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2018



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June was a busy month at Mimosa Hills. We were finally able to have continuous days without rain, so we could enjoy our gem of a golf course. We started on the month of June with our Member Guest. I would like to thank all the staff that worked so hard that weekend. I would like to especially thank Dan Winters, Jimmy Piercy, Chris Craig and Cindy Stimson for all their hard work to make the weekend run smoothly. I would also like to congratulate the winners on the 2018 Member Guest; Jake Benfield and his guest Brady Maddox.

We continued the month of June by hosting a 3-day G-Pro tournament. We had two of our members playing in the event. Congratulations to Matt Short who T-6th at 12 under par, and Noah Ratner who T-17th at 7 under par. We concluded the month of June by hosting a Carolina's Senior PGA tournament. I realize the closings and delays these tournaments can bring can be a frustration to member play. I ask that you please remember that these tournaments generate revenue. This helps us be able to maintain a great golf course and keep membership dues at a very reasonable rate.

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As we plan for the 2018-2019 budget, I have appointed a committee that will be assessing our revenue and expenses. The main source of revenue is membership dues. This committee will be evaluating our current dues structure and at the conclusion, they will make a recommendation to the Board of how to proceed. As your household expenses continue to increase, the golf course expenses also increase. This, in conjunction with the wear and tear of the equipment, make it important that we evaluate all sources of revenue on an annual basis. We will keep the membership posted on any changes.

Food and Beverage director Chris Craig has some exciting Friday night dining specials planned for the month of July. He is taking recommendations on daily specials as well as menu changes. If you have any suggestions, please share them with Chris. Come out and support Food and Beverage at Mimosa!

As I stated in the June newsletter, membership and marketing director Lynn Allen resigned. We will all miss Lynn. I am excited to announce the hiring of Renee Hollaway. Renee has an extensive background in customer support. While we are in the process of training Renee, please be patient if you are unable to reach someone in the office. Cindy will return your call as soon as she can.

Please join me in welcoming the new members approved at the June board meeting:

James & Margie Bain III – Resident Single

James Bain – Junior Executive

Dr. Pranay Reddy – Junior Executive

David & Noelle Wachter – Non-Resident

David Luke Wachter – Non-Resident

Brian Robinson – Non-Resident

Tony & Lynn Sakaniwa – Non-Resident

Bill & Debbie Jenkins – Non-Resident

John & Sina Turner – Non-Resident

Robert & Beth Smith – Social

Damion & Carmen Patton – Social

This brings our total membership to 427 with 351 being golf members.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July. I look forward to seeing everyone around the club.

Jordan N. Greene
2018 Board President



Food & Beverage:



NEW Mimosa Hills Dining Room and Bar & Grill Hours

**Please support the Dining Room
and Bar & Grill at Mimosa Hills.
We have extended the hours by
our members request.**

Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday **CLOSED**

Tuesday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

***To help us serve you better,
reservations
are appreciated for all evening
dinners & special events.***

July Friday Night Dining Specials

**All Dinner Specials come with a House
or Caesar Salad**

**8 oz. Beef Filet
Baked Potato, Asparagus & Dessert
\$23.95**

**6 oz. Grilled Chicken Breast
Served with Baked Potato, Asparagus &
Dessert
\$14.95**

**Blackened Salmon
Served with Baked Potato, Asparagus &
Dessert
\$15.95**



Golf News:

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Pro Shop Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday-Sunday

8:00am- 6:00pm

July 4th- The golf shop will close at 5pm. All cart play must be completed by 7pm.

Range Hours

Tuesday- Friday

8:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

8:00am – 6:00pm

Monday- Wednesday- Friday Seniors

July start time- 9:00am

There will be no senior group play on the following days:

Wednesday- July 4th

Monday- July 9th(WP Seniors)

Monday- July 16th

Friday- July 27th



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Golf Events for July:

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July 4th- Wednesday Team Flag Day

Traditional Mimosa Hills Flag Day to celebrate Independence Day.

This year we have added a new twist. "Team Flag Day", the team of 3 or 4 will carry one flag with a target number which totals par plus the teams combined handicap. Ex. If a foursome of all 8 handicaps will have a target score of 320. The team will place the flag at the spot where the 320th stroke ended up. \$20 per player entry fee. Make up your own team and tee time. All tournament play must be completed by 4:00pm.

WP Seniors- Monday, July 9th - 9:00 Shotgun Start

We will host the WP Senior group on Monday, July 9th. All Mimosa Hills members are eligible to participate. Cost is \$30. Must be 50 years of age to qualify. The golf course will re-open to non-tournament play at approximately 2:00pm. Practice facility will open at 10am.

CGA Ladies 4 Ball- Thursday, July 12th

We will host the ladies on Thursday July 12th for a CGA one day event. Shotgun start is at 10:00 am. The golf course will re-open to non-tournament play at approximately 3:00pm. Practice facility will open at 11am.

Dan Dobson Jr.- Monday, July 16th

Mimosa Hills will host the Dan Dobson Jr. golf tournament on Monday, July 16th. Please notice the official entry form included in the newsletter. Golf course will re-open to non-tournament play at approximately 12pm. Practice facility will open at 11am.

Burke County Open- Friday, July 27th

We will host the first round of the 2018 BCO. The golf course will be open to walking play only in the am. Shotgun start is 1:30pm. The practice facility will be closed to non-tournament players between 11:30am and 1:30pm. The golf course will re-open to non-tournament play at approximately 7pm.





Frank Bowers Junior Club Championship

Monday-Tuesday July 30-31

Open to all Mimosa Hills juniors, boys and girls, ages 17 and under.

Tee times will begin at 10am both days. Please notice official entry form in the newsletter.

Mimosa Hills Junior Clinic

July 30th – August 2nd 7:00pm-8:00pm

Ages 6 & UP - Cost \$50

Please contact the golf shop for further details.



6 Tips for Playing Golf In The Summer Heat

A lot of players and golf lovers know that it's hard to beat a good day at the golf course but when the summer temperatures rise it gets harder to stay fine/comfortable and enjoy the game. If you're not prepared you could soon be wishing that you had stayed home, thinking that you still have X amount of holes left in the round. So, don't worry because here are a few simple tips that should help you to enjoy a nice relaxing round of golf even if is in high temperatures in the middle of summer:

1. **Choose a correct time to play.** Actually the time you choose is very important. For example you can schedule in the early morning hours when the temperatures are still quite mild. If you are lucky you will finish your round before it starts to get uncomfortable. Even if you can schedule an evening round you may find it to still be extremely hot but at least as the round goes on things will cool off, especially as the sun starts to set.
2. **Hydration. This is basic.** Playing in the summer heat will suck the moisture right out of you. If you don't hydrate your body you will start to feel the effects rather quickly. It's extremely important that you bring plenty of water with you to stay hydrated, so you can keep your body cool. It may help you to freeze a few water bottles before heading out to play. Also it's good to be sure to take advantage of water stations around the course.
3. **Use a Visor.** It's much better to use a visor rather than a hat. Most of your body heat escapes through your head. When you wear a hat you will get protection from the sun and shade your face but you will also trap all of that heat trying to escape your head. By wearing a visor you can still have your shade while allowing your head to release some heat.
4. **Wear correct clothing.** Be sure to wear light colored clothes and shorts. The lighter colors are better because they reflect more of the sun's rays unlike dark colors which will absorb them and pass the heat towards you.
5. **Try to ride and not walk.** Although you don't get as much exercise as walking, on a summer day with high temperatures, this is worth it. Also you can try to know the course before you go (holes, meters ...) not all fields are equal.
6. **Use sunscreen.** Be sure to wear plenty of sunscreen to protect against harmful UV-rays, they are very dangerous for the skin.

Follow these simple tips and you may find golfing during the dog days of summer a little more bearable. **So Get fit, stay cool and... Enjoy the summer!**



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Frank G. Bowers Junior Club Championship

July 30th- 31st, 2018

- Eligibility- Open to any Mimosa Hills golf member, ages 18 and under.
 - Cost- \$30 per player
 - Starting times will begin 10am Monday and Tuesday
 - Age Groups:
 - 11 and under boys- 9 holes each day**
 - 11 and under girls- 9 holes each day**
 - 12-13 boys- 36-hole championship**
 - 12-13 girls- 9 holes each day**
 - 14-15 boys- 36- hole championship**
 - 14-18 girls- 36- hole championship**
 - 16-18 boys- 36- hole championship**
 - There will be an awards luncheon in the dining room following play on Tuesday.
- ** Please contact the golf shop to register



Dan Dobson – Junior Open:

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Mimosa Hills is proud to host the 2018 Dan Dobson Junior Open

Divisions:

Boys

16-18 _____ 18 holes - Championship tees

14-15 _____ 18 holes - Championship tees

12-13 _____ 18 holes - Gold tees

9-11 _____ 9 holes - Level 2 PGA tees

8 & Under _____ 5 holes- Level 1 PGA tees

Girls

14-18 _____ 18 holes - Girls Championship tees

12-13 _____ 9 holes - Level 2 PGA Tees

11 & under _____ 5 holes- Level 1 PGA tees

Cost: \$30.00 (Includes practice round, lunch and prizes)

Practice Rounds: Please call for availability 828-437-2967

Please make check payable to Mimosa Hills, Mail to: P.O. Box 677, Morganton, NC 28680

Name: _____

Age: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



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Preservation Club Update – July

Work continues to improve our wonderful golf course courtesy of the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donors Club 2017 donations. Trees have been removed on both holes 11 and 14 and the stumps ground up. Most recently work has been done to repair the cart paths through our partnership with the Board. The final step will be the laying of Bermuda grass sod on those formerly bare areas. We think you'll agree that these two holes will look and play much better.

This dedicated group of members has raised the funds to improve holes 9 and 12, plus fund the Leyland Cypress replacement and add over 400 tons of sand to our bunkers. The Club is currently fundraising to improve holes 3, 7 and 15 with work to begin later this year. So, if you've already pledged a 2018 donation, thank you and please mention this wonderful opportunity to your golfing buddies. If you've not already pledged for 2018 please give it serious consideration. Further information and pledge forms are available through the office.

Finally, if you already have, or will pledge in 2018, please mark your calendar as Friday, September 28 will be the third annual Preservation Donor's Club appreciation golf outing and reception.

2018 Preservation Donors Club Committee

Jim Best Gary Julien Chuck Ohrt
Bill Straughan Ronny Wilson





On the Course:

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By the time June completes it will be the hottest June in my 12 years here at Mimosa Hills. The prior hottest was June 2010 which had an average temperature of 77.4 degrees. Overall the bentgrass greens are holding up well in appearance but roots have been compromised. This is an agronomic certainty as soil temperatures rise. Bentgrass is a cool season grass and does well when average temperatures are more in the mid 50's to mid 60's. Bermudagrass thrives with average temperatures from the mid 60's to near 80 degrees. Here in Morganton we are at the southern end of the so called 'transition zone' and at the northern end of the 'southern zone'. It is commonly said in our industry that "all grasses grow in the transition zone, just nothing grows particularly well".

As the summer progresses, the bentgrass root system will continue to weaken creating much softer playing conditions. We monitor our soil moisture levels with a TDR 300 moisture meter. We try to maintain levels that are not too moist and not too dry. We also have to consider the amount of man hours available to keep the greens from burning up. Certainly golf course with double or triple our budget can push those limits. The tricky thing in our area is that on any given day when the clouds part and the wind picks up the humidity can drop from a moist 45-50% down to 35%. That can cause some serious wilt on our greens in a hurry, especially with temperatures in the upper 80's to mid 90's. A little bit of cloud cover on summer afternoons can go a long way.

Please keep in mind that if the staff has taken the flag stick out while you are in the fairway they need just a few minutes to water the green so please be patient and wait until they are done before hitting in. We have found that by running a minute or two with the sprinklers can fend off some wilt on those sunny hot afternoons. We apologize for any inconveniences.

The solid tine venting process will occur on the mornings of July 17 & 18 by a contractor. We will do half the greens one day and half the other. One day a hole #1 start the other a hole #10 start. The greens will be rolled immediately behind the aerifier and the disruption is minimal. The solid tines (no core removed) we typically use are from ¼" to 3/8" in diameter. The process is necessary to open up our greens for heat release, water penetration and oxygen exchange. Golf course with their own aerifiers would perhaps use 1/8" solid tines but do the process every 2 weeks through the summer. And yes, this will make the greens softer, but we do what we have to do for survival.

We also raise cutting heights as needed. We continue the 'mow a day', 'roll a day' program to save on labor and limit stress to the greens. The every 2 week light topdressing with the 'dried' sand dilutes the organic matter accumulation but also helps the ball roll more smoothly. Please take time to fix your ball marks properly by pushing down and forward with a dedicated tool. The marks get worse as the greens get weaker and softer. Obviously, the fungicide applications continue as the heat and high humidity continue. As well, we do a calculated foliar fertilizer program that minimally feeds the grass but aids in stress relief and protection.

Dan Winters, Superintendent



2018 Member-Guest Results



Overall Champions

Jake Benfield- Brady Maddox

First Flight Winners

Randy Walker- Quentin Lail

Second Flight

James Earnhardt- Kevin Foster

Third Flight

Kelly Snipes -Rob Brogdon

Fourth Flight

Jake Benfield-Brady Maddox

Fifth Flight

John Knight-Charlie Lunsford

Sixth Flight

Richard Ellis-Sam Nave

Seventh Flight

Scott Mulwee-Mike Daly

Eighth Flight

Dave Holland – Don Blanton

Ladies putting contest winner

Kathy Breeden



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Mimosa Hills Calendar for July 2018

(subject to change, visit website for a more up-to-date calendar)

Sun Jul 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£ July 4th Shootout	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am -	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	RESTAURANT CLOSED WP Seniors	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£ CGA Ladies 4-Ball	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am -	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Dan Dobson Jr. Tourn. RESTAURANT CLOSED	Solid Time Venting Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am -	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am - Burke County Open	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£
29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4
Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Frank Bowers Jr. Club Championship RESTAURANT CLOSED	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am -	Bar/Grill/Dining 11am-£

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