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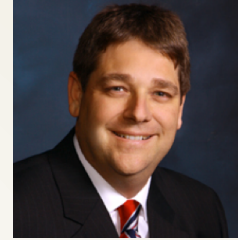


*Welcome Home*

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## GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE | by Chris Conner, CCM



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After a wet and cold winter, the staff of Cullasaja Club is eager to see you back in Highlands for a remarkable 2018 season. As you make your way back home, we look forward to showcasing several off-season improvements for you and your family to enjoy. You will notice the Fitness Room at the Wellness Center has new flooring and newly installed cardio and weight equipment from Cybex. You will also notice two new croquet lawns that will be seeded in May and be available for play in late August; thus doubling our capacity. And last but not least, you will see a new Fairway Café at the 10th tee which will offer more lunch choices and a new covered porch with spectacular views of the 9th green. These and many other improvements will be ready for you to enjoy when you arrive!

In addition, you will find many new exciting activities and programs this year. Carly Moser has rejoined our team as the new Social and Communications Director and she has been tasked with creating a packed schedule of new activities and events that will be fun and memorable. She also will be improving our communications efforts and making it easier to learn about these events and see what is happening at Cullasaja Club in a more interactive basis. Check out her article in this newsletter and take a close look at our new Concierge Program.

The Board of Governors will soon be mailing/emailing you the most current renovation plan for the Clubhouse. Much has changed in the design elements since you left last fall, and we are excited to be breaking ground on the renovation later this summer. You will also be receiving your 2018 Club Calendar and 2018 Member Directory in the coming days. If you don't have these by the time you return, please stop in to see Zoe or Carly and they will gladly get you set up with the newest information for the season.

Thank you for your support of Cullasaja Club and we wish you a safe trip back home. The staff and I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!!!

Chris Conner, CCM | General Manager / COO

### PAY YOUR CLUB BILL AUTOMATICALLY!

Did you know you can set up your Cullasaja Club account payment to be automatically drafted from your bank account each month?

When you enroll in the automatic payment program:

- Your monthly account balance due will be drafted from the specified bank account between the 25th and 30th of each month.
- There is no need to waste time and money mailing a check.
- Your payments are secure, so you don't have to worry about lost or stolen checks.
- There is no cost to participate in the automated payment program.
- You never have to worry about missing a payment.

If you would like to take advantage of the many benefits of the Automated Payment Program, please contact Tim Lamphier or Meredith MacNevin in the Club Office to complete the enrollment form.



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**SOCIAL & COMMUNICATIONS**

Hello Cullasaja Club Family! I want to formally introduce myself; or re-introduce myself. I have returned to Cullasaja Club and assumed the position of Social



and Communications Director. Many of you may remember me from my time in the Golf Shop where I was the Merchandise Manager in 2015 and 2016.

I am so excited to return to Cullasaja and develop amazing activities and events for you and your family to cherish. I think you will like what you see in this newsletter and subsequent editions. We are developing a robust schedule of memorable events for you to enjoy each month. If you have an idea for an activity; perhaps one that delighted you at another club, please come by and see me. I am located in the Administrative Office area of the Clubhouse and my door is always open Tuesday through Saturday.

I will also be the communications liaison this season and will be developing all event flyers, scheduling entertainment, sending weekly emails, taking great photos, and managing the Club's social media program. I will be working on updating the Club's Facebook page to make it timelier and more focused on activities throughout the Club.

One of my first initiatives was to further develop Cullasaja Club's remarkable Concierge Program for Club Members. I am so excited to introduce the revamped "One-Stop Concierge Service" program that will provide you with an amazing assortment of personalized services that I will spearhead for you. Thus, you only have to make one call and I will handle the rest! Take a look at the enclosed flyer which outlines this great new service.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon,

**Carly Moser** | Social & Communications Director  
828-526-3590

**MEMBERSHIP**

What an amazing year 2017 was for Membership at Cullasaja Club! We finished the year with 24 new members, which was the best year for Membership in at least 12 years!



2018 promises to be even better with our "Member Referral" program that was recently launched. Everyone should have received their packets in the mail already to hand out to friends and acquaintances who you think might be interested in Cullasaja Club. The response has been fantastic and I thank you for helping to grow the Membership at your Club.

**MEMBERSHIP SALES INFO**

- We added 24 new members in 2017 on top of 18 new members in 2016
- Our current membership level is 259
- We have 228 Golf Members and 31 Social Members.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS****OCTOBER 2017**

**Mike & Betsy Jessee**  
**Jim & Ninfa Saunders**  
**Doris Bass**  
**Raf & Bea Slim**  
**Chip & Lynne Keener**  
**Ed & Cecil Laird**  
**Ian & Melissa Howard**  
**Steve & Teresa James**  
**Bruce & Dawn Van Fleet**  
**Dick & Robin Lea**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

**Tim & Julie Wright**

**DECEMBER 2017**

**Joey & Cristy Baldwin**  
**Randy & Cindy Foster**  
**Mike & Jen Williams**

**MARCH 2018**

**Steve & Lori Earman**  
**Phil & Linnea McManamy**

**FROM THE GREEN SPRING 2018**

Every season the Green Committee works, based on infrastructure needs and member feedback, to develop a list of projects to enhance the golfing experience. We do our best to balance necessary infrastructure work with other more visible projects. This winter was no exception, we were able to complete two significant drainage projects, necessary tree removal and several landscape enhancement projects.

We began with drainage on number 13. For years the first landing area has been plagued with soggy conditions following rain events. Through the installation of several hundred feet of subsurface drainage and four

catch basins we improved the flow of water to more rapidly remove it from the playing surface. Our next project was on #12. The area leading to the fairway was very flat leaving no where for the rain water to go. In this case we opted to build up the area adjacent to the cart path creating an elevated area for carts to drive through and enter the fairway.

Once the weather turned for the worse we focused our attention on cleaning up areas of the woods that had become overgrown. The area to the left of #1 tee had become somewhat of a jungle. We selectively removed a few trees and heavily pruned the rhododendron to give this area a more polished appearance.

The next project was to thin out the wooded area between #2 and #8. Again, this area had become overgrown with hundreds of small scrubby trees. Additionally, the overgrowth was creating too much shade and impeding airflow for the surrounding turf to thrive. The clearing out looks great and opened up a view of the lake on #2 from the tee boxes on #8.

The Golf Maintenance staff has been hard at work this winter to help create an even better golf experience for our members and their guests. We are looking forward to the 2018 season.





## CLASS SCHEDULE

### WELCOME HOME!

Manu and I are excited to be back for another fantastic season! We have been very busy over the winter making improvements. All our equipment has been updated to the best Cybex has to offer, including cardio equipment with integrated televisions and dual-purpose weight equipment. The new flooring and equipment is great and we know you will enjoy these great upgrades. Mark your calendar for the Fitness Mixer on June 9th where we will offer an orientation on the new equipment and talk about the 2018 fitness schedule. Remember, we are here to answer any questions you have and/or help you get acclimated to the Wellness Center.

I personally have stayed busy this winter by completing a Weight Management Consultant Certification. My goal is to provide Members a better understanding on how nutrition and physical activity can change their health and well-being; making progress through nutritional basics and behavioral modifications, and learning how to take charge of your own health. I look forward to bringing this new service to Cullasaja members this season.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hike to Rainbow and Turtleback Falls on May 19th  
 Fitness Mixer on June 9th

**Stacie Platt** | Wellness Director  
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### MONDAY:

Spin: self-guided	7 a.m.
Spin: self-guided	9 a.m.
Strength and Movement	10 a.m.
Water Aerobics: May 25th	10 a.m.

### TUESDAY:

Spin: instructor lead	9 a.m.
Yoga with Manu	10 a.m.
Core Strength	2 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Spin: self-guided	7 a.m.
Spin: self-guided	9 a.m.
Strength and Movement	10 a.m.
Water Aerobics: May 25th	10 a.m.

### THURSDAY:

Spin: instructor lead	9 a.m.
Pilates	12 p.m.

### FRIDAY:

Spin: self-guided	7 a.m.
Spin: self-guided	9 a.m.
Strength and Movement	10 a.m.
Water Aerobics:	
Starting May 25th	10 a.m.
Balance and Stability	2 p.m.

### SATURDAY:

Yoga with Manu	10 a.m.
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## 2018 INDUCTEES

**ABBAS QABAZARD**  
FRESH POND GOLF COURSE  
**BILL WIRT IV**  
OKLAHOMA COUNTRY CLUB  
**BOB CAREY**  
FRESH POND GOLF COURSE  
**BOB RANSONE**  
MESQUITE VALLEY  
**BOB STEPHENS**  
SHANGHAI CREEK COUNTRY CLUB  
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**BRIAN DICE**  
TRICHARD LAKE COUNTRY CLUB  
**CASEY WADE**  
FRON MEADOW RANCH GOLF CLUB  
**CHAD BAIN**  
THE FINCHLAP COUNTRY CLUB  
**CHARLES BEURMANN**  
CULASAJA CLUB  
**CHIP KAPPESSER**  
FOX CHASE GOLF CLUB  
**CHRISTOPHER HAMLIN**  
CHAMBERS GOLF CLUB  
**CRAIG LIDDLE**  
RAVENBROOK COUNTRY CLUB  
**DAN HILL**  
BIGWOOD GOLF CLUB  
**DARREN SZOT**  
CLUB AT CORDELLERA  
**DAVID GLENZ**  
BLACK OAK GOLF CLUB  
**DEREK MORRISON**  
SUGAR HILL COUNTRY CLUB  
**DON KING**  
BAHAMA CREEK GOLF CLUB

**GARTH BAYER**  
OLD WARSON COUNTRY CLUB  
**GENE YANOVITCH**  
LEWIS VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB  
**GEORGE PINNELL**  
GEORGE PINNELL GOLF ACADEMY  
**GREGG CUTHILL**  
WHITLOCK GOLF CLUB

**JOHN GUYTON**  
CHICAGO GOLF CLUB  
**JOHN LANHAM**  
WHEATLAND COUNTRY CLUB  
**JOHN MILLER**  
THE RESERVE CLUB  
**JOHN MOZES**  
NORWICH LAKES GOLF CLUB



**GREGORY BRYAN**  
BOARING FORK CLUB  
**HENRY TEMPLETON**  
ALTA VISTA GOLF SHOP  
**JD BRAKE**  
NICKLAKE GOLF CLUB AT LIONS GATE  
**JEFF FIELD**  
FOX RUN GOLF CLUB

**JOHN PLATT**  
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RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB  
**MIKE KIERNER**  
HARLEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB  
**MIKE KRICK**  
FORDS COLONY COUNTRY CLUB  
**MONICA STRATTON**  
CARLEBAD GOLF CENTER  
**NICK YAUN**  
BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB  
**NIGEL ROUSE**  
BURBY HILL GOLF CLUB  
**PATRICK YASHAR**  
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**YONG PARK**  
RENAISSANCE VINEY RESORT

### “LET’S PLAY MORE GOLF”

This off-season we have implemented a “Family Course” to help re-energize our members’ interest in playing the game of golf. For most beginners and high handicap golfers, the existing forward tees are too long. The Family Course was designed to allow all our golfers the opportunity to make pars and birdies by playing from a yardage that enables them to reach each green in regulation.

This program will allow the entire family to enjoy our golf programs, to include an aging demographic, beginner golfers, and high handicap players, who may have previously found golf too difficult and intimidating. With the addition of our Family Course our social atmosphere will become more inviting to golfers who might have previously turned to other activities.

The Family Course uses a set of tees that scale down the golf course for players whose driver carry distance is 125 yards or less. The course will have a yardage of 3,500 yards, that's 1,100 yards shorter than our current forward tee. The Family Course has been rated by the Carolina's Golf Association and has an official USGA Slope allowing any player to post regular scores and establish a competitive handicap.

ALL GOLFERS will enjoy playing from the Family Course. The course will not be limited to specific golfers. Further, more experienced golfers can use these tees as a way to hone aspects of their approach game or play a faster round.

In February, I was invited by Callaway CEO, Jim Brewer, to Carlsbad, California where I was inducted into the 2018 Staff Professional Hall of Fame. It was an amazing experience to see how their headquarters is operated. I toured the Research and Development areas and learned how the golf ball and equipment is designed and developed. I was truly amazed at how much thought, time, and money go into each stage of development of these products. Callaway is currently the number one driver, fairway wood, hybrid, iron, wedge, and putter in the world. Thank you to all who help support the growth of this fantastic brand here at Cullasaja Club.

Cullasaja competed in the 2018 Sea Island Invitational. This was Cullasaja's third time competing in the event and we were fortunate enough to finish in 3rd place out of 40 teams. Thank you, Raymonds, Martinos, and Careys for spending time this February with my wife and I in Sea Island. It was such a great way to spend time with our members away from the Club on a more intimate and social level.

Travel has been a great way for us to spend more time with each other away from Cullasaja Club. I want to thank all the ladies who will be joining me in Hilton Head on April 24th for our "Low Country Experience". We will play three wonderful courses and exchange many laughs. It will be great to spend time with you away from the Club, and learn more about all of you on a more personal level. Seven members and I will be headed to Scotland this September for an amazing golf

experience. Thank you so much for supporting these travel programs!

We will kick the season off opening weekend with the "ABCD Derby Day Scramble" on Saturday, May 5th. Each team will pick a horse before they tee off. The horse you select may help lower the 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 of our tournament schedule. "Margaritaville" will be the theme of this year's Mixed Member Guest on June 21st-22nd. Please return your entry form quickly, this event is filling fast and remaining space is limited. The Men's Invitational will be held July 26th-28th. We had a full field of 42 teams in 2017 so please return your entry form to the Golf Shop so you are not left out.

Demo golf clubs will be available all season long in the driving range gazebo for you to try. We will offer the latest equipment from Callaway and Ping. We have a sign out log in the gazebo, if you wish to take a club away from the range area. Demo day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th





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.

We have added more Jr. Golf programs this season to engage our children & grandchildren. We will offer a variety of clinics for all ages and abilities! Junior Golf & Tennis Camp is scheduled for June 12th – 14th. 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 a program or attending a clinic session please sign up in the Golf Shop. Our professional staff is always available for private and group instruction. Stop by the golf shop or contact your Head Professional to get started.

I will continue to serve on the Mountains Chapter, PGA Board as the 2018 Vice President. 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 Chapter Championship October 8th & 9th. I encourage you to come out and watch your local Golf Professionals.

## May Events

**ABCD Derby Day Scramble | Saturday, May 5th**  
**Twilight Golf | Friday, May 4th, 11th, 18th**  
**Twilight Golf | Wednesday May 23rd & 30th**  
**Fellowship of Christian Athletes**  
**Monday, May 21st (Course Closed)**  
**WGA Opening Day | Tuesday, May 22nd**  
**Memorial Day Game | Monday, May 28th**

## Major Events

**Men's Member-Member | June 1st – 2nd**  
**Mixed Member-Guest "Margaritaville" | June 21st – 22nd**  
**Men's Invitational | July 26th – 28th**  
**WGA Member-Member | July 31st**  
**PRO-Member Tournament | August 6th**  
**Club Championship | August 10th – 11th**  
**WGA Member-Guest | August 23rd – 24th**  
**Cullasaja Cup | September 28th – 29th**

## Weekly Organized Games

### MONDAY

**9-Hole Men | 1:00pm**

### TUESDAY

**WGA 18 Holes | 8:30am**

**WGA 9 Holes | 10:30am**

**Pearce Group | 11:30am**

**Tuesday Stableford | 1:00pm**

### WEDNESDAY

**Twilight | 4:00pm**

### THURSDAY

**Warren's Warriors | 9:00am**

**Pearce Group | 11:00am**

**9-Hole Men | 10:30am**

**WGA Ladies | 11:00am**

### FRIDAY

**Quota | 9:30am**

### SATURDAY

**BMD | 9:20am**

**9-Hole Men | 10:00am**

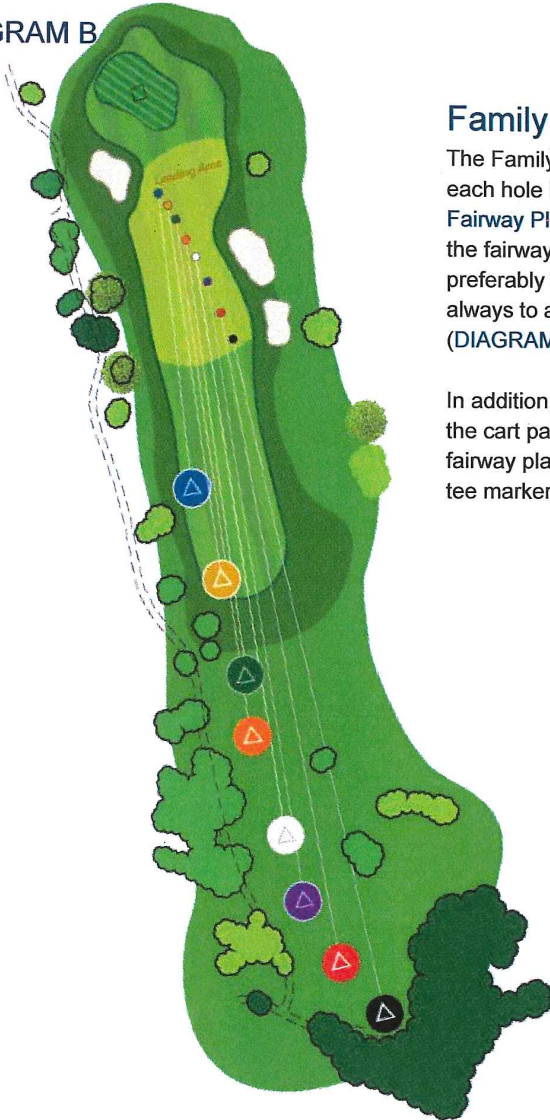
**Captains & Dogs | 10:30am**

**WGA Ladies | 11:00am**



# FAMILY GOLF INFO

DIAGRAM B



## Family Course

The Family Course will add an additional tee to each hole in front of the existing forward tee. The Fairway Plates will be placed on level locations in the fairway a short distance from the rough, preferably on the same side as the cart path, always to avoid obstacles or forced carries. (DIAGRAM B).

In addition, a Tee Locator Plate will be affixed to the cart path or a small post, perpendicular to the fairway plate, to serve as an aide for finding the tee marker in the fairway (DIAGRAM B).



Fairway Plate



Tee Locator Plate

## Yardage Recommendations

CHART C (below) represents a typical course yardage setup using the Family Course model. We always recommend that the Family Course par on any given hole match the existing regulation par for consistency and handicap purposes, though exceptions should be made in special cases (see "Proper Teeing Grounds" on the next page).

The model encourages diversity between holes. For example, we have shown five possible par-4 setups that would require players to use different clubs in their bag to reach each green in regulation.

CHART C

Sample 9-Hole Yardage Setup | 2-5-2 | Par 36

- Yardages assume two Par 3's, five Par 4's and two Par 5's per nine holes.
- Driver and 3-wood distance assumes 20 yards of roll in accordance with U SGA Course Rating™ formula
- Yardage estimates for each club is based off the percentage of driver carry distance provided by Bridgestone Golf TrackMan Data for averages of PGA Tour and LPGA Tour players

			BLUE 1	GOLD 2	GREEN 3	ORANGE 4	WHITE 5	PURPLE 6	RED 7	PGA TOUR
			100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275
2	Par 3's	7-Iron	70	86	100	116	131	147	161	177
		4-Iron	89	109	127	146	163	183	201	220
5	Par 4's	Driver + ½ LW	146	175	203	233	259	289	314	344
		Driver + SW	173	210	243	280	312	349	380	417
		Driver + 8-Iron	189	229	265	305	341	381	415	454
		Driver + 6-Iron	201	243	282	324	361	403	440	482
		Driver + 4-Iron	214	259	300	344	383	428	466	510
2	Par 5's	Driver + 3-Hybrid	224	270	312	358	398	444	480	526
		Driver + 3-Metal + ½ SW	259	312	361	414	461	514	558	611
<b>9-HOLE YARDAGE</b>			<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>3,740</b>
<b>18-HOLE YARDAGE</b>			<b>3,130</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>4,383</b>	<b>5,039</b>	<b>5,618</b>	<b>6,274</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>7,481</b>



## CULLASAJA CLUB CROQUET

### “WELCOME HOME” EXCITEMENT IS IN THE AIR

We are very eager to get the 2018 season underway and I want to welcome you back home to Cullasaja! I have been working to develop a robust schedule of both competitive events as well as fun-filled social events for you to enjoy. My goal was to create events for our most competitive players and also for our beginners who want to learn and enjoy the game. Last season was our best yet for croquet and I am sure this year is going to be even better. As you will see when you arrive, we are adding two new half lawns which will double our capacity from 16 to 32 players at a time. The new lawns should be playable in late August with good weather this summer. We look forward to christening the additional lawns and will have a wonderful Grand Opening Event as we get closer to the opening date.

**SAY HELLO TO OUR NEWEST CROQUET PLAYING MEMBERS:** Please join me in welcoming the following new members into our croquet program. Lisbeth Wilson, Coleen Flinn, Mike Reilly, Jim Tamplin, Deb Hartman, Ginny & Bob May, Linda & Ellis Skinner, Marty & Dan Boone and Donna & Hugh Woltzen. These folks joined the CCA last season

and are looking forward to being active again this season.

**2018 CROQUET COMMITTEE:** I want to thank Lane Dawkins, Croquet Committee Chairperson, for her remarkable work in leading the CCA and for helping create exciting new programs the past two seasons. I also want to thank Clint Dawkins who did a marvelous job as our Competition Chair last season. In addition, Clint is the Treasurer for the CCA. Both have done an incredible job and we are very lucky to have them promoting and carrying on the Cullasaja Croquet Tradition. Both Lane and Clint will continue in their current capacity and will be joined by Tee Smith, Joy Abney, Geoff Parker, Frank McComas and Kent Mergler on the 2018 Croquet Committee. Bravo to you folks for a job well done. We all thank you very much for your service to our croquet program.

**CULLASAJA CROQUET ASSOCIATION:** I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who is interested in playing croquet this summer to join the Cullasaja Croquet Association (CCA) Approximately

158 Club Members are part of the CCA, which permits you to play in any sanctioned CCA event including, rules seminars, world class instruction, inter-club matches and all of our weekly croquet events here at the Club like Mallets and Martinis and Wednesday Wickets. There are also special perks for CCA members at the Mallets & Margaritas event as well as the Sadie Hawkins Day event. The CCA also pays for the World Class Instructional Series and the Rules Seminars each season. So, as you can see, you get a lot for being a member of the CCA. Annual CCA dues are only \$85 per person or \$170 per couple. Please let me know if you want to be a part of this special Association that promotes an active croquet schedule with many memorable events each year. Note that you do not have to join the CCA to play on our beautiful croquet lawn, but you do have to be a member of the CCA to participate in all sanctioned CCA events.

**CLINT DAWKINS WINS FIRST FLIGHT DIVISION AT THE NATIONAL CROQUET CENTER:**

Congratulations to Clint Dawkins on his impressive showing in the Annual Snowbirds and Flamingos Tournament hosted by the National Croquet Center on February 15-18. He won first place in the very competitive First Flight Division. We are honored and proud to have him as an active member of our growing croquet program. Way to go Clint!



**WEEKLY CROQUET SCHEDULE FOR 2018**  
*Subject to change*

**SUNDAY** is Open Play all day until 4:00 p.m. when we have our CCA "Sunday on the Lawn" event until 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY** is Open Play until 10:00 a.m. then the CCA "Ladies on the Lawn" has the lawn until noon

**TUESDAY** starts with CCA "Men with Mallets" from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Then, there is Open Play from noon until 3:00 pm. Finally, Mallets & Martinis starts promptly at 3:00 p.m. followed by a second session beginning at 5:00 p.m. and concluding around 6:30 p.m. This weekly 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](mailto:tfugate@cullasaja-club.com) or by calling 526-9185

**WEDNESDAY** is Open Play until 4:00 p.m. At 4:15 p.m. we start our new "Wednesday Wickets" which

will conclude promptly at 6:15 p.m. Immediately following croquet play, participants who make advanced dining reservations will go up to the Clubhouse for dinner as a group.

**THURSDAY** is Open Play for all of our Members until 3:00pm. Then, Mallets & Martinis starts promptly at 3:00 p.m. followed by a second session beginning at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 6:30 p.m. This weekly 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](mailto:tfugate@cullasaja-club.com) or by calling 526-9185. Note that the Clubhouse is closed for dinner on Thursday nights.

**FRIDAY** is Open Play all day for all of our great Cullasaja Members their family members and their guests.

**SATURDAY** is Open Play all of our great Cullasaja Members their family members and their guests.

**CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Clint Dawkins has agreed to act as our Competition Chair again this season, and will oversee all tournaments. Mr. Dawkins talked to other local clubs to determine a fair and consistent format for the 2018 tournaments. You do not have to win or play in any Points Tournaments leading up to the Croquet Championship; however, if you do participate in the Preliminary Points Tournaments, there are distinct advantages to representing Cullasaja Club in local competitions. Every team that competes in a Points Tournament will win points and the culmination of points will determine the seeds in the Club Championship, the Annual Highlands Croquet Tournament, and the Annual Clubs Tournament. The Points Tournaments as well as the Croquet Championship may take several days to complete depending on participation. We will also have competitions for a Ladies Doubles Championship, Men's Doubles Championship and the Mixed Doubles Championship later in the year.

Please contact Clint Dawkins at [clintdawkins@gmail.com](mailto:clintdawkins@gmail.com) or Terry Fugate at [tfugate@cullasaja-club.com](mailto:tfugate@cullasaja-club.com) if you would like a copy of the 2018 Tournament Guideline.

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**2018 DATES FOR CROQUET TOURNAMENTS**

**Preliminary Point Tournament**

**May 29 – May 31**

**Preliminary Point Tournament**

**June 25 – June 27**

**Preliminary Point Tournament**

**July 30 – August 1**

**Annual Croquet Championship**

**August 13 – August 15**

**Annual Highlands Croquet Championship**

**Tuesday, August 21st**

**Mountain Challenge Clubs Tournament**

**Thursday, September 6th**

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**2018 INTER-CLUB CROQUET SCHEDULE**

**June 14 | Cullasaja Club at Wildcat Cliffs**

**June 28 | Burlingame at Cullasaja Club**

**July 12 | Highlands Falls at Cullasaja Club**

**July 26 | Trillium at Cullasaja Club**

**July 30 | Cullasaja Club at Lake Toxaway**

**August 9 | Highlands Country Club at Cullasaja Club**

**August 16 | Cedar Creek at Cullasaja Club  
Chattooga Club date TBD**

**MALLETS & MARGARITAS WELCOME HOME MIXER  
Thursday, June 14th**

This amazing event was one of the most popular events we had last season, with 88 members participating to kick off the 2017 season. Join other croqueteers while they enjoy Jimmy Buffet themed music, cheeseburgers, margaritas and more. Bring your mallet as there are plenty of skills competitions and events. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this exciting and picture-worthy event on June 14th.

**INSTRUCTION WITH JEFF SOO  
(More info to follow in the June Newsletter)**

**Monday June 18th & Tuesday June 19th**

**RULES SEMINAR WITH JEFF SOO  
(More info to follow in the June Newsletter)**

**Date TBD**

There is no charge for these classes. They are included in your CCA dues.

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**RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CROQUET:** The Croquet Rules & Regulations are located in the back of your 2018 Member Directory for easy access. We appreciate your understanding of these rules and your conforming to them whenever you play with your guests or your family members. All white attire is required for all sanctioned CCA events. During non-sanctioned events, please feel free to play with family or guests while wearing attire that is acceptable for golf or tennis here at the Club. All players must wear smooth soled shoes in an effort to protect and preserve the integrity of our lawns.

**HAVE MALLETS WILL TRAVEL:** This spring we had two wonderful events for our croquet playing Members. In February, forty Cullasaja Members embarked on a trip to the beautiful Gasparilla Inn in Boca Grande, Florida. While there, we enjoyed many hours of croquet, golf, sight-seeing; and of course, shopping and fine dining. A great time was had by all! Then in March, twelve Cullasaja Members attended the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach where they participated in a two-day Golf Croquet School. Both trips were remarkable as you can tell from the photos. Be on the lookout for information about our off-season travels in 2019. There's no telling what trips may be on the horizon for next spring!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who I have had the pleasure of working with and for over the past year. As I sit here and write this on my 1-year anniversary, I smile as I remember all the great times we had last season and I can't wait to showcase all the great things we will offer this year.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the 2018 Season and look forward to introducing you to our Food & Beverage team when you arrive. We are busy training and helping the new team acclimate to the Cullasaja Club standards.

We continue to expand our schedule for Thursday night offerings in the Clubhouse and have a calendar full of special events for you to enjoy. We will offer two Healthy Cooking Classes with Stacie; three Yappy Hours for our four legged friends, four fun-filled events at the pool, three wine dinners, Rocky's Bar Event and other great activities coming soon.

Our kickoff to Cabaret events will begin with a concert on the lawn with the return of 20 Ride. Cowboy hats and boots encouraged for this great event that is sure to have you dancing. Next, we add a little mystery and intrigue with our masquerade themed event which includes a murder-mystery dinner. We will finish the series dancing the night away to the amazing tunes of Motown. All three Cabaret events will fill up fast, so make your reservations today!

We have created a fantastic, new wine list for the season. Many of your suggestions are on the list as we are now aiming to provide a list that has solid name recognition and strong cornerstones. We will also promote lesser known wines that can match the quality that you are looking for at a great price point. Our goal is to create a list that will be evocative and interesting but also provide you with a great value.

We have several key employees returning this season. Robie Mendoza has been promoted to our Assistant Food & Beverage Manager and continues to show great promise and enthusiasm every day. Denise and Natalie

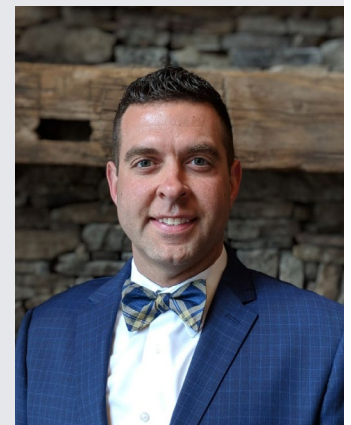
are returning to look after the newly designed Fairway Café. April Arnst is coming back to lead our valet team. Tzu Thor is back for his 4th season as our Sous Chef to help the tenured and beloved Executive Chef Marie Jandera. They have been focused on providing new and exciting menu options and I firmly believe you will see the fruits of their labor in terms of fresh menus, incredible presentations and a continued emphasis on consistency.

We are extremely excited to introduce the service class of 2018. We once again traveled abroad in search of our seven month interns and were successful in our endeavors. We have several different countries being represented including the Philippines, Russia, Greece, Africa, Japan and India. On the domestic side, we had great success with our recruitment trips to Florida State University, Virginia Tech, University of South Carolina, University of Central Florida, Western Carolina University, Johnson and Wales University and AB Tech. Our goal for recruitment each season is to attract quality hospitality professionals with an eagerness to learn the trade and be part of a team that is empowered to make remarkable experiences happen. Robie and I have been busy in the office updating and revamping our training procedure and feel confident that you will notice the changes in our day to day operations.

Thank you for my heartfelt reception and I look forward to providing you with remarkable experiences. Please contact me anytime that I can be of assistance with your Food & Beverage desires or needs,

Cheers!

Steve Sheridan  
Food & Beverage Director





## WELCOME HOME TO CULLASAJA!!! IT'S GOING TO BE A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR TENNIS:

We have lots of fun-filled and competitive tennis events planned for you this season. We are very excited to get started with the 2018 tennis season here on the plateau. Last year was a great year for tennis with 4,343 hours of tennis, and I see no reason why this year won't be even better. We have completed the annual resurfacing of our 4 Har-Tru courts so the courts are in pristine condition for your enjoyment. Come on down to the tennis courts when you arrive to say hello, and I will tell you all about the new programs for 2018.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS:** We are very excited to welcome two new members to our tennis program. Please join me in welcoming Cori Posniak and her husband Dr. Robert Posniak. Also, we look forward to seeing the following players more often now that they are all settled into their new homes; Suzy Tamplin, Ansley Tolleson and Deb Hartman. It is great to see new members enjoying the great game of tennis and I know you will welcome them to the family.

**TENNIS COMMITTEE:** Special thanks to Tim Godwin for his role as Chairman of the Tennis Committee during the 2017 season. I am glad to announce that he will be chairing this important committee once again this year. Other valuable Tennis Committee members include Mary Wilding, Diana Sanderson, Kay Johnson, Linda Messerly, David Rountree and Mike Buchanan. I really appreciate the dedication, focus and commitment of our Tennis Committee members who have been instrumental in promoting Cullasaja tennis and making us one of the premier tennis programs in the area.

**SUMMER ASSISTANT:** I want to thank Cambron Kelly for helping me out for the past 2 seasons. He was a great assistant and he has decided to take an intern position closer to home this summer. We all wish him much success moving forward at the collegiate level. This year I am proud to announce that Caroline Blew will take over as my helper during the months of July and part of August before returning to college to finish up her degree. Caroline played college tennis and has also helped out at several summer tennis camps. She is currently enrolled at Western Carolina University and will be a great addition to our tennis program. Please stop by and introduce yourself to Caroline when she arrives in July.

**MODIFIED WEEKLY SCHEDULE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY:** During the month of May we combine men & women for our weekly tennis mixers. This helps us to ensure we always have enough players to get up a good game. We combine men & women each Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in May. In addition, we have Open Play on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. After Memorial Day Weekend we will go back to our regular weekly schedule for men and women.

**REVAMPED B-LEVEL LADIES CLINIC:** This year we have tried to improve this popular Ladies Clinic. This Clinic will be held on Wednesday instead of Monday and is a complimentary clinic followed by doubles play for the ladies who just want to have fun in a non-competitive environment. This event will start on Wednesday, June 6th and I hope you will be able to attend.

**INTER-CLUB MATCHES:** Last year, we had great success hosting ladies from other area clubs to play with our ladies group. This year we hope to build on this success and do the same for our male tennis players. We all enjoy showing off our beautiful tennis facilities and it is always fun to meet and play with other local tennis players. Look for more details on our planned inter-club matches later this season.

**TENNIS PRO SHOP:** We have a fully stocked Pro Shop located right beside the courts for your shopping convenience. We offer a complete line of tennis, croquet and fitness related products, all part of the Mill River Program, also offered in the Golf Shop. By joining the Mill River Program you are eligible to purchase any soft goods for 20% above cost during the entire season. This is a tremendous program and it is highly popular with our golf, croquet and tennis players.

**PROPER TENNIS ATTIRE REQUIRED:** Please see dress code in the back of the Member Directory for easy reference if you have a question about appropriate attire. One of the most important things for children and adults to remember is to please wear smooth soled tennis shoes while you are playing on the 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 and dig into the surface which damages the courts. In addition, you are more prone to slipping and injuring yourself if you do not wear an appropriate shoe for tennis.



## **UPCOMING TENNIS EVENTS: 3-DAY JUNIOR TENNIS & GOLF CAMP June 12th, 13th, 14th**

This very popular camp will have its 5-year anniversary this year. The Cullasaja Club Junior Tennis & Golf Camp will be held on Tuesday, June 12th; Wednesday, June 13th; and Thursday, June 14th. Camp participants can sign up for one, two or all three days but note the camp does fill up fast. Last year we had 15 participants and we think this year will be just as popular. The goal of the camp is to offer great hands-on instruction along with lots of fun-filled drills and games that are very popular with the kids. We also teach some of the etiquette involved with playing golf and tennis. Lunch is provided each day as part of the camp. Sign up today by calling either Charles in the Golf Shop, Zoe at the Receptionist Desk, or me in the Wellness Center.

## **LADIES DOUBLES INVITATIONAL Friday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m.**

The Ladies Doubles Invitational is one of our premier events of the season. Please feel free to invite a guest, a current Member, or a family member to partner with you. If you need me to help you find a partner I will be happy to do so; just let me know when you sign up. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and a special chef's menu will be presented as part of the awards luncheon after play.

## **WELCOME HOME TENNIS MIXER & LUNCHEON**

### **Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m.**

This event is perfect for Members who have been playing during the winter and also for Members who need to knock the rust off after a long hibernation. This fun round-robin format ensures there is a lot of interaction with friends. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends with a wonderful luncheon. Please note that non-playing spouses are encouraged to attend the luncheon. This is a very popular event that fills up when 16 players have RSVP'ed. Therefore, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure your spot.

## **MEN'S DOUBLES INVITATIONAL Saturday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m.**

## **STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM WIMBLEDON TENNIS MIXER Saturday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m.**



## 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.

### 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 2018 Club Rules published in the 2018 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 Zoe at reception@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. Zoe 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 2018 Club Rules, published in the 2018 Membership Directory.

### GENTLEMEN'S HEADGEAR

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

### SMOKING POLICY

The Clubhouse, Wellness 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, Wellness 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	
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> Open Play Tennis All Day Sunday on the Lawn @ 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>MONDAY (CLUB CLOSED)</b> Men's &amp; Ladies Doubles @ 10:00 am 9-Hole Men @ 1:00pm Ladies on the Lawn @ 10:00am</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Open Play Tennis All Day WGA - 18 holes @ 8:30am 9 holes @ 10:30am Men &amp; Mallets @ 10:00am Pearce Group @ 11:30am Tuesday Stableford @ 1:00pm Mallets &amp; Martinis @ 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Men's &amp; Ladies Doubles @ 10:00 am Twilight Golf @ 4:00pm</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Open Play Tennis All Day Warren's Warriors @ 9:00am 9-Hole Men @ 10:00 am Pearce Group @ 11:00am Mallets &amp; Martinis @ 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Friday Quota @ 9:30am Men's &amp; Ladies Doubles @ 10:00am</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> Men's Day @ 9:00am BMD @ 9:20am 9-Hole Men @ 10:00am Captains &amp; Dogs @ 10:30am Men's &amp; Ladies Doubles @ 10:00am</p>	<p><b>Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Activities</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Tennis</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Croquet</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Golf</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">■</span> Wellness</li> </ul>		1	2 Complimentary Clinic & Play	3 Open for Lunch & Dinner	4 Open for Lunch & Twilight Dinner Complimentary Clinic & Play Twilight Golf 4pm	5 Open for Lunch Derby Day ABCD Golf Scramble <b>ROSES/DERBY PARTY @ 4:30 pm</b>	
	6 Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	<b>NO LUNCH OR DINNER SERVICE @ CLUBHOUSE</b>		8	9	10 Open for Lunch & Dinner	11 Open for Lunch & Twilight Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm	12 Open for Lunch & Dinner
	13 <b>MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10:30 am - 2:00 pm</b>	14 HOA-BOD Mtg 9am	15	16	17 Open for Lunch & Dinner	18 Open for Lunch & Twilight Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm	19 Open for Lunch & Dinner  Hike	
	20 Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	<b>NO LUNCH OR DINNER SERVICE @ CLUBHOUSE</b>		22 <b>WGA Opening Day</b>	23 Open for Lunch and Twilight Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm	24 Open for Lunch & Dinner  <b>POOL OPENING DAY</b>	25 Open for Lunch / No Dinner Service  <b>WELCOME HOME PARTY @ 6:00pm</b>	26 Open for Lunch & Dinner  Stars & Stripes Mixer
	27 No Brunch Service  <b>MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT 5:00-8:00 pm</b>	28 Open for Lunch Dinner To-Go  Memorial Day Golf Event	29 Clubhouse Closed No F&B Service	30 Open for Lunch & Twilight Dinner Twilight Golf 4pm	31 Open for Lunch  <b>YAPPY HOUR @ 5:00 pm</b>	<b>CROQUET POINTS TOURNAMENT</b>		

# Please join us in Welcoming



IAN AND MELISSA HOWARD  
joined October 2017



STEVE & TERESA JAMES  
joined October 2017



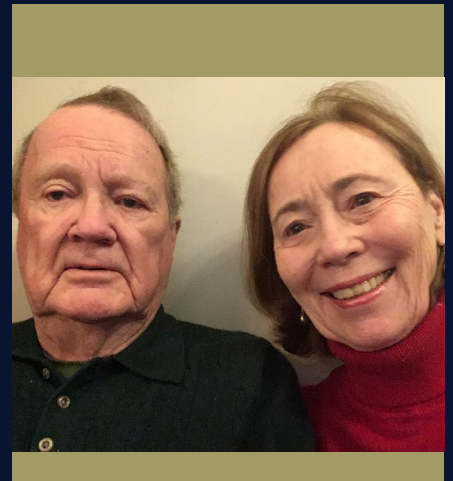
MIKE & BETSY JESSEE  
joined October 2017



CHIP & LYNNE KEENER  
joined October 2017



ED & CECIL LAIRD  
joined October 2017



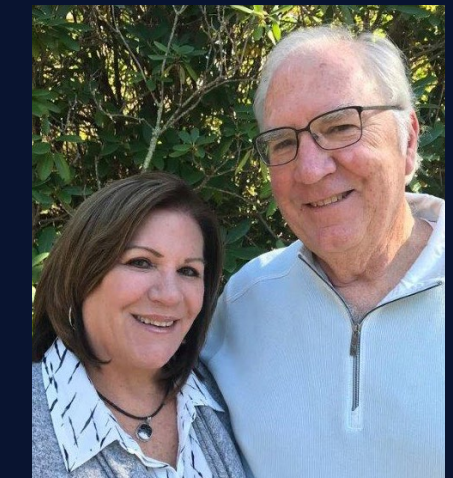
DICK & ROBIN LEA  
joined October 2017



JIM & NINFA SAUNDERS  
joined October 2017



RAF & BEA SLIM  
joined October 2017



BRUCE & DAWN VAN FLEET  
joined October 2017

# our Newest Club Members:



TIM & JULIE WRIGHT  
joined November 2017



JOEY & CRISTY BALDWIN  
joined December 2017



MIKE & JEN WILLIAMS  
joined December 2017



RANDY AND CINDY FOSTER  
joined December 2017



STEVE & LORI EARMAN  
joined March 2018



PHIL & LINNEA MCMANAMY  
joined March 2018

*They are thrilled to be part of the  
CULLASAJA FAMILY and look forward to  
enjoying the CULLASAJA LIFESTYLE!*

***Please say hello & Welcome them to our  
family when meeting them this season***

## GREETINGS LADIES!

I trust you are enjoying your winter, wherever you are. I am looking forward to our 2018 WGA season and I am sure you are as well. Our theme this year is "Girls Having Fun" and that is exactly what we plan to do! Opening Day is Tuesday, May 22nd. At that time, I plan to introduce a motion to change our By-Laws for our Closing Day into October.

Sue Mendenhall is planning our games for the season and has some wonderful new ideas. Get the following dates on your calendars: Laurel Cup - June 5 & 7, President's Cup - July 10 & 12, Guest Day - July 17, Member-Member - July 31, Club Championship - August 10 & 11,

WGA Member-Guest - August 23 & 24 and Patriot's Cub September 11. You can sign up for each play day or event either online or by calling the Pro Shop and having them sign you up.

Anita Delamore is sending out ecards on your birthday, so be sure to open them. Please check your contact information in the WGA Directory and make sure we have your correct information. (Mine is wrong!) Send any corrected information to Anita Delamore at [adelamore@msn.com](mailto:adelamore@msn.com).

Looking forward to May,  
Alice Quinif | President Cullasaja

