields Country Club and I look forward to seeing you on the links in 2023!

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# CLUB TECHNOLOGY

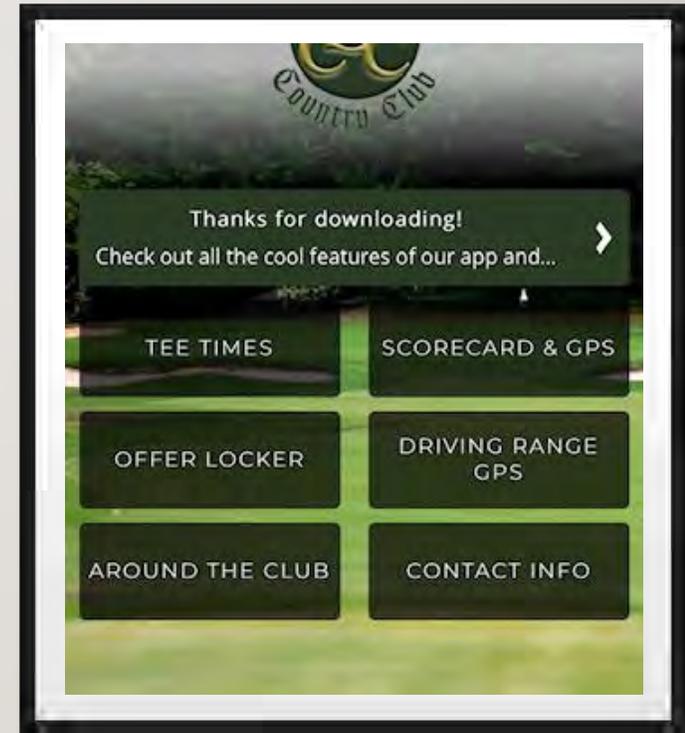
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As everyone is well aware, we introduced a new POS, Tee Sheet, Billing System, website, and club app over the last year. While there were a few bumps in the road along the way, I think most will agree, the new technology has allowed for better service to our members.

If you have yet to take advantage of our new app, please feel free to stop by the club and I will be glad to walk you through how it works.

App Features:

- Book Tee Times
- Keep up with daily club balance
- Make Payments
- Rainchecks
- Track Gift Certificate



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## **Tough Days @ Smithfields CC**

December was a little slow in terms of golf activity. However, we will kickoff our very active tournament schedule in January (21st-22<sup>nd</sup>) with our 9th Annual Tough Days Championship. The 2-person Tough Days event is sure to be a blast, so get a partner and make plans to participate! Please note...this event is open to the public and will fill up quickly.



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

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- **Jan. 2nd** - " Holiday Skins Game"
- **Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Tough Days Event
- **Mon., Wed., Fri.**- Senior Days @ 10:00
- **Tues., Thurs.**- Ladies' Days @ 10:00



# NEW SUPERINTENDENT

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Happy holidays! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Travis Brown, and I will be taking over as the new golf course superintendent on January 9th.

I was raised in a small town off the coast of North Carolina called Oak Island (not the Oak Island from the t.v. show). I am married with two small children ages 3 and 3 weeks. I spend most of my free time chasing my children around the yard or cheering on the NC State Wolfpack.

I have been in the golf course industry for 12 years, climbing my way through the ranks. I started out working on the maintenance crew at St. James Plantation, a small club in my hometown. I went from there to being an Assistant-in-Training at Old Chatham Golf Club in Raleigh, N.C. I moved from Old Chatham to the Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards in 2014 where I have been the Senior Assistant Superintendent for 9 years.

I look forward to bringing my experiences and knowledge to Smithfields to continue to make it one of the premier private country clubs in the Upstate. I look forward to meeting you on the golf course!



# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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What a great day we had to host our annual Christmas Cup, Par-3 Classic. Although the course was a little wet, we couldn't have asked for better conditions. This year's tournament played host to over 100 players with the entire course set up as very unique 18 par 3 holes.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

## Flight 1:

Low Gross-Mike Rogers/Todd Garrett  
1st Net-Doug Tooke/Mike Teasley  
2nd Net- Scott Phillips/Jim Hackenberg

## Flight 2:

Low Gross-Neal/Sean Kennedy  
1st Net-Tony Fandetti/Jack Turpin  
2nd Net- Donnie Arnold/Reed Hennigan

## Flight 3:

Low Gross-Jeff Hawkins/John Hughes  
1st Net-Jeremy Foster/Tommy Lee  
2nd Net- Justin Coleman/Matt Carden

## Flight 4:

Low Gross-Matt/David Stroud  
1st Net-John Johnson/Jeff McAlister  
2nd Net- David Thompson/Ryan Sams

## Flight 5:

Low Gross-Woody Steed/Mike Hendricks  
1st Net-Dickie/Martha Finley  
2nd Net- Lee McDow/Mike Fowler



# SOCIAL NEWS

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Our next big social event will be the National Championship Football Game Viewing Party.

Make plans to join us for final game of the college football season. Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30.

So, whether you've got a "dawg" (or frog) in the fight or not, we look forward to seeing you at the cabana!



# GOLF TIP OF THE MONTH!

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## “Get-A-Grip”

1. Make sure you always place the handle in the fingers of the left hand (right-handed golfers).
2. Rotate the hand over toward your right thigh until you can see at least 2-3 knuckles on the back of the hand when you look down at address.
3. The “V” that forms between your left index finger and thumb should point toward your right shoulder.
4. Place the right hand on the handle and create one of the following three (3) styles of grips:



Interlock Grip/Overlap Grip/10-Finger Grip

If you follow this simple tip and find the right way to grip the club, you are well on your way to making a huge impact on your golf game without even changing anything else!

