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I often am asked “what keeps me up at night” as GM of Cullasaja Club. I can tell you that the number one thing that concerns me each year is the ability to attract, hire and train our seasonal labor. Cullasaja Club’s Food and Beverage Department, Golf Operations and Golf Course Maintenance Department all rely on seasonal labor to carry us through the season. Without it, all three would suffer immensely and the overall success of the season, quite frankly, has a lot to do with our ability to find and train seasonal employees. In an effort to edify you on our hiring model and other options that we might explore in the future, I have written an outline of the three main models used here on the plateau. Please take a moment to read the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

There are three hiring models that each club on the plateau uses to hire their seasonal help. Each model has its advantages and disadvantages and I think it is important for Cullasaja members to understand the benefits and drawbacks for each model. Thus, I have briefly outlined the three hiring models below for you to review.

The first model is to hire locally via job fairs in Highlands/Cashiers and at Western Carolina University/ Southwestern Community College. Clubs have had very limited success using this model and we at Cullasaja Club have only found marginal results using this method to fill our valet positions. The Clubs closest to Western Carolina University (Trillium, Mountaintop, and Chattooga Club) have the ability to attract from a viable labor pool, but the 30 minute drive up the mountain from Cullowhee proves difficult for many local employees after several weeks on the job. The clubs closest to WCU all struggle with university students who end up quitting early in the season due to the drive or better opportunities closer to where they reside. We have had no success attracting WCU/SCC students who simply are not willing to drive 45 minutes each way to work at Cullasaja. Many times when WCU students stay past the summer, work becomes secondary to school and more appealing opportunities or experiences. Although this model has not proven successful for us, we will always attend the WCU/SCC job fairs in hopes of finding quality employees who are committed to working in the hospitality industry and willing to commit to the travel time.

The second model is to import labor via the H2-B Program. This program is popular on the plateau especially with Golf Course Superintendents and Landscape Companies. The program is also being used in Front of House areas providing crucial food and beverage labor. The main advantage of this model is that the H2-B workers can return for



up to 3 consecutive seasons so long as the federal government does not intervene. This advantage is tremendous because you have a guaranteed work force for up to three seasons, the employee has been trained to our standards and this training is retained, and the employee knows members in a more familiar fashion which is imperative for a highly personalized level of service.

There are some disadvantages of this hiring model however. The main disadvantage is the cost for a club to hire the employee. Clubs must bear 100% of the cost for government processing and all travel costs that average approximately \$4,000 for each employee. A survey of local clubs using this model shows that a club our size could expect to pay roughly \$80,000 per year to bring in kitchen and dining room servers each season. With the renovation forth coming, and a possible expansion of staff necessary, that cost could increase greatly. Another disadvantage of this program is that the H2-B workers are hired in an auction type format where they are being recruited by large scale hospitality operations like Marriott, Disney and Ritz Carlton to name a few. Therefore, we have to compete on location, wages, opportunity for growth and employee housing with these quality companies. The best H2-B workers with server/bartender skill-sets are always in high demand and they will be highly sought after. Local clubs that attend the auctions and make offers have stiff competition. H2-B employees get to choose between coming to Highlands, or going to places like New York, Nantucket, Orlando, Miami, Chicago, Houston, etc. Because it is an auction format, the H2-B worker can choose the highest bidder on wages. They also get to consider the employee housing options available to them when making their decision. Most H2-B workers will take opportunities that provide a single room option where they do not share the space with a roommate. Three local clubs are currently spending over \$3M to improve their employee housing in an effort to attract the top H2-B talent. Moutaintop, Wildcat Cliffs, and the Country Club of Sapphire Valley are all spending in excess of \$1M to make their housing options more attractive to H2-B candidates. Our employee housing offers dorm-like accommodations with each room having bunk beds that can accommodate 2 or 3 employees. In fact, we place 35 employees in 18 rooms at our housing complex each season and this housing arrangement is not at-







tractive to the more professional H2-B worker. The final disadvantage which we encounter occasionally with our H2-B golf course maintenance employees is that they can leave at any time to go work for another Club or landscaper. Their work permit allows them to leave for any reason and go work anywhere else that has obtained H2-B approval. We have had H2-B employees leave us for other opportunities after working less than ½ the season, which is problematic due to the initial cost of nearly \$5,000 that we paid to get them to Highlands. To recap, the H2-B program has a distinct advantage for both the Club and the employee. Both parties can agree to a 3 season commitment which cuts down on recruiting and training costs. The employee will know the members and be able to provide a more personalized level of service in season #2 and #3. To attract and retain most H2-B workers, Cullasaja Club would need to increase the hourly rate, make vast improvements to our employee housing, and have a backup plan should the employee become disenfranchised and decide to leave.

The third model, the model we currently use at Cullasaja, is to import labor via the J-1 Student Visa Program. This program allows students who are in international hospitality schools to spend one season with us at Cullasaja as they participate in a work and study based exchange visitor program which is part of their school's externship education. The advantage of this program is that the students have chosen hospitality as their desired career and they must complete the externship in order to graduate with a hospitality degree. Thus, they generally will stay with us through the entire season and not leave for a better offer elsewhere. The students come to us well educated and with a vision of who they want to become and what they want to achieve in the hospitality business. We take great pride in grooming the next generation of hospitality professionals. When our students leave Cullasaja they have the knowledge and know how to go home and begin the next step in management of a hospitality destination. Also, since they are students, they have no issue rooming with one or two other individuals in a dorm type setting; and although wages are important, it is more important to them that they get a quality hospitality experience while learning about the United States. The other advantage is there is no cost to the Club to bring these remarkable students to Cullasaja Club. All visa fees and travel fees





are paid by the student/school. The disadvantage is that this labor model only permits the students to work for one season; and therefore, each season we must travel abroad, discover new talent, make attractive offers against stiff competition, get them to the United States, get them trained up quickly on American service standards, and then give them time to get to know our members. Much like the H2-B program, J-1 Visa Students are being recruited by the top hospitality companies in the world. When we visit the top European hospitality schools in Switzerland and Spain, we are going up against Disney, Marriott, Ritz-Carlton, Wyndham and other major companies all looking for the top talent. When evaluating this program, it is important to remember that we have a seat at the table next to these large companies that are the hospitality giants of the world. We are recruiting from the same talent pool and our name is published in recruiting documents next to them giving us great exposure. This also gives us the advantage to recruit as the "Little Guy". We focus on showcasing the value of our internships and explaining that they are one of twenty interns as compared to one of two hundred. We also take this time to high-

light the member interest in them and try to sell the home feeling of the Club. These schools draw students mainly from Asia, South America, and all across Europe. Our goal each recruiting season is to discover and attract students with great personalities, a strong desire to learn how to serve others, and a working knowledge of the English language.

We want you to know that our number one goal of each off-season is to recruit and hire the best team of seasonal employees to serve you and learn about the hospitality business. Of the three models listed above, the J-1 intern program is currently best suited for Cullasaja Club and it will be the method we continue to use to hire the best and brightest from our hospitality school partners. We appreciate your assistance in welcoming these amazing young adults into the Cullasaja family and helping them adjust to a new country and culture. Together, we all can make the Cullasaja experience remarkable and memorable each season.

Best Regards,



Chris Conner | General Manager / COO





# MEMBERSHIP REVIEW | by Amy Fine

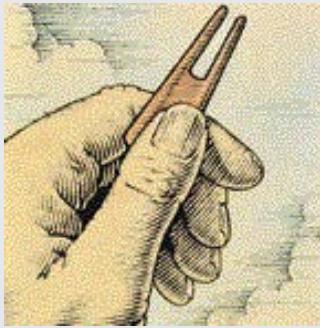


What a wonderful turnout we had for the "New Member Mix & Mingle" party leading up to the big event, "The Welcome Home Party". It gives the new Members a chance to meet each other in a more intimate setting before everyone arrives for the big event. It was great seeing them all make new friends and create memories from their first full season at Cullasaja Club!

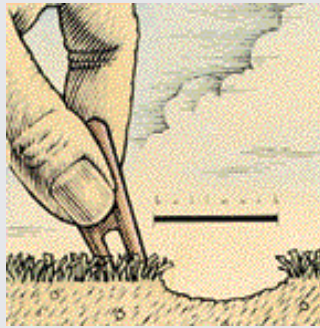


Each year, I am asked about the particulars of how our golfers can help to properly care for the golf course. Every course is unique and maintained slightly differently according to the specific needs of a particular property. Different turf types, maintenance practices and budgets all influence what the golfers are asked to do at individual facilities to help complement the maintenance staff's efforts to provide the best possible conditions. Ball mark repair is one universal maintenance item that should be performed by the golfer. We ask that you repair your mark and one other mark on each green. This not only keeps the putting surface smooth in the days to come, it is common courtesy to your fellow members playing behind you.

## Proper ball mark repair



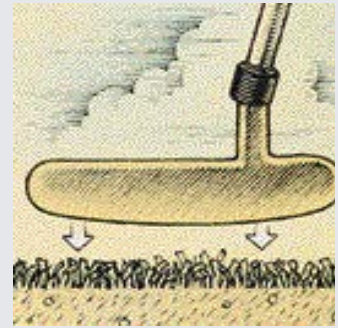
**Step 1:**  
Use a pronged ball mark repair tool, knife, key or tee.



**Step 2:**  
Insert the repair tool at the edges of the mark; not the middle of the depression.



**Step 3:**  
Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.



**Step 4:**  
Smooth the surface with a club or your foot. Repeat steps until the surface is one you would want to putt over.

While ball mark repair is universal on all greens, other items are more course specific and I would like to take this opportunity to detail how to best care for our course during a round.

**Cart Traffic and Etiquette.** A few years ago we adopted the "gate" system to help control traffic patterns and wear and tear on the course. At or near the beginning of each fairway there is a wooden pole indicating where to enter the fairway, and another closer to the green indicating where to exit the fairway. We position two posts at each location and ask that you enter and exit the fairways by driving between them. Once you have entered the fairway, please keep the cart in the fairway turf and completely out of the rough. The only time a cart should be in the rough is upon entry and exit of the fairway. Our fairways can handle the traffic much better than our roughs for a number of reasons.

**Divots.** Generally, divots taken with shorter irons will be thicker than those made by longer irons or fairway woods. Bigger divots that do not disintegrate should be replaced and the edges filled in with the sand mix provided. Thin or disintegrated divots should be filled with the sand mix and smoothed out with your foot. The biggest mistake that I see people making is to fill the void with sand and lay the divot on top. Done like this the divot will dry out and die in a matter of hours. The sand mix used here does not contain any seed so it can be used in the rough if necessary. We do ask that you not fill any divots on tees as our staff tends to each tee box every day with a sand/seed mixture.

**Bunker Etiquette.** We have several very steep bunkers that should only be entered/exited in the low points. This prevents moving large amounts of sand off the steep slopes creating issues with proper sand depth and washing during heavy rains. Additionally, there are no official rules on whether the rakes are to be placed inside or outside of a bunker. In order to minimize the likelihood of a ball coming to rest on a rake we ask that you replace the rake with the head of the rake in the sand and the handle resting on the edge or lip of the bunker.

By following these simple guidelines you, the golfer, can help us to keep our course in great shape throughout the season.





**MEN'S MEMBER-MEMBER  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
FRIDAY, JULY 13TH AND  
SATURDAY, JULY 14TH  
COST IS \$125 PER PLAYER**

The Men's Member-Member Championship is one of the premier members' tournaments of the season. If you have not yet signed up, grab a friend and join us. Interested in playing and need a partner? Simply ask the Golf Shop for assistance in finding a teammate. The cost for this event includes tee gift, meals, and drinks daily. *The golf course will be closed for regular play until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, July 13th**

**Tee Times Beginning at 9:00am**

**Pinehurst**

**(Modified Alternate Shot Holes 1-9)**

**Two Person Scramble**

**(Holes 10-18)**

**Stag Night Dinner at 6:30pm**

**Saturday, July 14th**

**Breakfast at 7:30am**

**Shotgun Start at 9:00am**

**Better Ball of Partners**

**90% Handicap**

**Lunch & Awards following play**

**DEMO DAY 2018  
Wednesday, June 13th  
12 Noon until 4:00 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity for you to try the latest equipment from all the top club manufacturers. Our Professional staff will be available to fit you and assist you with any questions you may have about product. Make sure to mark your calendars so that you do not miss the chance to try all the new equipment.







## **JUNIOR GOLF & TENNIS CAMP**

**June 12th – 14th**

**\$175 per Participant / Prorated Rates Available for Partial Participation**

Registration for the annual Junior Golf and Tennis Camp is now open. Camp attendees receive up to 5 hours of group instruction each day covering both tennis and golf topics. The 3-day camp will review course etiquette, putting, chipping bunker play, tennis drills, footwork, match play and more. Games and prizes will be included. If you have a child or grandchild interested in participating in this very popular camp, please contact the front desk- 828-526-3531 or email [reception@cullasaja-club.com](mailto:reception@cullasaja-club.com).

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

#### **June 12th**

**9:00 a.m. (Registration)**

**10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Golf Instruction**

**(Lunch at the Clubhouse)**

**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Tennis Instruction**

#### **June 13th**

**9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Golf**

**(Lunch at the Clubhouse)**

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Tennis**

#### **June 14th**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Golf**

**(Lunch at the Clubhouse)**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Tennis**

**5:00 p.m.—Play With the Pros!**

## **JUNIOR GOLF INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Junior Clinics**

These clinics are geared to all levels of ability. Each session will cover the fundamentals of the short game and full shots. The program will be limited to 16 junior members AGES 7 - 12.

**Sunday, June 24th | 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.**

**Sunday, July 15th| 1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.**

**Cost \$25 per clinic**

### **Beginner Junior Clinics**

These clinics are geared to the new or beginner golfer AGES 5 - 7. Each session will cover the fundamentals of the short game and full shots. The program will be limited to 10 junior members.

**Sunday, June 24th| 3:15p.m. - 4:30p.m.**

**Sunday, July 15th| 3:15p.m. - 4:30p.m.**

**Cost \$25 per clinic**

### **Junior Round-Up**

The Junior Round-Up is geared to the Advanced Junior Golfer AGES 10 & above. The purpose of the Junior Round Up is to strengthen a child's interest and development in the game in a more competitive atmosphere. The sessions will emphasize the importance of the fundamentals, golf course etiquette and rules of golf. All children must be experienced in WALKING and CARRYING their own bag. Each session will consist of a ½ hour instructional clinic and nine holes of golf with a variety of formats and contests. Following golf, we will conclude with lunch/dinner and prizes.

**Saturday, June 23rd | 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

**Monday, July 9th | 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

**Saturday, July 14th| 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

**Cost \$35 per Round-Up**





**Couples' Cup**  
**Sunday, June 10th at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Cost is \$85 per Couple**  
**Includes Pool Side Dinner at**  
**the Completion of Play**

The annual Couples' Cup begins with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start and the format is a modified net best ball of the foursome. Men play from the tournament tees and ladies play from the red tees. Nine-hole men will play from the white tees. Men receive 80% of their handicap and ladies receive 90% of their handicap. Golf, prizes, awards & live music are all part of this exceptional event.

**Saturday Night Shootout**  
**Saturday, June 16th at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Cost is \$20 per Player**  
**Top 3 Teams are awarded.**

This entertaining event occurs one Saturday each month. Sign up as a two-person team and we will play an alternate shot format with elimination to have a monthly winner. The lowest net team scores will advance to the next hole until only two teams remain going to the 9th and final hole. Teams can be men or women or a mix. Handicaps will be given at 50% of the team total off the low team in the Shoot-Out. Strokes are given as they fall on the card and will be adjusted when the low team is eliminated. This event is always popular and there is a maximum number of teams permitted. So, please sign up well in advance to ensure your spot.







**OUR WGA HAS A VERY BUSY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE THIS JUNE.**  
 PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS.



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**18 Holes play @ 8:30 a.m. with Shotgun Start**  
**9 Holes play @ 10:30 a.m. with Shotgun Start**

**Tuesday & Thursday, June 5th & 7th**  
**WGA Laurel Cup**

**Tuesday, June 12th**  
**One Net Best Ball, all Birdies or Better count**

**Tuesday, June 19th**  
**Pick your 4some with**  
**9 & 18 hole players – 2 Best Balls Stableford**

**Tuesday, June 19th**  
**9 Hole Interclub at Highlands Falls**

**Monday, June 25th**  
**18 Hole Interclub at Highlands Country Club**

**Tuesday, June 26th**  
**One, Two, Three Best Balls**



## **ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Chipping and Bump & Run**

**Friday, June 8th**

**3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.**

**Cost \$30 per member**

Learn the secrets on how to effectively execute the low, running shots from around the green. The program size will be limited to 8 members.

### **Pitching & Greenside Bunker Play**

**Friday, July 13th**

**3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.**

**Cost \$30 per member**

Learn the secrets of how to effectively execute the high lofted pitch shot and greenside bunker play. The program size will be limited to 8 members.

### **Putting Clinic**

**Friday, August 17th**

**3:30p.m. to 5:00p.m.**

**Cost \$30 per member**

The Putting Clinic is geared to all levels of ability. The Clinic will focus on the design of the club, set-up, attitude and the two most important fundamentals; distance and direction. The Clinic will also cover the process and routines used in reading greens and breaking putts. The program will be limited to 8 members.

### **Golf "Happy Hour"**

**Tuesday, August 28th**

**5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m**

**Tuesday, September 18th**

**5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m.**

**Cost \$10 per member**

This interactive program will be geared to cover various golf topics. Each session will have a main theme or golf related topic. The sessions are designed to be interactive. NO clubs will be required. Please sign up for each "Happy Hour" and enjoy a member-signature bar for added fun!

## **Weekly Organized Games**

These organized golf games will be offered weekly, providing there are no major tournaments scheduled. If you are interested in participating, please sign up online under the appropriate tee time. Here is a sampling of some of the weekly games that are available:

**Monday: 9-Hole Men at 1:00pm**

**Tuesday: WGA 18 Holers at 9:00am  
WGA 9 Holers at 10:15am  
Pearce Group at 11:30am  
Men's Stableford at 1:00pm**

**Wednesday: Twilight Golf at 4:00pm**

**Thursday: Warren's Warriors at 9:00am  
9 Hole Men at 10:00am  
Pearce Group at 11:00am**

**Friday: Quota Match at 9:30am**

**Saturday: BMD at 9:20am  
9-Hole Men at 10:00am  
Captains & Dogs at 10:30am  
WGA at 11:30am**

## **2018 Men's Invitational Golf Tournament July 26th to July 28th Cost is \$975 per Team**

Entry forms are currently being accepted for this year's Men's Invitational. We currently have 34 teams registered and will be accepting, at most, 42 teams this year. If you have not had a chance to register, please do so before it's too late. We are anticipating a full field and would hate for anyone to miss out! Please stop in the Golf Shop to pick up the Tournament Guide and Entry Form.

## **\*MAJOR GOLF EVENTS\* (Mark your calendars)**

**MIXED MEMBER GUEST  
June 21st & 22nd**

**MEN'S INVITATIONAL  
July 26th - 28th**

**WGA MEMBER GUEST  
August 23rd & 24th**



Our 2018 Season is off and running and we are thrilled with the level of participation in our events so far. With the kick-off "Run for the Roses" Party the first Saturday in May, we are literally off to the races in the F&B department. A near record Mothers' Day brunch, a Welcome Home Party with over 200 members and a big crowd for the annual Memorial Day Cookout; I feel that we have had a solid start to what is shaping up to be a fantastic season full of activities and adventures.

Traditionally, June and July are our busiest months and both are packed with amazing events. We are hosting a South American Wine Dinner on June 7th, the first Cabaret Night with 20 Ride on June 15th, Father's Day Brunch on June 17th, and our first Farmers Market of 2018 on June 24th.

On Thursday, June 7th we are excited to bring to you great wines from all across South America as compared to limiting to one winery. Calling all Malbec lovers, you do not want to miss this one. Sign up with Zoe soon as this event will surely be popular.

Our first Cabaret on Friday, June 15th is just as exciting with the return of 20 Ride, a very popular Zac Brown cover band. You can look forward to a deliciously prepared southern style meal with a summer kickoff concert on the event lawn. Hats, Jeans and Boots are highly encouraged.

And, let's not forget about Dad on Father's Day. We are offering discount drafts and complimentary drinks as we celebrate him on Sunday, June 17th. And, please join us for our first Farmers Market in the Pavilion on Sunday, June 24th. We have several new purveyors participating this year so come on out and look at all the new offerings. That will lead us into the final weekend with our first Super Saturday Bar Drawing on Saturday, June 30th. We cannot wait for these and other events to arrive and know you will have a blast participating with your friends and family.

I would also like to remind everyone about our Private Chef In-Home Catering and our overly popular Home Wine Sales programs. Chef Marie and her team are ready to help in any capacity with the preparation and presentation of meals for you in your home. If you are entertaining a few guests for the evening, or have a large group staying with you for the weekend, feel free to reach out to me to see what we can offer in regards to taking the burden of cooking off your hands. Also, if you need wine for an event or are running low in your cellar, I am available and ready to research wines for you that you may want to purchase. If you have a favorite wine that you cannot find here in the mountains or simply want to see if we can beat a price that you get somewhere else, it would be my pleasure to offer assistance in this regard. Feel free to snap a photo of any wine label you would like me to explore and send to me via email and I will do all that I can to provide you feedback. I look forward to assisting and creating memories with each and every one of you this season.

Cheers,

**Steve Sheridan** | Food and Beverage Director







**OFF TO A GREAT START AT THE TENNIS CENTER:** All 4 of our tennis courts were open and ready for play the last week of April. Complimentary tennis clinics were offered at the first couple of weeks of May to kick off this year's tennis season. This allowed our members who had not played for a while to work themselves back into shape. Our first summer holiday mixer, the "Stars & Stripes" event, was a great success. We have many other exciting events planned for your enjoyment and I thank you for your continued support of our growing tennis program.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TENNIS PLAYING MEMBERS:** Please help me welcome our newest tennis playing members: Steve Earman, Cori

Posniak & Dr. Bob Posniak, and Raf Slim. When you meet them on the courts, please say hello and introduce yourself. It's always great to see new members playing tennis here at the Club.

**WELLNESS CENTER PRO SHOP:** We have all of the basics covered here in the Wellness Center Pro Shop. We stock a complete line of fitness, tennis and croquet items from which to choose. Also, if we don't have something in stock, we will be more than happy to place a special order for you at no additional cost. Please remember that the Mill River Plan allows you to purchase items at a great discount in both the Wellness Center Tennis/Croquet Shop and the Golf Shop.



## **JUNIOR GOLF/TENNIS CAMP**

**June 12th, 13th & 14th**

Make plans now to enroll your children or grandchildren in this year's very popular, 3-day Golf/Tennis Camp. Charles and I offer immersive instruction that is always fun and entices younger players to continue learning the games of golf and tennis. Children get a total of 5 hours of instruction each day comprising of 3 hours of golf each morning and two hours of tennis each afternoon. Tennis instruction will include lots of fun-filled games, group clinics, footwork drills, match play, Cardio Tennis and a game of Alive. Note that lunch is included for participants each day. Call us today and sign up for this great camp!

## **WELCOME HOME TENNIS MIXER**

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

It's a great way to kick off the start of our peak season. By mid June, everyone is back in town and ready to play some tennis. This round-robin event will allow all participants to play against one-another and then we will follow up immediately with lunch in the Clubhouse. Please remember to sign up ahead of time. We need to have firm numbers of players and people who will be attending lunch. All spouses not playing in the event are encouraged to join us for lunch at the conclusion of play. Come on out and enjoy the fun in one of our more popular events of the season.

## **MEN'S & LADIES'**

### **DOUBLES INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:**

#### **LADIES' DOUBLES**

#### **INVITATIONAL & LUNCHEON**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15th @ 10:00 a.m.**

#### **MEN'S DOUBLES**

#### **INVITATIONAL & LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30th @ 10:00 a.m.**

These events can be played with a guest or a fellow member as your partner, it's your choice. Please let me know ahead of time if you want to play and you need for me to find a partner for you. For each event the tennis starts at 10:00 a.m. followed immediately by lunch for all participants.

## **UPCOMING PREMIER EVENTS IN JULY**

### **STRAWBERRIES & CREAM TENNIS MIXER**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7th @ 10:00 a.m.**

Please make plans now to join us for the annual "Strawberries & Cream" tennis mixer to be held on Saturday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m. All Cullasaja members, their families and guests are invited to join in the fun. In the Wimbledon tradition, join us for a courtside complimentary bowl of fresh strawberries & cream. You may sign up as a team, however no partner will be needed as I will be happy to pair you with someone at your playing level. Feel free to wear some red, white or blue in honor of the holidays.

### **LET THE GAMES BEGIN**

#### **(2018 TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS)**

Again this season, no partner is needed to participate in these events since we use a round robin rotation of partners and opponents to determine the champions. We keep a cumulative number of games won score and the two men and/or women with the most victories at the end of regulation play are crowned our champions for the year. Here is the schedule for the 2018 Championships:

#### **MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SATURDAY, JULY 14th @ 10:00 a.m.**

#### **LADIES' DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**FRIDAY, JULY 20th @ 10:00 a.m.**

#### **MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**

**SATURDAY, JULY 21st @ 10:00 a.m.**

### **JUNIOR CLINICS**

#### **WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, STARTING AT 3:00 p.m.**

Tiny Tots (ages 5 to 8 years) from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Young Guns (ages 9 to 12 years) from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





**LET'S GET THOSE BALLS ROLLING:** During the month of May we saw many members returning home to play croquet here at the Club. To kick off the season we started croquet each Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 pm. Even though it was early in the season we usually had 8-12 members show up to play on each of those days. Because of the Newsletter deadline the results of our May Points Tournament will have to be sent out via email to CCA members. If you were not in town for the first Points Tournament please remember that there will be two other Points events. We will have one Points Tournament during the months of June and also July. The winning teams from the 3 Points Tournaments will all be seeded in the Croquet

Championship held in during August. You do not have to compete in any Points Tournaments to be eligible to play in the Club Championships. However, if you participate in the Points events it will allow you to possibly be seeded in the Croquet Championships. Also, please remember players who compete in the Points events will carry forward points that will allow those players to possibly compete in the Highlands Championships as well as the Annual Clubs Tournament. Please remember we have two divisions in the Club Championship this year the Championship division and the First Flight division. We will offer Ladies Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles for both divisions.



**CHECK OUT THESE GREAT WEEKLY CROQUET EVENTS:** We have lots of exciting croquet events for you starting in June. Come out and enjoy others in these weekly events: (Subject to change based on weather and demand)

**LADIES ON THE LAWN Mondays at 10:00 am.**

**MEN & MALLETS each Tuesday at 10:00 am.**

**MALLETS & MARTINIS each Tuesday & Thursday at 3:00 pm. and also at 5:00 pm.**

**WICKET WEDNESDAY each Wednesday at 4:15 pm.**

**SUNDAY ON THE LAWN at 4:00 pm.**

**CUSTOM Mallet Fitting with Don Oakley  
Tuesday, June 12th**

Don will be here at Cullasaja on Tuesday, June 12th for his annual visit. Don's company supplies the mallets we sell here at the Club. So, if you want the opportunity to demo several different mallets, this is a great opportunity for you. Don is a USCA certified referee, instructor and also vice president of the USCA along with owning his own croquet company. If you wish to purchase a mallet later in the season I will be happy to assist in selection mallet and ordering at discounted pricing. With the Mill River Plan in place I can sell you a mallet cheaper than if you ordered it online.





**MALLETS & MARGARITAS/  
WELCOME HOME MIXER**

**Thursday, June 14th**

Join other croqueteers while they enjoy Jimmy Buffet themed music, cheeseburgers, margaritas and more. Bring your mallet and participate in skills competitions and events. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this exciting and picture-worthy event on June 14th.

**WORLD CLASS INSTRUCTION**

**June 18th and June 19th**

World renown croquet instructor, Jeff Soo, returns to Cullasaja and will offer two days of first class instruction for anyone looking to improve their skills. This instruction is free to all CCA members but you must sign up in advance for one of the instruction slots. This is just one of the many perks you enjoy because of your CCA membership and it is always a very popular event.







**JUNE INTER-CLUB MATCHES:**

**June 14th at Wildcat Cliffs**

**June 28th at home vs. Burlingame**

**June Points Tournament: Monday, June 25th  
Tuesday, June 26th and Wednesday, June 27th.**

**CCA/Cullasaja Croquet Association  
Join Today and Enjoy All the CCA has to Offer**

There are lots of perks for joining the Cullasaja Croquet Association (CCA) for just \$85 per person. CCA membership includes all of the weekly hors d'oeuvres that are served at the Mallets & Martinis, continental breakfasts for our home inter-club matches, End of Season Banquet Dinner, and also the World Class Instruction with Jeff Soo, Annual Rules Seminars, and much more.

For more information on our croquet program, or to join the CCA please contact Terry Fugate at 526-9185 or email [tfugate@cullasaja-club.com](mailto:tfugate@cullasaja-club.com)





**2018 DATES FOR CROQUET TOURNAMENTS**

**Preliminary Point Tournament for June  
June 25 – June 27**

**Preliminary Point Tournament for July  
Annual Cullasaja Club Croquet Championship  
August 13 – August 15**

**Annual Highlands Croquet Championship  
Tuesday, August 21st**

**Mountain Challenge Clubs Tournament  
Thursday, September 6th**

**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**

**Cullasaja Club at Lake Toxaway**

**August 9**

**Highlands Country Club at Cullasaja Club**

**August 16**

**Cedar Creek at Cullasaja Club**

**CROQUET LAWN ETTIQUETTE**

- All whites are required for all CCA sanctioned events.
- Country Club Casual attire like you would wear for golf or tennis is acceptable attire during non CCA events.
- Only smooth soled shoes are allowed on the lawn.
- We have a full variety of croquet whites available for men and women in the Pro Shop at the Wellness Center. We also offer custom mallet fitting and sales of mallets and all croquet accessories through our Pro Shop.
- Croquet instruction is available by calling the Pro Shop 526-9185.
- Please remember those who make advanced reservations have priority on the lawn.





Please join us Thursday, June 28th for an exciting and informative presentation on "Dynamic Aging" by Dr. Andrew Beachum. This seminar will address how we age and how we can make the most out of life. We will also have nutritional information and healthy recipes. A healthy, delicious meal will follow the presentation. RSVP today!

We are so excited about our new Cybex cardio and weight equipment. Manu and I will be happy to demonstrate or assist you in any way as we adjust to the new equipment. Please let us know how we can help you.

Have you always wanted to see the views from on top of Yellow Mountain but the 12 mile hike scared you away? Well, let's hike up the back way! Join us Saturday, June 23rd for a moderate



3 mile round trip hike to the top of Yellow Mountain. We will leave the Wellness Center at 9 a.m. and drive approximately 20 minutes to the trail head that will take us up to the breathtaking views of Yellow Mountain!

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



## CLASS SCHEDULE

### 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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# MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES | *May 2018*











**RECURRING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**

Open Play Tennis All Day  
 Sunday on the Lawn @ 4:00pm

**MONDAY (CLUB CLOSED)**

Men's & Ladies Doubles @ 10:00 am  
 9-Hole Men @ 1:00pm  
 Ladies on the Lawn @ 10:00am

**TUESDAY**

Men's Doubles @ 10 am  
 WGA - 18 holes @ 8:30am  
 9 holes @ 10:30am  
 Men & Mallets @ 10:00am  
 Pearce Group @ 11:30am  
 Tuesday Stableford @ 1:00pm  
 Mallets & Martinis @ 3:00pm & 5:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Ladies Doubles @ 10 am  
 Twilight Golf @ 4pm  
 Wicket Wednesday @ 4:15 pm

**THURSDAY**

Men's Doubles @ 10 am  
 Warren's Warriors @ 9:00am  
 9-Hole Men @ 10:00 am  
 Pearce Group @ 11:00am  
 Mallets & Martinis @ 3:00pm & 5:00pm

**FRIDAY**

Friday Quota @ 9:30am  
 Ladies Doubles @ 10:00am  
 Croquet Open Play - All Day

**SATURDAY**

Men's Day @ 9:00am  
 BMD @ 9:20am  
 9-Hole Men @ 10:00am  
 Captains & Dogs @ 10:30am  
 Men's & Ladies Doubles @ 10:00am  
 Croquet Open Play - All Day

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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: pink;">■</span> Wellness</li> </ul>					1	2
3 Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	4 HOA-BOD Mtg 9am Pairs Bridge @ 7pm	5 WGA Laurel Cup	6 Wicket Wednesday Begins @ 4:15 pm Twilight Golf 4pm	7 WGA Laurel Cup <b>WINE DINNER</b>	8 <b>CWO WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY</b> Ladies Golf 101 Chipping & Bump & Run Clinic	9
10 <b>COUPLES CUP</b> Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	11 Book Club 2pm	12	13 Golf Demo Day 12 Noon - 4:00 pm Twilight Golf 4pm Wicket Wednesday - Begins @ 4:15 pm	14 Interclub @ Wildcat Welcome Home Mixer - Mallets & Margaritas	15 Ladies' Doubles In- vitational <b>CABARET NIGHT</b> Ladies Golf 101	16 Welcome Home Tennis Mixer Saturday Night Shoot-Out @ 4pm
17 <b>FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH</b> 10:30 am - 2:00 pm	18 Pairs Bridge @ 7pm <b>JEFF SOO INSTRUCTION 9A-4P</b>	19	20 Twilight Golf @ 4pm Wicket Wednesday @ 4:15 pm	21	22	23 Jr. Round - Up <b>Hike</b>
24 Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 2:00 pm Farmers Market @ 2:00 p.m. Jr. Clinic	25 Club BOG Meeting 8:30am <b>CROQUET POINTS TOURNAMENT</b>	26	27 Twilight Golf @ 4pm Wicket Wednesday @ 4:15 pm	28 Dynamic Aging Seminar Interclub vs. Burlingame	29 Ladies Golf 101	30 <b>Fitness Mixer</b> Men's Doubles Invitational Super Saturday @ 7:00 pm

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