# October 2019

# Mimosa Hills Monthly Chronicle

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Member Fun with Cosmic Putting: MIMOSA HILLS NEWS 2



Everyone had a great time with the Cosmic Putting held on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.







Member Spotlight: Thelma Conley

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Thelma Conley was born and raised in Morganton. She has lived here her entire life, and as a matter of fact has lived in the same house all that time. She worked at Henredon Furniture and retired after 43 years of service there. Thelma has three (3) sisters and enjoys attending Walker Road Baptist Church. In her younger years while attending Morganton High School back in 1947, she pitched a no hitter in a fast pitch softball game. Thelma has always loved sports, so after high school three (3) of her friends asked her to play tennis. She had to borrow a racquet to use to play. She played tennis for the next fifty (50)

years, only quitting after she had both knees replaced.

One day in the 1980s, one of Thelma's friends, Judy Carswell, phoned her and asked her to play golf. Thelma thought Judy meant to say tennis, but she confirmed that she had actually said "golf". They then played at Quaker Meadows for several months until Judy suggested they join Mimosa Hills since it was the best course around.

Thelma has been a loyal member of Mimosa Hills since 1989. In 1998, her handicap was an impressive 17. Now at the age of 89, Thelma still plays golf with the ladies every Tuesday and Thursday, and occasionally can be persuaded to play on Saturdays as well. That is if it does not interfere with her gardening duties. Thelma has always been famous for her tomatoes and other vegetables and has always shared these with her golfing friends.

Mimosa Hills and Morganton are so lucky to have Thelma Conley.

Thelma is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the picture with Brenda Cantrell, Edith Clark and Judy Carswell. They won the 1997 Golf Classic on June 16th and helped raise \$6000 for the American Heart Association. They went on to play in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual AMA Pro/Am golf tournament held at Mid Pines and Pine Needles Resort in July.



## Pro Shop Events - October 2019

#### Mimosa Hills 4-Ball Invitational

Saturday & Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

The golf course will be closed until approximately 2 pm each day to non-tournament players. The practice facility will open to members at 11 am each day.

#### **Burke County Public Schools Golf Outing**

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

The golf course will be closed to non-tournament players until approximately 6:30 pm. The practice facility will open to members at 2 pm.

#### Fall Member-Member

Saturday & Sunday, October 12th & 13th

The fall member-member is a net event open to all golf members. The tournament champion is determined by the low 36-hole net total. Co-ed teams are encouraged to play. Please see the entry form for more details on page 7.

#### Lenoir Rhyne College Practice Round

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Practice rounds for the college event will begin at 11 am following the Fall Member-Member. The golf course will be closed to non-tournament play until 5 pm. The practice facility is closed all day to non-tournament players.

#### Lenoir Rhyne Intercollegiate

Monday & Tuesday, October 14th & 15th

The golf course will be closed **Monday** all day to non-tournament play to accommodate the 36-hole day. The practice facility will open to members at 10 am. The golf course will re-open on **Tuesday** to non-tournament play at approximately 3 pm. The practice facility will open at 10 am to members.

#### G-Pro Event

Wednesday & Thursday, October 23rd & 24th

Tee times will begin at 8:30 am both days. The golf course will open to members at approximately 1 pm each day. The practice facility will re-open to members at approximately 11 am.

#### Monday – Wednesday – Friday Seniors

The new starting time will be 10 am for the month of October. No senior play on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Range Hours

Monday – Friday – 8:30 am to 6 pm Saturday – 8 am to 5 pm Sunday – 8 am to 5 pm

Fall Member-Member Entry Form: MIMOSA HILLS NEWS 5





# Fall Member-Member

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## Format: 36-Holes - Best Ball Net of team.

There will be a prize for the best 36 hole gross total. Tournament Champions will be determined by the best 36 hole NET total.

Eligibility: Open to all golf members. Teams may consist of a male and female.

Cost: \$85 per player, includes cart fees with lunch following play on Sunday.

Tee Times: Begin at 8: 30 am both days.

Date: October 12th-13th

Entry Form-Deadline October 9th

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

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

## Food & Beverage:



Mimosa Hills Dining Room and Bar & Grill Hours

## **October's Drink Specials**

Carrot Mimosa's \$6.00 Bud & Yuengling (can) \$2.00

## Soup & Salad Bar - \$7.95

Starts Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 to 3 pm Tuesday through Friday

Add a meat for \$4.00 extra

Choices are Chicken, Hamburger Steak, Pork or Flounder

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 October Friday Night Dining Specials

<u>All Dinner Specials come with a</u> <u>House or Caesar Salad</u>

**Ribeye** Baked Potato, Vegetables & Dessert **\$23.95** 

### Sweet Chili Salmon

Baked Potato, Vegetables & Dessert **\$15.95** 

#### Creamy Caesar Chicken

Baked Potato, Vegetables & Dessert \$15.95

#### **Country Fried Steak**

Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables & Dessert **\$15.95** 

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

Social Events:





## Ladies Yoga

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am Cost is \$10 Come out and join in the fun.



Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Spaghetti & Meatballs Veggie & Meat Lasagna Chicken Alfredo Caprese Salad Caesar Salad Eggplant Parmesan Garlic Bread

\$15.95

## **On the Course:**

The average temperature for September in Morganton NC is 68.5 degrees. This year will be 76 degrees and last year was 77 degrees. Those are July averages. The bentgrass greens showed some signs of stress due to the aerification process and continued heat. We kept cutting heights at a conservative level to allow them to recuperate and avoid late summer heat stress. If fall ever arrives, we then can get more aggressive on height of cut (HOC) to increase green speeds. The greens look good on the surface, but the roots are still not regaining strength and vigor due to above average soil temperatures. Once we get to cooler days and nights the greens will firm up.

Unfortunately, the goosegrass problem from last year came back with a vengeance on some of our greens. The pre-emergent applications seemed to hold into July then gave out. The post-emergent applications have had no success. We will continue to pluck out plants when time allows and sand / seed those areas. I will try to find answers to this problem when I attend the Carolinas Superintendent's Conference in Myrtle Beach this November. North Carolina State and Clemson have 2 of the best weed scientists on the planet in Dr. Fred Yelverton and Dr. Bert McCarty respectively. Other notable professors from various states attend as well.

Over the years I have discussed converting to the new ultradwarf bermudagrass (UDB), which of course is a 'warm season' grass and loves the heat. Avid golfers that I talk to who play other golf courses with UDB just rave about the conditions and firmness. The bottom line comparing bentgrass to UDB is to figure out how many weeks of peak performance occur with each during your 'golfing season' (for us mid March through mid November). One must take into account aerification down times. UDB wins every time hands down. Long term, UDB is the better choice from a cost standpoint. Of the many golf clubs that have made the decision to switch, none have regretted it.

One comment I heard recently was that some think the projected cost to convert was \$500,000. That is not accurate unless we wanted to totally re-build our greens from the bottom up. Typically, the 'no till' conversion is more in the range of \$200,000 - \$250,000 to include necessary tree removal, fumigation, fertilizers and winter covers.

Thanks to all who support the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donors Club! Golf holes # 3 and #7 look great! We decided that the sod establishment was so successful that the areas are open for play. We may re-rope the areas when winter dormancy occurs to avoid cart traffic damage. We look forward to moving on too much needed improvements on hole #15 to include adding irrigation, drainage, topsoil and sodding of bermudagrass.

From a maintenance standpoint, I am not a fan of the 'leave the pin in' campaign. There is nothing like putting to a freshly cut cup. We do sharpen our cup cutting tool often to have a nice clean edge. Typically, due to the grain of the grass (bentgrass or UDB) after 2 days the edge can look quite 'frayed'. But what we have noticed, since the new rule went into effect, is that when golfers retrieve their golf ball from the cup with the 'pin in' that the edges of the hole get damaged from the process. Please take care in taking the ball out of the cup if you are a 'leave the pin in' golfer. And it is best not to use the hand with a golf glove.

Please remember to fix your ball marks, sand your divots and rake your bunker tracks. It does not matter if you play late in the evening, please rake your bunkers. We do not have the manpower to rake bunkers every morning and we should not have to.

Let us hope October brings cooler temperatures for some prime golf.

Dan Winters - Superintendent

Preservation Donor Club News:

# **Preservation Club Update**

Thanks again to all who pledged a donation this year.

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 had occurred. The Bermuda grass sod has been installed, with lots of watering while it takes hold. Despite the heat and limited rain, the new grass is green and taking hold. We think you'll agree that these holes will look and play much better. Thanks to Dan Winters and his team for all their hard work.

Friday, September 20 was the fourth annual donor appreciation day with golf followed by a reception of food and beverages. The team of Jeff Taylor, Tom Wohlgemuth, Sina and John Turner won the best ball event with a sparkling sixteen under par. Congratulations!

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. We'll be sending out more information in January for next year's projects. The Red Tees:

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Greetings from the Red Tees!

Beginning in October our tee times will be at 10:30 am on Tuesday and Thursday. The weather promises to be perfect for golfing.

All ladies of Mimosa Hills are welcome to join our group.

See you on the course!

**Flo Carter** 





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## October Calendar:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CGA Senior Rd 2	2 CGA Senior Rd 3	3	4	5 4-Ball Yoga — 10 am
6 4-Ball			9	10	11 BCPS Outing	12 Fall Member- Member
13 Fall Member- Member	14 LR College Event	15 LR College Event	16	17 Italian Night	18	19 Yoga – 10 am
20	21	22	23 G-Pro	24 G-Pro	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Grace Ridge Residents and Upcoming Events : MIMOSA HILLS NEWS 12



A group of Grace Ridge residents came out to visit the golf club and have lunch on Friday, September 27th.

