

Member News

Grand Strand Golf Directors' Association

Membership Renewal Time is Here!

It's time once again to renew our memberships to the Grand Strand Golf Directors' Association. Our membership year, as always, runs from August 1st through July 31st. Your membership renewal information is in the mail and should be reaching you shortly. In this package you will receive an invoice for annual dues as well as a letter which shows how your personal information is listed in our records. Please take a moment to review this information. It is VERY important that we have all of your specific contact and membership details correct. If you see anything that needs attention, please make corrections on the letter and return it with your check for your annual dues. It is also important that we have your email address. If your email is not listed or if our listing is incorrect, please fill that out and send it in. We communicate most frequently with our members via email so you can see the importance of having that information accurate in our files.

Please remember also that every member is required to select a com-

mittee on which they may be asked to serve during the year. Most, if not all, require very little time but the act of participation is, in itself, important to the life of our association. It is, after all, our commitment to our association that makes it successful.

We also welcome your comments. If you have suggestions, comments, etc., please write them down on your letter and include that with your payment for dues. We are constantly looking for ways to improve. We have been working hard over the past few years to elevate the quality of our meetings. We are always looking for recommendations for topics and/or speakers. If there is something you would like us to address, please let us know.

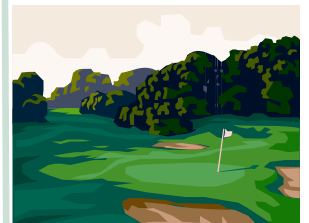
Most importantly, please be involved. This association belongs to ALL of its members and we sincerely hope that it has something significant to offer to each one. Thank you for being a part of our GSGDA!

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

July 11	5:30 pm
August 8	6 pm
September 5	6 pm
October	Open
November 7	6 pm
December	Open



Special points of interest:

- Send in your membership renewal!
- Go to GSGDA.com and read our By-Laws
- Do you know someone who could benefit from a membership in our association?
- Plan to play in our 16th Annual Charity Challenge golf tournament on July 14th!

Officers:

President—Gene Weldon

Vice President—AJ Gohil

Secretary—Barbie Chestnut

Check out all Board members and contact info at <http://www.gsgda.com/contact.htm>.

Meet Our Scholarship Recipients



It has been a very different experience going to college compared to when I went to high school. This does not necessarily mean it was a good or bad experience but it definitely has had its ups and downs. I found out such a fact the hard way after finding out exactly how difficult it really is. It was really apparent when I found Spanish to be not so bad of a course when I don't carry much skill in the subject. However I know it will help me because I have just

recently changed my major from Computer Science to Education. After seeing what the Computer Science course has to offer first hand I figured out it isn't what I want to do with the rest of my life. So I hope to become a great teacher and help others learn what I have learned to ensure that for years to come there will be people who grow up to one day go to college. I want to be the teacher they mention when they are asked who inspired them when they were in school. Thank you again so much for accepting me for this scholarship and I promise not to let this money go to waste.

Mark Hanselman

Contact Us

You can email us at info@gsgda.com, call 843-448-8366 or fax 843-448-0688. Our mailing address is PO Box 7717, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions you might have. We look forward to hearing from you!

Meeting Etiquette

This is a reminder that shouldn't have to be given. However, we have received some complaints from some members who have not been able to hear the meetings due to all the idle chatter. It is the membership's benefit that monthly hosts have an open bar. Unfortunately the volume increases after the bar opens. PLEASE be polite to our monthly speakers. It is quite embarrassing to invite a guest speaker who is given the impression that we do not care about what they have to say. The agendas run 10-15 minutes a month. We don't think that's too much to ask.

We also ask that members make every effort to attend the meeting. We are NOT just a reason to golf and run home. We certainly understand that personal lives make attendance at every meeting difficult but ask that, if push comes to shove, your priorities are meeting first and golf second. The hosts want you to see every aspect of their property. Please make sure that you introduce yourselves and thank them for giving up their cash flow for a day to host our group.

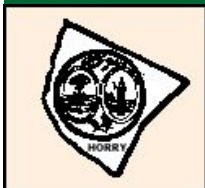
Golf Tip



Best Putting Tip Ever!!

All Great Putters Have One Thing In Common. Their Heads Stay Perfectly Still During Their Stroke. If You Don't Believe This Watch Tiger Next Time He's On TV With A Five Footer.

A Letter From Our Charity Partner



The Grand Strand Golf Director's Association has been working with the Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board these past 7 years and raised over \$90,000. This relationship has been one of a partnership with each agency pooling their skills and resources to provide a great day of fun, food and prizes with Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board reaping the profits. Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs is a non-profit organization established to provide and coordinate services for people with mental retardation and related disorders, autism and head and spinal cord injuries.

The Grand Strand Golf Director's Association has been a large part of Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs local fundraising activities. In these last years the Disabilities and Special Needs Board has grown from one training center on Highway 501 in Conway to three, with locations in Conway (New Horizons) for head and spinal cord injuries, and one in the Loris area. This fall residential growth will go from three group homes to twelve group homes and six apartments.

Grand Strand Golf Director's Association has a right to be proud of their long-term commitment to people who are mentally and possibly physically challenged.

We all know about the explosive growth here at the beach and with this growth comes more people needing services. The Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board through their fund raising arm, the Waccamaw Regional Foundation, has taken on the huge task of raising \$1.75 million to expand the training facility at the Route 501 site. Right now there is no room at the inn. Homes have been developed but each and every one of us know in order to have a rich and fulfilling life you need a place to work and involvement with the community. Grand Strand Golf Director's Association is doing their part in working on the mammoth task of fundraising.

Diane Buffkin-Creel is heading up this fundraising activity and will be utilizing government, business and fraternal groups to meet this challenge. If you are or someone you know would like to be involved in the Steering Committee to help Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs you can contact Diane at (843) 236-2804.

Sixteenth Annual Charity Challenge Tournament on July 14th!



2006 Charity Challenge.

It's time once again for our annual charity golf tournament. As of this writing we have 28 teams and 20 hole sponsors. Since we can field a maximum of 54 teams and last year sold 49 hole sponsors we clearly still have a long way to go. There are many

opportunities for our members to participate in this worthwhile cause. You can enjoy a great day of golf by playing in the event, you can sponsor a hole or encourage others to do so, you can donate gifts for the raffle and you can come out the day of the event to volunteer and help us make the day a success. Regardless of what you do to help, it's vitally

important that everyone take an active role and work together. Working together, we can and will make this annual event a great success, both for the charity with whom we have partnered as well as for ourselves. Please don't wait until the last minute to step up and help us realize our true potential!



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