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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE | by Chris Conner, CCM

Spring has finally arrived in the North Carolina Mountains after a moderate winter which ensures spectacular colors and healthy flora as you return to Cullasaja Club. This is an amazing time of year here on the plateau and I know you will enjoy being here with close friends and family.

The Club has many exciting events planned to take advantage of the gorgeous weather. No doubt the golf course, tennis and croquet courts, swimming pool, and playground will see plenty of sunny action over the coming months. In addition, the first organized hike is on the horizon which provides the perfect opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature. Of course, the Activities Center and Clubhouse will be actively programmed with new activities for you to enjoy. In addition to these wonderful facilities, we will offer new outdoor dining options available to you for lunch, dinner and special events. The staff has been very busy over the winter preparing for your arrival. I think you will thoroughly enjoy all that we have to offer you.

We have several new faces around the club this season and I hope you will enjoy meeting them and introducing yourself. Natalie Knopp is our new Merchandise Manager for the golf and tennis shops. She comes to us from FSU and is doing a great job helping Charles and Terry outfit the shops. Steve Sheridan is our new Food and Beverage Manager. Steve comes to us after spending the last 4 seasons as F&B Manager at Mountaintop. He has extensive knowledge of the food and beverage business and we look forward to having him with us this season.

Please make note of the many events that are offered so that you do not miss out on the fun. Also, by now you should have received your calendar and member directory via regular mail. If not, please stop by to see Zoe when you arrive and we will gladly give you what you need. Thank you for your support of Cullasaja Club and we wish you a safe trip back home.

Best Regards,

Chris Conner | General Manager / COO



NEW MEMBER WEBSITE | by Amy Fine, Membership

NEW MEMBER WEBSITE

Cullasaja Club launched its new and improved website last month and we hope you have had a chance to see it and its many improved features. The website address is <http://cullasajaclub.buzsoftware.com> and you will need a username and password to access the site. Please contact the Admin Office if you need help logging in. The new site gives you easy access to your member statement, online directory, calendar and schedule of events, and many additional features. Please visit the site and bookmark it for easy use throughout the season.



by Amy Fine, Membership | MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Often, as I am giving tours of the club facilities to prospective new members, many of you will come up to me and the future member to introduce yourselves and speak very enthusiastically of your great experiences and lifestyle here at Cullasaja. This is a great first impression that showcases your genuine hospitality and love of the Club. I've had comments from prospects such as, "Wow, that was really nice of them to stop what they are doing and tell us about Cullasaja. We can tell they are really enjoying their experience". We stress that our genuinely friendly and engaging members is what makes Cullasaja Club a truly special place. I want to personally thank you for making our prospects feel very welcome.

As you continue to bring out your friends and business associates, don't forget to give me a call if any of your guests are interested in membership. I will be more than happy to provide them with a membership package and invite them out for a tour of the amenities.

Sincerely,

Amy Fine | Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP SALES INFO

18 NEW MEMBERS IN 2016

13 NEW MEMBERS IN 2015

252 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

229 GOLF MEMBERS

23 SOCIAL MEMBERS

by Tom Nelson | FROM THE GREEN



After experiencing the mildest winters that I can recall, I am excited to report that the golf maintenance staff was able to complete many on-course projects that will greatly enhance your golf experience. For the past several seasons, we have been selectively removing trees that hold no strategic value and actually create undesirable growing conditions for the turf. On the surface, trees create shade and impede airflow, below the turf the tree roots outcompete turf for nutrients and water. Too many trees in a stand of turf leads to poor turf quality and inefficient use of resources, i.e. hand watering under trees and additional fertilizer applications to attempt to satisfy both plants needs. While the removal or limbing of trees and other vegetation is done for the benefit of the turf, an ancillary side effect is the opening of some views that had been lost over the nearly 30 years since construction. Our long range plan is to work throughout the golf course identifying specimen or potential specimen trees, clear out around them giving the individual trees an opportunity to flourish. Additionally, in several areas the rhododendron had encroached as much as 10-15' on the edges of the course. While the native rhodos do make a nice border, they needed to be trimmed back to maintain the original dimension of the golf holes.

Another project this winter was the addition of chipping areas behind the 4th green and to the left of #14. Having fairway cut

turf in these locations will provide the golfer more shot options than previously having to chip out of the heavy rough. We also enlarged the second and third fairways on hole #2, adding approximately 10,000 sq. ft. in two critical areas to increase the landing area. All of these projects are representative of our continuing effort to increase playability and member satisfaction with the Cullasaja golf course.

On behalf of the entire golf course maintenance team, we look forward to your return and are looking forward to another great season at Cullasaja Club.

Sincerely,
 Tom Nelson



The 2017 golf season is approaching fast and we are so excited to have everyone return home! The golf operation will be implementing some awesome NEW programs this season and ask all of you to please help us make them successful!

The addition of "Buz Software" has given us an opportunity to provide more services in real time. Many of you have already created an online profile which allows you to view your club statement, access the club calendar, and even register for events online. Buz Software has an online tee time platform, which allows you to reserve tee times, register for weekly games, and club tournaments online. This online platform is a system that we are asking ALL of our members to utilize. Booking tee times online is easy and can be done from any computer or device. This system will alleviate the hassle of calling the golf shop or stopping by to book tee times and sign up for events. Online tee times will allow our members to log in and see,

when & who is playing! Members can join groups if there are openings. Creating an opportunity for new members to meet new people, and allow long time members to sign up with friends. All you have to do is, log in to our website, click the link Member Home, and select My Golf from the home page. The Professional Staff is available if you need any assistants!

The golf operation has purchased an engraving machine! This machine will allow us to personalize bag tags, and products you purchase from the Golf Shop. We will gift each member a personalized Cullasaja bag tag. We will also gift every guest an personalized Cullasaja bag tag. Anytime you book a tee time, please register guests with full name and correct spelling. This information will allow the golf staff the opportunity to add a personalized touch to every guest experience.

We will kick the season off opening weekend with an "ABCD Derby Day Scramble" on Saturday, May 6th. Each team will pick a horse before they tee off. The horse they select may help lower their score! This tournament will be a great way to meet new members and catch up with old friends.

Our Invitational events will continue to be the focal point for



our members to show off our club. If you are planning to participate in our Men's Invitational this year please make sure you return your completed entry form quickly when released May 1st. We are expecting a full field of 42 teams this season!

Our Mixed Member Guest continues to be a very popular event. This year's theme is "Welcome to Fabulous Cullasaja". This event will have a variety of Las Vegas themed games and events. DO NOT miss the opportunity to participate this season! Entry forms will be released July 1st and this event will fill fast!

The Mill River program will continue to offer all the latest merchandise and golf club equipment at a substantial discount. The cost to participate in the Mill River program is \$150 per membership. All apparel offered will be available for purchase at only 20% over wholesale pricing and all golf equipment will be offered at 10% over wholesale pricing. We will always offer the opportunity to special order if we don't have a particular item available in the golf shop. All special orders will offer the Mill River pricing; however members will be responsible for any shipping cost. If you participated in this program last year we have already re-enrolled you. If you would like to join the Mill River program please notify a member of the professional staff.

Our demo golf clubs will be available all season long on the driving range for you to utilize and compare. We will offer the latest equipment from Callaway and Ping. We have a sign out log located in the gazebo, if you wish to take a club out on the course. Demo day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th from 12:00pm - 4:00pm. Demo Day will create an opportunity to get fitted for new equipment, or allow you time to experiment with some new innovative technology.

I will continue to serve on the Mountains Chapter, PGA Board as the 2017 Secretary-Treasurer. Our involvement with the Mountains Chapter will help us network and expose our wonderful club to our surrounding PGA Professionals and their memberships. We will host this year's MCPGA Pro-Lady Championship Wednesday, June 28th.

We have added more Jr. Golf programs this year to engage our children & grandchildren this summer. We will offer a variety of clinics for all ages and

Weekly Games:

MONDAY:
9-Hole Men 1:00pm

TUESDAY:
WGA 18 Holers 9:00am
WGA 9 Holers 10:15am
Pearce Group 11:30am
Tuesday Stableford 1:00pm

WEDNESDAY:
Twilight 4:00pm

THURSDAY:
Warren's Warriors 9:00am
Pearce Group 10:00am
9-Hole Men 10:30am
WGA Ladies 11:00am

FRIDAY:
Quota 9:30am

SATURDAY:
BMD 9:20am
9-Hole Men 10:00am
Captains & Dogs 10:30am
WGA Ladies 11:00am

May Golf Events:
ABCD DERBY DAY SCRAMBLE
Saturday, 6th

TWILIGHT GOLF
Friday, May 5th & 12th

TWILIGHT GOLF
Wednesday May 24th, 31st

LADIES GOLF 101
Friday, May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
Monday, May 22nd

MEMORIAL DAY STABLEFORD
Monday, May 29th

WGA OPENING DAY
Tuesday, May 30th

Major Golf Events:
MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER
June 2nd - 3rd

WGA MEMBER-MEMBER
June 20th

MEN'S INVITATIONAL
July 27th - 29th

CULLASAJA CUP
August 10th - 12th

WGA MEMBER-GUEST
August 24th - 25th

MIXED MEMBER-GUEST
September 28th - 29th

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
October 6th - 7th



abilities! Junior Golf & Tennis Camp is scheduled for June 13th - 15th. Our Golf Professional Staff and Tennis Professional Terry Fugate are very excited to see new and familiar faces so please encourage your grandchildren to participate!

Our game improvement session schedule was emailed out on March 1st and is on our website. If you are interested in attending a clinic session please sign up online! Our professional staff is always available for private and group instruction. Stop by the golf shop or contact your Head Professional to get a started.



Get ready to bring out your "bling" and repair your divots (if you make any!) as WGA celebrates "Divots and Divas" in 2017! Lana Jordan and her committee have been hard at work planning a lot of fun and exciting events for us.

Be sure to put May 30th, our Opening Day, on your calendars. We will have a 9 hole scramble with teams of A/B/C/D players from both the 9 and 18 holers. Tee time is 9:30AM. Lunch and our opening WGA meeting which will include a special prize drawing will follow. Please sign up at the Golf Shop either in person or by phone for this special event.

Again this year we have spread out our early tournaments. The Laurel Cup, a ringer event that includes competition for both 9 and 18 holers, will be on Tuesday, June 6th and Thursday the 8th, with Friday the 9th being our rain date. We're looking forward to our highest ever participation!

Our WGA Member/Member event will be on Tuesday, June 20th with the rain date being the next day. Since this event is always very popular, be thinking now about your teams, and sign up early!! It is a one-day event and is one of our Major Tournaments for both 9 holers and 18 holers. 36 is the maximum handicap for 18 holers and 44 is the max for 9 holers. Partners may not have more than a 10 stroke handicap difference. If there is more than a 10 stroke difference, the partners must play to a spread of 10 strokes.

Many other fun events are planned throughout the season. Please check your handbook that will be given out at the opening luncheon for the schedule. If you are not able to attend Opening Day, the handbooks will be available in the pro shop.

In order to get your game back in gear, the golf shop has put together a schedule of Game Improvement Sessions. This will be a wonderful time to hone your skills. Contact the Golf

Shop to sign up!

Our Member Guest should be a high energy, and exciting event. With a theme of "Let's Par-Teel!" what else would you expect! Now is the time to start planning ahead. The first opportunity to sign up either by email or phone will be 8AM on Wednesday, June 21st. This year it will be held on August 24th and 25th, with practice rounds and Twilight Golf on August 23rd. Again it will be a four-person team event, however, at this time each member may only bring one guest in order that more members and their guests may participate. The sign up date is earlier this year so we will have time to open up the opportunity to invite 3 guests if the tournament is not fully subscribed.

This year let's be sure to fully participate in both the 9 and 18 hole interclub events. There is no better way to meet other golfers on the plateau. The dates and host clubs are listed in your handbook. You will also be reminded by email by our interclub chairs.

Remember an established handicap is required under USGA rules in order to eligible for WGA tournaments and prizes. Be sure your Tuesday play day score cards are complete. If we are playing a "best ball" event and you didn't complete a hole, estimate what you think your score on the hole might have been or put in your max, if less, and place an "X" in the corner of the box to indicate that you did not hole out. Also, please review in your WGA booklet the rules for the maximum score to take on any hole which varies by handicap.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for information regarding play days, winners, tournaments, and rules review. Look for pictures on our digital photo frame in the Golf Shop.

See you on the links!



WELCOME HOME! With your arrival to Cullasaja Club we are extremely excited to get the 2017 season underway. We have a robust schedule of both competitive events as well as fun-filled social events planned for your enjoyment this year. We purposefully have scheduled events so that beginners as well as better players can participate. We had a phenomenal croquet season last year, but with your support this year is going to be even better. So, come on out to the courts and let's get those balls rolling.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CROQUET PLAYING MEMBERS: We are excited to welcome several new croquet playing members to Cullasaja this season. Please join me in welcoming Rex & Candra Seley, and Lawrence Wilkinson & Alexandra Ross-Wilkinson. In addition, we also have two longstanding members returning to the game. Please join me in welcoming back Tom & Sylvia Wade and Ron & Judith Bobo who both went down to West Palm Beach and attended a 2-day Golf Croquet School to get ready for the season.

CROQUET COMMITTEE: I want to offer a special thank you to Scott Turner who was the Chairman of the Croquet Committee for the past two seasons. Under his direction, the croquet program has grown in popularity and competitiveness and it was a pleasure to work with him to grow the sport. Other members involved on this committee since its inception and recently rotated off include Berty Fransen, Joe Giegel, Lana Jordan and Peggy Turner. Bravo to you folks for a job well done and thank you very much for your service to this committee. It is because of the dedication, focus and commitment of our Croquet Committee members that we have become one of the best croquet programs in the area today.

Your new Croquet Committee Chairperson for 2017 is Lane Dawkins. Clint Dawkins is the new Competition Chair along with the Treasurer for the CCA. Other Croquet Committee members are as follows: Frank McComas, Geoff Parker, Joy Abney, Kent Mergler and Tee Smith. I met once with this committee last year and I can assure you that they are dedicated, focused and committed to growing our croquet program. I look forward to working with them in the future.

CULLASAJA CROQUET ASSOCIATION (CCA): I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in playing croquet this season to join the Cullasaja Croquet Association. Last season we ended up with 145 active members in the CCA. You do not have to join the CCA to use our beautiful croquet lawn but you do have to be a member of the CCA to participate in all sanctioned CCA events. When you join the CCA, you are eligible to participate in inter-club matches, challenge matches, rules seminars, world class instruction, and our weekly croquet events at the club. Last year, the CCA hosted the End of Season Awards Dinner where over 70 members enjoyed a complimentary dinner at the Club. The CCA also hosts a World Class Instructional Series and two Rules Seminars each year. As a member of the CCA, all continental breakfasts during inter-clubs and any hors d'oeuvres served at the weekly Mallets and Martinis are covered in your dues. Also included is two days of complimentary instruction with world-renown instructor, Jeff Soo, and also a one-day Rules Seminar each season. So, as you can tell, your CCA dues ensure you access to all the great croquet events without having to pay extra for the great offerings from the Club. The fee to join the CCA for the season is only \$85.00 per person and \$170.00 per couple for the entire season. We hope you will sign up as soon as possible.



WEEKLY CROQUET SCHEDULE:

Sunday offers Open Play until 4:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m. we host the CCA "Sunday on the Lawn" event until 6:00 p.m.

Monday offers Open Play for all members until 3:00 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. we host the CCA "Ladies on the Lawn" until 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday offers the CCA "Men with Mallets" from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Open play is available from noon until 3:00 pm. Our weekly Mallets & Martinis starts promptly at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. followed by a second session from 5:00 pm until 6:30 p.m. or so.

Wednesday is now Open Play all day for all Cullasaja members and their guests.

Thursday is Open Play until 3:00 p.m. Each Thursday starting at 2:45 p.m. Terry Fugate will offer a short mini clinic. This clinic will focus on shot-making, strategies and tips on how to improve your game. This clinic is designed for Beginners and Intermediate players.

Starting at 3:00 p.m. each Thursday and lasting until 4:30 we will start the first round of "Mallets & Martinis". The second round will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue until around 6:30 - 6:45 pm. This event is by far the most popular weekly event we have on our schedule. You must sign up ahead of time for the Mallets & Martinis event by emailing Terry Fugate at tfugate@cullasaja-club.com or by calling 526-9185.

Friday is Open Play all day for Cullasaja members and their guests.

Saturday is Open Play all day for Cullasaja members and their guests.

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS: Clint Dawkins has agreed to act as our Competition Chair this season and he will oversee all croquet tournaments. Mr. Dawkins went around to the other clubs in the area and he developed the format for this year's tournament based on what the other clubs are doing. Please contact Mr. Dawkins at clintdawkins@comcast.net or me at tfugate@cullasaja-club.com if you would like a copy of the proposed Tournament guidelines. In this new format you do not have to win or even play in any Points Tournaments leading up to the Croquet Championship. However, if you do participate in the Preliminary Points Tournaments, there are advantages. Each team that competes in a Points Tournament will win points. Those points will determine whether or not you are seeded in the Club Championship. Also, the points will decide who competes in the Annual Highlands Croquet Tournament as well as in the Annual Clubs Tournament. The Points Tournaments and the Croquet Championship may take several days to complete depending on how many folks sign up for each Tournament. Some events may take only one day while others take several days to complete. More details about the 2017 Croquet Championships will be forthcoming.

We will have competition for a Ladies Doubles Champion's, Men's Doubles Champion's and a Mixed Doubles Champion in 2017.

Dates for This Season's

CROQUET TOURNAMENTS

- Preliminary Point Tournament May 30 – June 2 if necessary
- Preliminary Point Tournament June 27 – 30 if necessary
- Preliminary Point Tournament July 25 – 29 if necessary
- Annual Croquet Championship August 7 – 11 if necessary

OTHER MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

- Annual Highlands Croquet Championship Tuesday August 22nd

- Mountain Challenge Clubs Tournament Thursday September 7th

INTER-CLUB CROQUET SCHEDULE

- Thursday June 8 Cullasaja at Highlands Falls
- Thursday June 15 Wildcat at Cullasaja
- Thursday June 22 Cullasaja at Highlands C.C.
- Thursday July 13 Trillium at Cullasaja
- Thursday July 27 Burlingame at Cullasaja
- Tuesday August 1 Lake Toxaway at Cullasaja
- Thursday August 3 Cullasaja at Chattooga
- Thursday August 24 Cedar Creek at Cullasaja

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION WITH JEFF SOO

- Thursday June 22nd and Friday June 23rd

RULES SEMINAR WITH JEFF SOO:

- Friday August 4th

There is no charge for these classes for CCA members as they are included in your annual CCA dues.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CROQUET: We now have Rules & Regulations for croquet in the back of your Members' Directory for easy access throughout the season. We ask that all members read to understand and agree to conform to these rules & regulations whenever you play croquet on our courts. All white attire is required for all sanctioned CCA events. For those of you who just come out with your family or with guests occasionally you may wear attire that would be acceptable for golf or tennis here at the club. All players must wear smooth soled shoes to protect and preserve the integrity of our beautiful croquet lawn.

HAVE MALLETS WILL TRAVEL: During the off-season, we had two wonderful events for our croquet playing members in sunny southern Florida weather. In February, forty Cullasaja members embarked on a trip to the beautiful Gasparilla Inn in Boca Grande. While there, we enjoyed many hours of croquet along with exquisite golf, fantastic shopping and fine dining. In March, four Cullasaja members went to the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach where they participated in a two-day Golf Croquet School. Both trips provided remarkable memories and great fun as you can see from the photos. Look for details on next year's off-season trips during the summer season.



THE WEATHER LOOKS GREAT FOR TENNIS! We have lots of fun-filled as well as competitive tennis events planned for this season. We have been anxiously waiting the upcoming season and are excited to get started here in the mountains. Last year was a great year for tennis with over 4,300 hours of tennis played on our courts. I see no reason why this year won't be even better. We recently completed the annual resurfacing of our 4 Har-Tru courts which ensures they are in pristine condition for the season. To knock the rust off, please note that during the first week of May we will offer a complimentary clinic before play on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. In addition, we have many new programs for you to participate in this season. Look for details in subsequent emails and newsletters.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS: We are very excited to welcome two new ladies to our tennis program at Cullasaja Club. Please join me in welcoming Anne Schaeffer and her husband Mitty and Candra Seley and her husband Rex to our program. Both ladies are avid tennis players and you can bet both couples will be out on the courts this season. I hope you will introduce yourself and show them how fantastic our tennis program is for new players.

TENNIS COMMITTEE: Special thanks goes out to Leslie Ezerski for doing a great job over the past 3 seasons as your Tennis Committee Chairperson. Kudos for a job well done and we all thank you very much for your service. Tim Godwin is now the new Chairman of the Tennis Committee. Additional

Tennis Committee members are David Rountree, Diana Sanderson, Kay Johnson, Linda Messerly, Mary Wilding, and Mike Buchanan. I am so appreciative of the dedication, focus and commitment of our Tennis Committee without whom we would not be considered one of the premier tennis programs in the area today.

SUMMER ASSISTANT: I would like to say thank you to Zdenka Janderova for helping me out in an assistant capacity during the past 3 seasons. We all wish her much success moving forward at the collegiate level. This year I am proud to announce that Cambron Kelly (Cam) will take over as my tennis assistant during the months of June and July. Cambron has helped me part-time for the past two years and he brings a lot of experience and energy to our tennis program. This will be his first full time position here at the club and we are very happy he has decided to join our team. Stop in and introduce yourself if you have not had the pleasure of meeting Cam.

MODIFIED WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: As a reminder, during the month of May we combine men & women for our weekly tennis mixers. This ensures we always have enough players to get up a good game. Combined sessions occur on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. during the month. We also have Open Play on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday each week during May. After Memorial Day, we will go back to our regular weekly schedule of Men and Ladies' sessions on individual days.

B-LEVEL LADIES CLINIC: This year we will continue to offer the Monday B-Level Ladies Clinic. This is a complimentary clinic followed by doubles play for the ladies who just want to have fun. These B level ladies have all promised me they will participate on Monday's each week, so I expect it to be popular. If this is successful, then I will also offer additional days. This event will start on Monday, June 5th and continue until participation wanes.

JUNIOR TENNIS/GOLF 3 DAY MINI CAMP: This will be the 4th year for the Junior Tennis/Golf 3 Day Mini Camp. The Camp will be held on June 13 – 15 which is on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Last year participation for this event was low, but we anticipate the event being very popular with both the Golf Department and the Tennis Department adding fun-filled events to the agenda. This year we will have more variety in our instruction along with extra fun-filled drills and less round robin matches which should make the tennis portion more entertaining for camp participants. Look for signup information in the June Newsletter.

INTER-CLUB MATCHES for men and women will continue again this year and they will provide you with greater diversity and more challenging matches throughout the season. It is always a blast to visit other clubs and meet different players. We also love to show off our beautiful facility when we have guests come over here to play. In fact, this is one of our most popular tennis events and I hope you will take the opportunity to participate, play great tennis, and meet amazing new people.

TENNIS PRO SHOP: Take a look at our revamped, fully stocked Pro Shop for the 2017 season. We offer a complete selection of tennis, croquet and fitness related products. We offer the Mill River Buying Plan which allows you to get all hard goods at 10% over cost and all soft goods for 20% above cost. If you are not a member in the plan you will miss out on the best savings on the plateau and then you must pay full retail price for all purchases. The Mill River Plan also applies to the purchases made in the Golf Shop. Sign up today and stop in to see our newly provisioned shop.



PROPERTENNIS ATTIRE REQUIRED: Please remember to dress appropriately anytime you are on the tennis courts. Please see the dress code requirements in the back of the Member Directory for easy reference. One of the most important things to remember is to please wear smooth soled tennis shoes while you are playing on our beautiful tennis courts. Running shoes should never be worn on the tennis courts due to the uneven rough surfaces on the soles of the shoes. Running shoes do not allow you to slide on the court surface because of the way their sole is designed they just dig into the surface which damages the court surface. You may also twist your ankle more easily when you wear a shoe that is not designed specifically for tennis.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT THE TENNIS CENTER: Help us kick off the 2017 tennis season with our annual "Stars & Stripes" tennis mixer which will be held on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. If you miss this event, we will host Open Play on Sunday the 28th and then Men's & Ladies Doubles on Monday the 29th.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE:

JUNIOR GOLF/TENNIS 3 DAY MINI CAMP (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY)

June 13, 14, 15th

Tennis fun will be held in the afternoon just after lunch each day

WELCOME HOME TENNIS MIXER & LUNCHEON

Saturday, June 17th at 10:00 a.m.

LADIES DOUBLES INVITATIONAL

Wednesday, June 21st at 10:00 a.m.

MEN'S DOUBLES INVITATIONAL

Saturday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Men's & Ladies Doubles Invitational's may be played with a fellow member or a guest as your partner.

If you are unable to find a partner, contact me and I should be able to pair you with someone. Please sign up in advance to ensure you have a spot in our popular tennis tournaments and events.



YOUR CULLASAJA FAMILY HAS BEEN BUSY THIS WINTER PLANNING AN EXCITING 2017 SEASON!

One of the most important things we do each winter is find new passionate people to join our food and beverage team. I am happy to announce we have several returning family members this season; so, you will see many familiar faces. Robie Mendoza is joining us as our Dining Room Manager this year. He was an intern from the University of Central Florida in 2016 and we know he is going to be a positive part of the service team. Juan Hugentobler, an intern from Florida State, is returning as our Resident Director and will be on the dining room floor several nights per week. Natalie Jacks is also a returning intern from UCF and will be working at the Fairway Café. We are extremely proud to have Denise Vanderbilt back and taking over as the Fairway Café Manager. Tzu Thor will begin his 3rd season with us as our talented Sous Chef to help create new and delicious dishes for the membership. Your friendly valet team, Austin Mirales and Carleigh Stewart, is back and ready to take care of you. The always beloved Rocky has been hard at work creating new cocktails for your enjoyment. Of course, the ever talented Chef Marie will be here bringing you the Cullasaja favorites and much more! You will also see many new faces of interns from all over the world. This season, we recruited Hospitality students from USC, Virginia Tech, Kennesaw State, Western Carolina, UCF, FSU, Swiss Hotel & Restaurant Management School, Les Roches in Spain, Far Eastern of the Philippines, Cesar Ritz in Switzerland, Johnson & Wales, Culinary Institute and AB Tech of Asheville. Leigh Coggins decided to take a great step in her career and accept the position of Clubhouse Manager at Lake Toxaway. We will miss her terribly but we are extremely proud of all of her accomplishments. Therefore, I am proud and excited to introduce Steve Sheridan as our new Food and Beverage Director. Steve joins us with enthusiasm, passion and experience after spending several

years as a manager at Mountaintop Golf & Lake Club. I honestly believe we have the best team on the mountain for the 2017 season!

Another very important part of planning each season is a review of the survey and an action plan to provide you future remarkable and memorable experiences. We are grateful to everyone that filled out the survey so we are able to evaluate ourselves and become even better for you each year. I want you to know that we do listen to your concerns and make the necessary moves to improve. I think you will see your advice and guidance in everything we do in our 2017 season. There is a brand new wine list, reflecting many of your favorite selections by the glass and bottle. The calendar is full of new programs and events to help create great memories. Menus will change often, will include healthier options, feature more specials and reflect your many of your suggestions. Training has been revamped to build on the successes from last year and create even more professional and capable service team members. We hope to make your life at Cullasaja as memorable and as perfect as possible, each and every day.

Once again, I enter this season with new excitement and passion. I feel very lucky to be a part of such an amazing family. I am grateful to every member and to every staff person. They have all made me a better person and professional. Thank you for allowing me to come into your lives each year and be a part of your family and your memories. I can't wait to personally welcome each one of you home to the mountains!

Sincerely,
Shelley Walker | Clubhouse Manager



WELCOME HOME I am so excited to begin another fantastic season at Cullasaja. We have some great things planned for the Wellness Center this season. Manu, Adam and Courtney will be back to provide personal training and massage services.

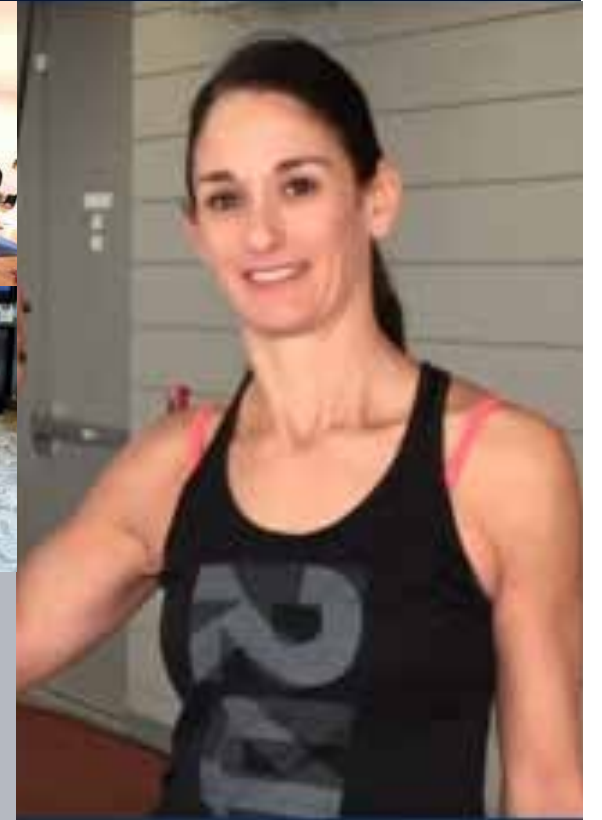
OPEN HOUSE The Wellness Center open house is scheduled for June 10th. If you are new to Cullasaja or thinking about beginning a new fitness routine, this is a great opportunity to come by and check out what we have to offer. We will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. And if you are already a regular here at the Wellness Center, this is a fun time to catch up with friends and enjoy some healthy treats. Plus, we will once again have a free drawing for a personal training session and a massage! Please make plans to join us!

HIKES You spoke and we listened! We are "go on a hike" every month this season! We will be hiking May 27th, June 17th, July 1st, August 19th, September 16th and October 14th. Destinations to be determined but a fun time will be had by all! So mark your calendars and get ready to explore this truly amazing place we call home. Exact locations, times and difficulty levels will be available soon.

HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES A fun evening with friends learning to cook healthy meals. Due to the enormous success of our healthy cooking class last season, we will this season be offering three classes. Please mark your calendar for June 15th, August 3rd and October 12th.

FITNESS CLASSES AND PERSONAL TRAINING Our fun and challenging fitness classes will begin on May 8th! Time and class descriptions will be available soon. Also, personal training sessions are available starting in April. Let us help you with all you health and fitness needs! I look forward to another great season and please call or email to make appointments for personal training and/ or massages today!

Stacie Platt | Wellness Director
828-526-2939 | splatt@cullasaja-club.com



**CLASS SCHEDULE
TIME AND DAYS
COMING SOON!**

- Self-guided Spin**
- Strength and Movement**
- Spin/Core**
- Pilates***
- Spin**
- Yoga w/Manu***
- Self-guided Spin**
- Strength and Movement**
- Core and Strength**

*DENOTES A \$5.00 CHARGE PER CLASS



RESERVATION POLICY

Reservations are required for all Club social events. Reservations for à la carte dining are always recommended. If space is available and you do not have a reservation, we will make every effort to accommodate you on a first come, first served basis.

SHIPPING

Do you know the Club office will handle your UPS and Federal Express shipping needs? Just bring your package to the front desk and we'll take care of it from here. You pay shipping plus a \$5 handling charge.

MAIL SERVICE

When you arrive at the Club for the summer, please be sure to change your address with the Club office. We will change your address in our records so you will receive your billing and Club correspondence without delay. It is very important for you to complete the forwarding and stop orders when you move back and forth. If your mail is left in your box for more than 10 days without being picked up, the Post Office is required to hold it for 30 days and then they will return it to the sender.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you have a reservation for dinner or any event and find you will be unable to attend, please call the Club to cancel in a timely fashion so another Member may take your place. To avoid cancellation fees, all reservations must be cancelled as stated in the 2017 Club Rules published in the 2016 Membership Directory.

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Sign up now for your chance to win \$550.00! Membership is only \$3.75 per person. When we have a winner you will be billed an additional \$3.75 to replenish the fund. Sign up through the Pro Shop or Club Office.

E-MAIL RESERVATIONS

You may e-mail any reservation requests to Shelley Walker at swalker@cullasaja-club.com. Be sure to include your name, date, time, number in party and any special requests (high chairs, boosters, Birthdays, Anniversaries, special guests, etc.). E-mail reservations should be submitted no less than 48 hours in advance of an event. Shelley will confirm your reservation via e-mail.

BRIDGE

Bridge play will officially commence in June. Please watch **The Week at a Glance** for information.

DRESS CODE

Please observe the dress code for the Clubhouse, Activity Center, Golf Course, Tennis Center and Swimming Pool listed in the 2017 Club Rules, published in the 2017 Membership Directory.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Jackets are preferred for gentlemen on Saturday evenings in the Main Dining Room and the Enclosed Terrace. Although preferred, jackets are not required for gentlemen on Saturday evenings in the Pavilion, the Bar/Lounge and our new Overlook Room. "Country Club casual attire" will be considered acceptable attire throughout the entire clubhouse every evening unless otherwise noted in the promotional materials for special functions.

GENTLEMEN'S HEADGEAR

Gentlemen are required to remove their headgear when entering the social areas of the Clubhouse.

SMOKING POLICY

The Clubhouse, Activity Center and all adjacent patios and decks are smoke-free environments. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas outside of the buildings.

AUDIBLE CELL PHONE POLICY

Use of cell phones/audio media is prohibited in the Clubhouse, Activity Center and on the Golf Course, except for medical emergencies.

MINORS AND CARTS

Any minor who operates any golf cart on Club property must have a valid driver's license. Due to serious liability ramifications, the Club staff has been asked to strictly enforce this policy. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATES FOR GOLF CARTS

Please remember to submit proof of insurance for any golf cart you plan to use on Club property.



RECURRING EVENTS

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|----------|
| MONDAY Men's & Ladies Doubles - 10am 9-Hole Men - 1pm Mah Jongg - 1pm Ladies on the Lawn - 3pm | | | | | | | |
| TUESDAY Open Play WGA - 18 holes - 9am 9 holes - 10:15am Men & Mallets - 10am Tuesday Stableford - 1pm Mallets & Martinis - 3pm & 5pm | | | | | | | |
| WEDNESDAY Men's & Ladies Doubles - 10am Twilight Golf - 4pm Croquet Open Play All Day | | | | | | | |
| THURSDAY Open Play 9-Hole Men - 9:30am Croquet Mini-Clinic - 2:45pm Mallets & Martinis - 3pm & 5pm | | | | | | | |
| FRIDAY Friday Quota - 9:30am Men's & Ladies Doubles - 10am Classic Canasta - 1pm Croquet Open Play - All Day | | | | | | | |
| SATURDAY Men's Day - 9am Men's & Ladies Doubles - 10am Croquet Open Play - All Day | | | | | | | |
| SUNDAY Open Play Sunday on the Lawn - 4pm | | | | | | | |
| | 1 No Lunch or Dinner Service Complimentary Clinic & Play | 2 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 3 No Lunch or Dinner Service Complimentary Clinic & Play | 4 No Lunch Service Open for Dinner | 5 Open for Lunch & Dinner Complimentary Clinic & Play Twilight Golf 4pm Ladies Golf 101 | 6 Open for Lunch No Dinner Service ROSES/DERBY DAY Derby ABCD Scramble | |
| 7 Open for Brunch | 8 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 9 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 10 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 11 No Lunch Service Open for Dinner | 12 Open for Lunch & Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm Ladies Golf 101 | 13 Open for Lunch & Dinner | |
| 14 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH | 15 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 16 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 17 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 18 No Lunch Service Open for Dinner | 19 Open for Lunch & Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm Ladies Golf 101 | 20 Open for Lunch & Dinner | |
| 21 Open for Brunch | 22 No Lunch or Dinner Service "FCA" 10am SAG BOG Meeting 8:30am 30th Anniversary | 23 No Lunch or Dinner Service | 24 No Lunch Service Open for Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm | 25 Open for Lunch & Dinner POOL OPENING DAY | 26 Open for Lunch No Dinner Service WELCOME HOME PARTY Ladies Golf 101 | 27 Open for Lunch & Dinner Stars & Stripes Mixer Super Saturday 7pm Hike | |
| 28 No Lunch or Dinner Service MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT | 29 Open for Lunch Dinner To-Go Memorial Stableford | 30 Clubhouse Closed WGA Opening Day Points Tournament | 31 Open for Lunch & Dinner Points Tournament Twilight Golf 4pm | | | | |





WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE CLUB

OCTOBER 2016

Mitty & Anne Schaeffer

Ellis & Linda Skinner

Jim & Debbie Thompson

Matt & Kathy Avril

Dennis & Sandy Howard

*Lawrence Wilkinson &
Alexandra Ross-Wilkinson*

Rick & Shana Elliott

NOVEMBER 2016

Rex & Candra Seley

Jim & Susie Tamplin

JANUARY 2017

*Mike & Martha
Reilly*

MARCH 2017

Earl Williams

*A special congratulations to EMILY ADKINS
who aced the 17th hole during the Ladies Member Guest.*

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