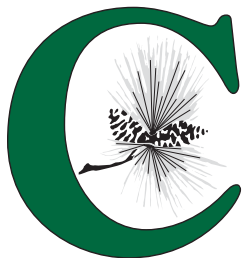


Club Chronicle

Camden Country Club, 111 Knights Hill Road, Camden, SC 29020



President's Message...Max Ford

This will be my last message to you, as I will turn over the reins to a new president immediately after the Annual Meeting on April 5 at the clubhouse. I want to urge members to attend the meeting or, at least, remember to fill out and return your official ballot.

The nominating committee and the board have approved an outstanding slate of nominees in Chad Farmer, Mike Horton, Grainger Kornegay and Jim Wiley. If elected, they would replace myself, Bill McAbee, Tony Boykin and Henry DuRant and would serve three-year terms.

The new board and officers will face changes and some real challenges as they begin their new administrative year. Among the changes is the retirement of Austin Sheheen Jr. as the longtime Treasurer of the club. For more than 45 years in his various duties as board member, president and extensive service as treasurer, Austin has been a mainstay of Camden Country Club. He has guided numerous presidents and boards during their terms and has often provided substantial personal monies to the club for various projects. At our March meeting, the board unanimously voted to appoint Tony Boykin to succeed Austin in the appointive position of Treasurer and to name Austin Treasurer Emeritus in honor of his many years of service to our membership.

The most serious of many challenges facing our club involve, of course, the general economic conditions still in existence and the decline in our regular shareholder members. While our total membership has declined by just two (451 compared to 453) over the last year, our regular shareholder category has slipped from 273 to 256 (the lowest ever). And while the club remains solvent, already the board has found it necessary to adjust the budget two months into the fiscal year in order to remain in the black.

Though it will be difficult because of the economy, the board feels that one way to address our tight financial situation is to solicit new memberships. As of this writing, Bill Ford and Matt McCarley have begun planning a new membership campaign. The board has reviewed several options and ideas. It is my hope that the new board will be aggressive in this area.

Welcome New Members!

Regular
Linda & Jake Josey

Non-Resident
Mary & Craig Davis
Denise & Gregory Burke

Upcoming Events

April

- 1 Jaycees Outing
- 5 Annual Stockholders Meeting
- 10&11 Masters Partner Tournament
- 12 Hospital Foundation Outing
- 13 Ladies State Tournament
- 24&25 Mini Member-Member
- 30 Senior Club Championship

May

- 1 Senior Club Championship
- 2 Swim Team Registration
- 5-9 CGA Four Ball Tournament
- 10 Camden Military Outing
- 20 Chamber Outing
- 22 Pool Opens!
- 21-23 MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT
- 27 Reid Addy Memorial Tournament

June

- 1 Course Aerification – Course Closed
- 7-10 Golf, Tennis, Swim Camp
- 14-17 Tennis Camp

There are bright spots. Our historic Donald Ross course continues to rank as one of South Carolina's finest venues. Though we know we have problems with the playability of several holes (which can only be corrected with money not currently available), we also know that the course as a whole continues to be an attraction to golfers of all ages and abilities. I would remind the membership that our course has been played by some of golf's most storied competitors, all of whom gave it very high marks. That is a legacy that must be addressed constantly in the future.

Improvements to our clubhouse continue on course, thanks in large part to the generosity of Max Wood. The trophy room project should reach its final stages in the next few weeks, and there is hope that the ballroom area will see major improvements in the coming weeks. With the help of Johnny Wehunt, the exterior of the building has been largely repaired. So, while we have problems involving very tight financial conditions, we also have successes that involve the generosity, support and dedication of our members, our staff and the successive boards and officers who have given their time and efforts to Camden Country Club.

My hat is off to all. You have made my job so much easier.

Attention All Swimmers!

**SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION
& ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUNDAY * MAY 2nd * 6:00 PM**

Please make note of this date and plan to stop by the club to register your swimmer(s) for the upcoming season. If you are unable to attend, please stop by the golf shop for a registration form and swim team handbook.

Hope to see you on the 2nd.



PRO SHOP NEWS... Matt McCarley, General Manager/Head Golf Professional

Spring has finally arrived and after such a wet and cold winter lets hope it brings lots of sunshine with warmer temperatures. Despite a harsh winter, the golf course held up nicely and with the warmer temperatures it should start greening up shortly.

There are a lot of activities taking place at the club this spring and summer so please look at the newsletter closely and plan on participating in as many events as possible.

I want to encourage parents to get their children involved in golf and tennis. Unlike a lot of sports, these you can enjoy playing for the rest of your life. Christie does an outstanding job with the junior tennis program and I am working hard to try to get as many kids playing golf as Christie has playing tennis. Please look at the Clinics and Camp schedules and get your kids involved in the games that last a lifetime. I am very excited to announce the hiring of our new swim team coach Andy Atzhorn. Andy is from Pensacola Florida and has just graduated from the University of South Carolina. He was captain of the Gamecock swim team his junior and senior seasons and has competed in the Olympic trials and the world championship qualifying. Lets try to get as many kids out for the swim team as possible.

We are in the process of upgrading the clubhouse and it is coming along nicely. We would like to put up some pictures of the golf course both old and new. If anyone has pictures they think would go well in the clubhouse, please let us take a look at them and we will scan it if we can find a spot for it. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Spring Member-Member and Member-Guest

April 24-25

May 21-23

Please mark the following dates down and plan on participating in two of the clubs most popular events. The **Mini Member – Member April 24-25** and the **Member – Guest May 21-23**. The tournament committee and golf staff are hard at work on these events and are trying to make them the best ever. The key for a successful tournament hinges on participation. Please make every effort to sign up for these events. Please note that the golf course will be closed on these weekends for non-tournament play.



Junior Golf Camps and Clinic

Matt McCarley, Instructor

Weekly Clinics

April & May

Monday's and Thursday's
3:30-4:15 and 4:15-5:00

Summer Camps

June 1-4 Tuesday-Friday
June 28-July 1 Monday-Thursday
July 26-29 Monday-Thursday

Camps are from 8am until 10am

Please call the golf shop for more information 432-3322

Golf Shop Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.



Golf Carts need to be returned to the Golf Shop by the time the Pro Shop closes.

The Driving Range will continue to CLOSE at the time posted on the range ball box. Thank you for your cooperation.



Golf Lessons

Adults

One Lesson – \$45.00
Four Lessons – \$160.00
Lessons are 50 minutes

Juniors

One Lesson – \$35.00
Four Lessons – \$120.00
Lessons are 45 minutes

Contact Matt McCarley at 432-3322.

JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS

Golf, Tennis & Swimming!

Sign your Junior camper up today for a fun-filled day of golf, tennis & swimming! Call the Pro Shop at 432-3322.

June 7–10

July 19–22

Aug 2–5

Times: 9:00 am–2:00 pm

Tennis Camp

June 14–17

July 5–8

July 26–29

Times: 8:30 am–11:00 am

Board Members

Max Ford, *President*
Rodger Williams, *Vice President*
Frank Broom, *Past President*
Matt Bishop
Tony Boykin, *Finance*
William Cantey
Bill Denton
Henry DuRant
Bill Ford
Bobby Joseph
Bill McAbee
Fred Oxley
Gene Sellers
Austin Sheheen, *Treasurer*
Kim Younghans, *Secretary*

Annual Stockholders meeting April 5, 6:00 p.m.

The annual stockholders meeting will be held April 5th at 6pm in the clubhouse. Stockholders should have received their proxy's in the mail by now. We hope you can attend the meeting to share your comments and suggestions. The board will discuss the issues they have been working on all year, as well as any future plans being considered. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please contact the Club with any questions, 432-3322.

Second Quarter Membership Dues Are Due April 15th

Just a friendly reminder, if you elected to pay your Annual Dues Quarterly, your next installment is due by the 15th of April. **Associate Members'** annual dues must be paid in full by June 1st.

You may drop your payment off at the Golf Shop or simply mail it to the Club at P.O. Box 762, Camden, SC 29021 or 111 Knights Hill Road, Camden SC 29020. We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

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Danny Allen, Superintendent
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Ben Myers,
Golf Tournament Chair
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Chris Haff,
Women's Golf Association
438-3971

Snack Bar
432-9268

Around the Greens...Danny Allen, Superintendent

It has been a long cold winter. We are investigating to see if the cold weather harmed the grass on the course. If so we will be replacing the damaged turf as soon as possible. We began to lower the green height the first of March so you will see a little scalping on the greens. We also began top dressing and rolling the greens to help smooth greens from the record cold temperatures during the winter months.

We will continue working to make Camden Country Club one of the best in the state.

Bring on the summer!

Ladies Golf...Chris Haff, WGA President


April...and spring...and warmer temperatures. We're all looking forward to playing on the course a bit more than the cold temperatures allowed the first three months of the year. For all the ladies, the CWGA schedule book is now available in the Locker Room. It contains a full schedule of 2010 events, our weekly play schedule, and our meeting dates. For new members, dues are \$25.00 for the year. Our treasurer is Jeannine Weatherford.



Our first tournament of 2010, the President's Cup, was held in March with the last round to be played before April 2. Results will be posted in the Women's Locker Room and noted in the next newsletter. April will be a busy month as we host approximately 100 senior women on April 13 for the Senior State Championship. Many hands will be needed to make this event a success. If you are able to help out, please call me (438-3971).

Our Tuesday/Thursday play times will adjust for the nicer weather. In April our start time moves to 9:30 am and then 9:00 am in May through August. Lots of good times are ahead on the course. Come join us!

Great Shots & Congratulations To...

 Congratulations to **Bob Havens** for his hole in one on #16.
Congratulations to **Crystal and Stephen Smoak** on the birth of their son, Roger Allan, born March 8, 2010



Get Well Wishes and Condolences...

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of **Mike Culp, Linwood Watkins, and Tommy and Lib Phillips**, our thoughts and prayers are with you and we are very sorry for your loss.



Tennis Talk...Christie Davis

JUNIORS:

Mighty Mites: Ages 3 - 4
Wednesday 8:30–9:00 am
Using mini-net & foam balls
Cost members \$5.00/\$7.00 Non

Pee Wees: Ages 5 - 7
Thursday
10:00–11:15 am
Using mini-net & foam balls
Cost Members: \$7.00/\$9.00 Non

JR. Masters: Ages 7–10
(10 and under team practice)
Thursday 9:00–10:00 am
Cost Members \$10.00/\$12.00 Non

JR. Pros: Ages 10-12
(12 and under team practice)
Monday & Wednesday 9:00-10:00
Cost Members: \$10.00/\$12.00Non

Advanced Juniors: Ages 12+
(14 and under team practice)
Monday & Wednesday
10:00–11:30 am
Cost Members \$13.00/\$15.00Non

Tournament JRs
(18 and under team practice)
Tuesday & Friday 10:00–11:30 am
Cost Members: \$13.00/\$15.00 Non

ADULTS:
2.5 Ladies Clinic Tuesday
7:00–8:30 pm
Cost Members \$15.00/class

3.0/3.5 Ladies Clinic Friday mornings
8:30–10:00 am
Cost Members \$13.00/class

Private Lessons
1 hour \$40/member \$45/Non Mem
1/2 hour \$20/member \$25/Non Mem
For Tennis Information, please contact
Christie Davis at 432-6711 or
cell 843-425-7184



Gator News...

We would like to introduce the new Swim Team Coach, Andy Atzhorn, from Pensacola Florida. Andy will graduate this May from the University of South Carolina. While at USC, Andy served as captain of the Gamecock swim team his junior and senior seasons. In addition to his college swim career, Andy competed in Olympic trials and World Championship trials and finished 5th in the SEC championships. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to a successful and fun swim team season!



Pool Opens!

SATURDAY * MAY 22nd
11:00 am–6:00 pm

The pool will open the weekend of May 22nd. Weekend pool hours for the season will be Saturday from 11am –6pm and on Sunday 1pm – 6pm. Weekday hours May 24 – 28 2pm – 7pm and for the rest of the summer 11am – 7pm. Please remember only out-of-county guests are permitted.

The pool will be closed on the following Monday's for maintenance June 21, July 12, and August 9.