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2019**

## Mimosa Hills Monthly Chronicle

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### Senior Club Championship



Keith Bowers with runner up Danny Boughman. Both gain an exemption into the 2019 Carolinas Senior Championship to be held at Mimosa Hills Sept 30<sup>th</sup> thru Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Keith Bowers – Senior Club Champion Winner

### Frank Bowers Jr. Club Championship

Keith Bowers and Kelly Messenheimer with Frank Bowers Jr. Club Championship Winners



Sam Mace



Christina Fisher





## More Member News & Email Request:

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Junior Clinic Group Photo of  
all Participants and Winners



Sophia Feduke and  
Diego Trevino



Ella Cannon, Nora Rasmussen,  
and Mila Davidson



Hayden Stoer, Carson  
Brown, and Deac Haas

### Notice

We have been told that many spouses/significant others are not receiving the Newsletter and Wednesday's E-Blast. For those wishing to receive these, please call or email Renee' at [rhollaway@mimosahills.net](mailto:rhollaway@mimosahills.net) to provide the information so these can be received.



## Member Spotlight:



Our member spotlight for August features Chip Saunders, Mimosa Hills member for more than 25 years. Chip is Mimosa's version of "the most interesting man in the world." He has traveled the world, has friends across the globe, and seems to enjoy every day he spends at Mimosa Hills. He can be seen slowly strolling across the parking lot towards the Pro Shop as he arrives for a day of golf like he doesn't have a care in the world. Don't let his seemingly laid back, modest demeanor coerce you into a Nassau bet as Chip is a great player, playing in the 70s most days at Mimosa and occasionally playing around par golf. Very impressive considering he didn't take golf seriously or play at a consistent level until after retirement. By the way, he is the "best putter" at Mimosa Hills, as a guy from Charlotte once told us.

Chip was born in New Hampshire but spent most of his childhood in the southeast. Chip's father was in the insurance business, and according to Chip loved new challenges and never minded moving his family for a better opportunity. When asked how he was first exposed to golf, Chip stated "I was given a set of old Wilson Staff clubs by my grandfather and I played my first golf at Highland Municipal in Birmingham, Al when I was a teenager." "Never played serious as a kid, but just something to do with friends."

After a short stint at Elon College, Chip served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. After the military, he graduated from East Tennessee State University. After college Chip spent 25 years working for Motorola all over the United States and Asia. Chip was recruited by Dell Technologies to grow and facilitate development in the Asian market. He was interviewed and hired directly by Michael Dell. When asked why he chose to make the move to Dell, Chip stated "it was a great opportunity, Dell was a young company but was well established, and I was a little concerned with Motorola's slow development into digital technology from analog." Most of his time while at Dell was spent in Tokyo and Singapore while in Asia. Chip helped take Dell from virtually no presence in Asia to being ranked #2 during his tenure.

For a man who has lived and traveled to so many places, Chip was asked how Morganton, NC became a resting spot for you and your wife? "We were looking for a place in the US to call home when we came back from Asia for weeks at a time as we didn't want to burden family to host us. An old friend, Chip Smith who worked for Duke Power recommended the Lake James area." Chip and his wife Gay made a visit to Western North Carolina in 1993 to look for something around the lake, but with no luck; however, settled on a track of land in Burke County to build a home. With little time before they had to return to Asia, Gay and builder Greg Hoff designed the home on a napkin at a local restaurant. For a number of years, the Sanders family enjoyed their time here in Morganton while on vacation from Asia.

Now that Chip is retired, he splits time between here and San Antonio, TX. "Our intent was to make North Carolina our permanent home, but once the grandkids came along we wanted to be close to our family for part of the year." The Saunders's son Chris and his kids live in San Antonio. There Chip and Gay live in the winter to spend time with them. Chip and Chris enjoy playing golf together at San Antonio CC where they are both members. They also have a son Travis who lives in Austin, TX.

Chip has always been very supportive of the efforts at Mimosa Hills. He served as club president in 2008, and always supports the staff and members. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Chip Saunders, please strike up a chat with him. He has some wonderful stories to tell from his life experiences from all over the world. We are lucky to have him as a member of Mimosa Hills.



## Treasurer's Report:

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Dear Fellow Members,

As we have reached the halfway point in Mimosa Hill's new fiscal year (January – December), the board would like to take this opportunity to update the members on the financial position of Mimosa Hills. Below are some key points regarding the mid-year financials for the club compared to where we were at the same time last year.

- Year to date we have seen a 9% increase in total membership dues. This increase can be attributed to the dues increase implemented in January.
- Golf operations revenue is down 9%, with total rounds down 6% from prior year.
- The Food & Beverage section's revenue is down 20% compared to prior year.
- Golf Course Maintenance has seen an increase in expenses by 11% from prior year. This was anticipated and budgeted for as we needed to invest in newer equipment. This has been funded primarily from the dues increase.

Overall, our cash flow remains our primary current concern. Effective in July, the Board dropped the initiation fee for new Resident members and decreased the initiation fee to \$300 for Non-Resident members. This was done in an effort to increase memberships. This action has only realized a few new members. Other strategies have been initiated to increase cash flow, i.e. a sale of Pro Shop merchandise, reduction in staff hours, etc. These strategies have helped, but we continue to encounter day-to-day struggles financially which is hindering us from building any reserves for emergencies. You will also notice that we have a packed outside tournament schedule over the next few months. Although this hinders play, this is revenue that we must have in order to maintain our current dues structure.

Also, please know that we are making efforts to maintain our current service level. Every active member is requested to help in our efforts. Recruit new members, use the dining room and bar, shop in the Pro Shop, and enjoy the golf course. The Board reviews the financials each month during the regular meetings and more often as necessary. In doing so, consideration is always given to make the Club remain viable for our members.

Jared Huffman, Treasurer  
Mimosa Hills Board of Governors





Summer Sale:

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**\*In Stock Inventory Only\***

40 % off all Apparel

20% off all Shoes

25% off all Clubs

20% off all Bags

For the whole month of August!





# Golf Club Info and Tournament Info:

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## **Golf Shop News - August 2019**

### **Golf Shop Hours**

8:00 am to 7 pm Sunday - Friday  
8 am to 6 pm - Saturday

### **Range Hours**

8 am to 6 pm – Saturday, Sunday, & Monday  
8 am to 7 pm – Tuesday – Friday

### **Monday – Wednesday – Friday Seniors**

Starting time for August remains at 9 am  
No Senior play on the following dates:  
Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to accommodate the Mimosa Hills Pro-Am

### **TYGA – Dan Dobson Junior**

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mimosa Hills will host the Dan Dobson Junior on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.  
The golf course and practice facility will open to members at approximately 12 pm.

### **Parent-Child**

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Make your own tee times and pairings.  
All tournament rounds must be completed by 5:30 pm.  
The golf course and the practice facility will be open to  
all members for this event.

### **Mimosa Hills Pro-Am**

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
10 am shotgun start  
The golf course will be closed until approximately 4 pm.  
The practice facility will open to members at 11 am.

### **Mimosa Hills Club Championship**

Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>  
10 am shotgun start each day  
The golf course will be closed to non-tournament play until approximately 4 pm both days. The  
practice facility will open at 11 am each day to non-tournament play.

### **Greens Aerification**

Greens aerification will begin Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.  
9 holes should remain open Monday – Thursday. Please contact the  
Pro Shop for updates on the greens aerification.



## Mimosa Hills Parent-Child

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Eligible Participants:** Only the parent or child must be a golf member of Mimosa Hills.

May play anytime on Sunday and make own pairings. Must complete all tournament rounds by 5:30 pm.

### **Age Groups:**

7 & Under – (4 holes)	12-13 Girls – (9 holes)
8-11 – (9 holes)	14-15 – (18 holes)
12-13 Boys – (18 holes)	16 & Over – (18 holes)

Entry Fee: \$40 per team

Includes:

- Tournament Fees
- Range Fees
- Lunch provided for all players

Please contact the Pro Shop to Register

## Mimosa Hills Pro-Am

Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

10 am Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: \$100 per player

**Format:** 3 Amateurs will be paired with 1 professional. 2 Best balls of foursome. Best one gross plus best one net.

Includes:

- Tournament fees
- Cart fees
- Range fees
- Lunch following play

Please contact the Pro Shop to Register





# Mimosa Hills Club Championship:

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**Eligibility:** Open to any Mimosa Hills golf member, (Juniors still in high school or younger must be the reigning Junior Club Champion, and must compete in the Championship Division.)

**Cost:** \$65.00 per Player

**Includes**

- All tournament fees
- Range Balls
- Awards luncheon following play on Sunday

**Divisions:**

- Championship – 36 stroke play (6 handicap or better recommended.)
- Super Senior Championship- 36 hole stroke play. Must be **65** years of age and older.
- Ladies Championship – 36 hole stroke play. (Net prizes will also be awarded in this division.)
- Reserve (Stableford) – 36 hole Stableford Points System (Quota will be based on handicap index.)

**Starting Times:** 10:00 shotgun start each day

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: (Please check appropriate division.)

Championship \_\_\_\_\_ Super Senior Championship \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Championship \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve (Stableford) \_\_\_\_\_



## Food & Beverage:

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### *Mimosa Hills Dining Room and Bar & Grill Hours*

#### **August's Drink Specials**

Bud (Can) \$2.00

Lemon Basil Breeze \$6.00

Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 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 - 6:00 pm

**Bar Only**

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

#### **August Friday Night Dining Specials**

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

##### **Filet**

Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley & Dessert  
**\$26.95**

##### **Salmon with Avocado Salsa**

Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley & Dessert  
**\$16.95**

##### **Filet Tips**

Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley & Dessert  
**\$23.95**

##### **Cheesy Pesto Chicken**

Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley & Dessert  
**\$15.95**





**Seafood Buffet - Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Menu**

Shrimp Scampi and Fried Shrimp  
Fried Whole Flounder  
Scallops and Fried Clam Strips  
Crab Legs  
Slaw and Corn on the Cob  
Baked Potatoes  
Vegetable Medley  
Salad  
Hush Puppies  
Desserts

\$29.95 for Adults, \$13.50 for kids 12 to 6, and  
5 & under eat free  
Reservations are encouraged.

**Ladies Only  
Yoga**

Instructed By: AutumnDawn Yoga



**No experience necessary!**

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>: 10am – 11am**  
**Upstairs of the Clubhouse**

**\$10 – Includes a drink of your choice in the bar  
following class**

Please reserve your spot [rhollaway@mimosahills.net](mailto:rhollaway@mimosahills.net)





# On the Course and New Golf Carts Notice:

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Overall the golf course is in great condition. July was very hot through the first 3 weeks (above average) but we had a nice cool down later. This helped the greens not decline as much. Of course, last year August and September were well above average temperatures and the greens struggled somewhat. Let us hope for normal or below averages. The rains have been timely keeping the bermudagrass very green.

The solid tine venting went off as planned on July 15-16. This process is necessary in the peak summer heat to allow for oxygen exchange and heat release. The standard core aerification and topdressing will take place starting on Monday, August 26. The light verti-cutting may take place that week or in the weeks following depending on the health of the greens and forecasted temperatures. Typically, there will be nine holes open each day that week but please check with the Pro Shop because weather can alter the schedule.

The tree removal on holes 3 & 7 and stump grinding was completed in July for the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donor's Club efforts. The soil will be tilled and raked in early August and presently the contractor is set to lay the bermudagrass sod August 13-14. Thank you to all who support these great golf course improvements.

We have been given some funds to grind the remaining stumps on the golf course. Thank you for that donation.

Please remember to fix your ball marks and bunker disturbances. Please either sand your divots or better yet beat the divot in from a couple of directions with your iron then step down and lightly sand.

Dan Winters - Superintendent



## Notice

The Club is receiving new carts on August 2, 2019. Based upon this factor, the Board has approved a slight price increase effective September 1, 2019.

Regular Cart Fee: From \$18.00 to \$20.00

### Guest Play (including carts)

Weekday (Monday through Thursday)

Member Sponsored: \$45.00 to \$47.00

Non-Member Sponsored: \$65.00 to \$67.00

Weekend (Friday through Sunday)

Accompanied by a Member: \$50.00 to \$52.00

Unaccompanied by a Member: Remains at \$75.00



## Preservation Club Update – August 2019

As mentioned last month, our club has now been recognized by NC Golf Magazine in their 2018 course rankings. As background, Mimosa Hills had dropped out of their top 100 North Carolina golf courses but is now back in at number 79, which is ahead of courses such as Blowing Rock Country Club and Carolina Golf Club. The magazine wrote, “Recent updates and repairs at the Donald Ross-designed course caught our panelists’ attention, at Mimosa Hills, which opened in 1929, and returned to the top 100 for the first time since 2013.”

What a great thing for all members that our wonderful golf course is becoming more playable and is now back to being recognized as the great course that it is. So thank you to all of our donors. Over the past five years, this dedicated group of members has raised the funds to improve holes 9, 11, 12, and 14 plus fund the Leyland Cypress replacement and add over 400 tons of sand to our bunkers. The Club is currently fundraising to improve hole 15 which needs work on both the left and right sides of the hole. This work will include additional irrigation and drainage control, some tree trimming, and the application of sod where needed.

Thank you to Dan Winters and his staff for all you do.

As you can see, the tree, limb removal and stump grinding are complete for holes 3, 7 and 18. The majority of the work has been done along the left side of hole 3, allowing grass to grow and eliminating the erosion which as occurred. The next step is to add Bermuda grass in those areas. This work to improve our wonderful golf course is courtesy of the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donor Club donations. We think you’ll agree that these holes will look and play much better.

So, if you’ve already pledged a 2019 donation, thank you and please mention this wonderful opportunity to your golfing buddies. If you’ve not already pledged for 2019, please give it serious consideration. Further information and pledge forms are available through the office.

*Finally, if you already have, or will pledge in 2019, please mark your calendar as Friday, September 20 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Preservation Donor’s Club appreciation golf outing and reception.*



## The Red Tees:

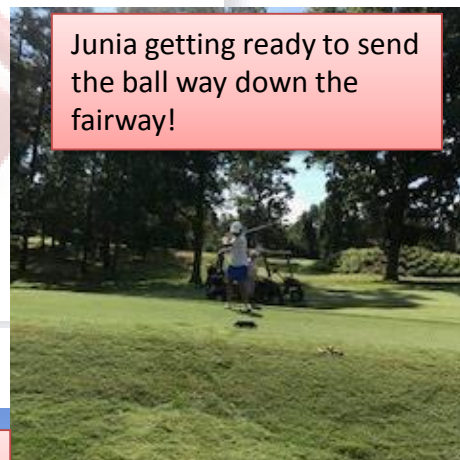
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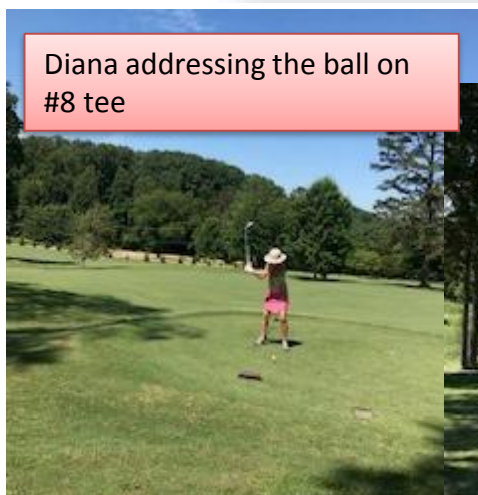
Tuesdays and Thursdays the ladies have lots of fun. Not that we don't play other days too, but those two days are our regular golf days. See below some pictures of the ladies playing golf. Tee time is 9:30 am. Come on out and join the fun!!

See you on the course!

Flo Carter



Junia getting ready to send the ball way down the fairway!



Diana addressing the ball on #8 tee



Margaret Nieters, Tyra Jones, Diana Anderson and Susan Merrill approaching #8



Tyra Jones on #8



Susan Merrill on #8



Terry Sprehe & Vaughn Swartz putting on #3



Thelma hits them straight down the fairway!

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Reproduction of Article From THE NEWS-HERALD, August 22, 1929

## Golf Club Organized and Officers Elected

90 years ago our Club was organized! Following you will find the "reproduced" article from the August 22, 1929, edition of the Morganton News Herald, announcing the organization. It is hoped that you will find this article of interest. We will be having a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this Fall.

### MRS. J. L. OXFORD PASSED AWAY LAST SATURDAY

Fine Old Christian Lady Died After Second Stroke; Funeral Sunday

For The News-Herald:  
Mrs. James L. Oxford passed away at her home on State street last Saturday afternoon at one o'clock. She was near seventy-five years of age and until the death of her husband about a year and a half ago was in good health. Since then her health had failed. About a month ago she had a stroke of paralysis but was some better until eight days before her death when she had the second stroke, which was thought to be the beginning of the end. Her sons and daughters and neighbors and friends were around this dear old mother during her last hours. For the last thirty-six hours she lay silent without a whisper. With a single move then a few minutes before one o'clock the home Sunday by Rev. L. A. Hahn and was attended by several hundred people. Interment was made in the cemetery.

Mrs. Oxford was the mother of eleven children and 23 grandchildren. Seven survive: Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. Tom Morris, Messrs. Ed, Isaac, John, Dewey and Lee Oxford, all of Morganton.

### MORGANTON TROOP IS ORDERED TO MARION

Co. B 105th Engineers and Asheville Cavalry Called To Deal With Situation Brought by Strike

Early Monday morning Captain A. L. Shuping, in command of Co. B, 105th Engineers, local military unit, received orders from Governor Gardner to take the company at once to Marion to preserve order during the strike crisis. By ten o'clock fifty of the company had reached Marion and were ready for duty.

A troop of cavalry from Asheville, under the command of Major Costan, reached Marion at about the same time and both units are still quartered there in order to be on hand should an emergency arise.

Following conferences Tuesday morning, it was announced that satisfactory adjustments of many of the differences between mill employers and employees had been made, and the Clinchfield mill was started Tuesday afternoon without disorder.

#### MEETING POSTPONED

The protracted meeting which was scheduled to begin at Linville M. E. church on the fourth Sunday of this month, is postponed until the first Sunday in September. The change of date is due to the strike service at Glen

### GOLF CLUB ORGANIZED AND OFFICERS ELECTED

Mr. Kistler President, Mr. Chaffee Vice-President and Charles Kistler Secretary and Treasurer

Members of the Morganton Golf club met in the Kiwanis hall last Friday night, and formally organized. Mr. W. C. Ervin acted as chairman of the meeting. After the acceptance of the charter and reading and adoption of the constitution and by-laws, a committee was appointed to recommend a board of directors. The following were recommended and elected by acclamation: A. M. Kistler, A. C. Chaffee, R. O. Huffman, F. O. Huffman, C. E. Kistler, B. Bristol, A. F. Garrou, N. M. Patton, E. N. Giles and B. S. Gaither.

At the meeting Friday night, attended by approximately sixty of the leading citizens of Morganton, it was announced that 129 of the 150 memberships authorized in the constitution had been subscribed. Six men, Messrs. A. M. Kistler, Charles Kistler, Fred Kistler, A. C. Chaffee, F. O. Huffman and R. O. Huffman, bought and gave to the club the Webb farm, on which the main part of the course is being located, at a cost of \$12,500. The only condition attached to the gift is that the land must be used as a golf course. A few additional acres, needed in the construction of the first nine holes, have been purchased by subscriptions among the club members, the cost of this land being \$2500. The club memberships and dues are being used in the construction of the course, which will be, it is said, one of the best in the State. Last week an order for more than \$2000 worth of grass seed was placed and for weeks men, teams and tractors have been doing work on an extensive scale. It is a Donald Ross course. Mr. George Stewart is in charge of the work.

At Friday night's meeting the following resolution was proposed by Mr. H. L. Millner and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved by the members of the Morganton Golf Club, Inc., in meeting assembled, that the thanks of this club be and are hereby extended to those of our citizens who by their generosity and the exercise of true public spirit are enabling the club to acquire without cost to the majority of the members the splendid property of 140 acres within sight of the town of Morganton and so perfectly suited to the needs of the club; and do hereby gratefully accept the gift so tendered."

The following committees have been named: Finance—F. O. Huffman, C. E. Kistler, A. F. Garrou; Greens—N. M. Patton, R. O. Huffman, A. C. Chaffee; Membership—E. N. Giles, B. Bristol, M. S. Er-

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### AT CAMP BRAGG.

The following men qualified the rifle range: Sgt. Ancel B. Clarke, sharpshooter; Capt. Alexander L. Shuping, Sgt. William J. Kincaid, P. Willie F. Absher and Pvt. Ulysses S. B. Dale, marksmen.

The camp was most successful and much was learned in the art constructing temporary float bridges, also in marksmanship which was the objective of the camp.

Alexander L. Shuping, Capt. Engrs., NCNG, Commandant.

### LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During The Week

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carwell August 13th, a daughter.

Charlotte Sunday where he will undergo treatment.

Mrs. H. C. Taylor of Condit Springs, remembered The News-Herald last week with a dozen fine tomatoes from her garden.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Baptist church, who has been taking a vacation, will his pulpit at the regular service at the church Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Miller, son of and Mrs. J. C. Miller, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Charlotte Sunday where he will undergo treatment.

Miss Geneva Simmons has gone to Asheville where she has accepted a position as manager of ladies' and children's millinery department of Elford's Store.

Mrs. W. N. Claywell and Mamie Garrison returned Saturday from New York where they had chased fall models for Mrs. Claywell's ready-to-wear shop where she expects to open at an early date.

Mr. and Mrs. Wake Myers went to Aiken, S. C. Saturday where they attended the marriage of Myers' sister, Mrs. Norma McCheatham, and Mr. Joe Brum of New York. Also the wedding of New York.

H. L. Millner, Mr. and Mrs. Myers and Miss Martha Myers in the Murray Myers wedding. Mrs. Myers sang and Mr. Myers was best man.

Billy Finch, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Finch, Greenville, S. C. underwent an operation last Thursday at Gr. Hospital for the removal of tonsils. He is recovering nicely at the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hallman.

### BOOK IN MEMORY OF EDITH AVERY NOBLE

Intimate friends and kinship in Morganton of the Avery family have received copies of a memorial book published by the friends of the late Edith A. Noble. The book contains expressions of appreciation and affection from friends just after her



# August Calendar & Upcoming Events:

## Mimosa Hills Golf Club



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 TYGA Dan Dobson Jr.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Parent-Child	19	20	21 Mimosa Hills Pro Am	22	23	24 Club Championship
25 Club Championship	26 Aerify	27 Aerify	28 Aerify	29 Aerify	30 Aerify	31

## A Look to September

September 16 – Western Piedmont Seniors

September 19 – Putting For the Pink

September 20 – MHPDC Golf outing & Reception

September 30 – CGA Senior, Round 1