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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE | by Chris Conner, CCM

We are excited to announce the renovations on the Cullasaja clubhouse are set to begin September 4th. After nearly 2 years of planning, the newly designed main area of the clubhouse will start to take shape. Your overwhelming support of this project is appreciated and we look forward to partnering with J. Davis, the General Contractor, to create new spaces



that are admired by all who use them. We really think the redesigned clubhouse will be spectacular!

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 16th in the Lower Level of the Activity Center. We will present the results of the Board election and the results of the proposed Bylaw change. In addition, there will be a brief summary of the year-to-date membership sales and club financial results. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, there will be a brief Appreciation Presentation in the Clubhouse to recognize our 2018 volunteers and outgoing Board Members from both Cullasaja Club and the HOA. We hope you will be able to attend both the meeting and the appreciation event that follows. If you are unable to attend, please know you can always view the Club's current monthly operating statements, cash position, and all Board meeting minutes by stopping in to visit with Tim Lamphier, our CFO.

Later this month, you will receive an email with a request to complete the 2018 Cullasaja Club Member Satisfaction Survey. Your input is very valuable to us as we look at ways to improve the Club in the future. We encourage both household spouses to complete the survey that will take only a few minutes to finish. Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your feedback on how we performed as a Club this season and what we can do better.

Reflecting on this season, I continue to be very proud of our amazing team here at Cullasaja. It was a difficult season with several departments enduring staffing shortages. In fact, this was the most challenging hiring environment I have seen in my 20+ years of managing clubs. The highly-dedicated department leaders did more with less, and worked tirelessly to ensure you had a remarkable and memorable season. For that, I am eternally grateful to them and our seasonal employees. In my opinion, this was the best group of interns we have had at Cullasaja and it was an honor to be able to work alongside them. We look forward to continuing to build on our shared success next season with a new hiring model that will hopefully eliminate some of the labor issues we endured this season.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Club over the coming months. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to enhance your experience.

Best Regards,

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Chris Conner | General Manager / COO

by Stacie Platt | UPDATE FROM THE WELLNESS CENTER



BEST HIKE EVER!

We had a fantastic time exploring Panthertown last month! After one missed turn, we made it to Schoolhouse Falls. We enjoyed relaxing by the falls, exploring behind the falls and even a little fly fishing. We then carried on across a rock face to Mac's Gap and then home. All in all, a great 7 mile hike! Please mark your calendars and join the adventures for our next two hikes. On September 15th, we will head to High Falls in Lake Grenville. This is a moderate 4 mile hike. On October 6th, we will stay right in our own backyard and hike Whiteside Mountain. The leaves should be starting to change so it will be a beautiful Fall hike that all can enjoy!

WATER AEROBICS

Thank you to everyone who joined Manu and Maureen Godwin for Water Aerobics this season! Attendance was fantastic and we hope to see you all and hopefully some new faces next season. The last Water Aerobics class this season will be on Labor Day @ 10:00 a.m.

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



MONDAY:

7 a.m. Self-guided Spin 9 a.m. Self-guided Spin 10 a.m. Strength and Movement

TUESDAY:

9 a.m. Instructor lead Spin 10 a.m. Yoga with Manu* 2 p.m. Core Strength

WEDNESDAY:

7 a.m. Self-guided Spin 9 a.m. Self-guided Spin 10 a.m. Strength and Movement

THURSDAY:

9 a.m. Instructor lead Spin 10 a.m. Yoga with Manu* 12 p.m. Pilates

FRIDAY:

7 a.m. Self-guided Spin 9 a.m. Self-guided Spin 10 a.m. Strength and Movement

SATURDAY:

10 a.m. Yoga with Manu*

ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME IN ALL FITNESS CLASSES! WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU REACH ALL YOUR FITNESS GOALS.

* DENOTES A \$5.00 CLASS CHARGE

FROM THE GREEN | by Tom Nelson





Every season is different. As of late August this year, we have received over 90" of rain, that's our annual average in only 9 months!! Two years ago we were begging for rain as many areas around Western North Carolina were on fire due to prolonged drought.

Water management is one of, if not the most critical aspect of managing a golf course. Too much without proper drainage leads to soggy, unplayable conditions and too little, without proper irrigation, leads to burnt out areas that are unsightly and require time and materials to keep alive or repair.

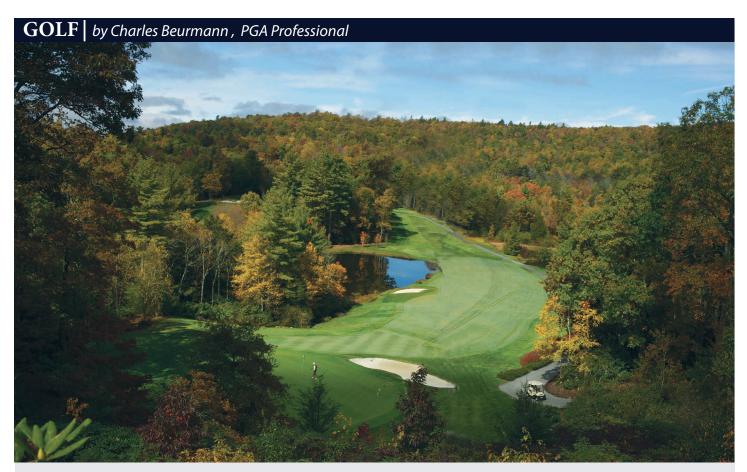
Over the last twenty years, the Cullasaja membership has made significant investments in both drainage and irrigation on the course. Our drainage system, coupled with fairway topdressing, has paid off and it really showed this season. Years ago, had we received this much rain, golf carts would have been restricted to the paths for a better part of the season. Now, we are seldom restricted, and if we do have cart restrictions, it is generally only in certain limited areas. While we have made great strides, there is more work to be done. The Green Committee

is currently evaluating our most critical areas to focus our attention on in the upcoming offseason and those that follow.

Most people don't think about irrigation during a wet season like we have experienced this year, however, we still need it and use it frequently, albeit in localized areas. Many of the turf care products we apply have to be watered into the soil. With the system we have, we can pinpoint the application of water to specific areas, keeping any additional water out of wet areas. Even with all of the rain, we still have shallow or steep areas or areas of rock just beneath the surface all which need additional water within just a few days following a rain event. We have the capability to apply specifically where and only as much is needed to keep the turf healthy. We hope that you enjoyed your golfing experience throughout this challenging 2018

We hope that you enjoyed your golfing experience throughout this challenging 2018 season. We look forward to making further improvements to the course during the upcoming off-season and hope that you will continue to enjoy your amazing golf course.

Tom Nelson



I can't believe that it's already September!! I want to take a minute and thank all of you for your support of our tournaments and programs this season! Our professional team truly enjoys putting together these events for you.

We had 40 players compete in this year's Club Championship! We held off Mother Nature both days and crowned many champions, including:

Men's Club Champion DOUG TREADWELL

Ladies' Club Champion BETSY BUTLER

Cullasaja Flight Winner TIM CAREY

Senior Flight Winner RON EZERSKi

Super Senior Flight Winner BOB TAYLOR

WGA Cullasaja Flight Winner ANITA DELAMORE

WGA 9-Hole Flight Winner SAMMY SMITH

Congratulations to everyone that played in this year's Whiteside Cup Matches against Old Edwards. Cullasaja defeated Old Edwards 19½ to 16½. Special congratulations to Steve Earman for his Hole in One during his match at Old Edwards and also to the entire team for bringing home the trophy.

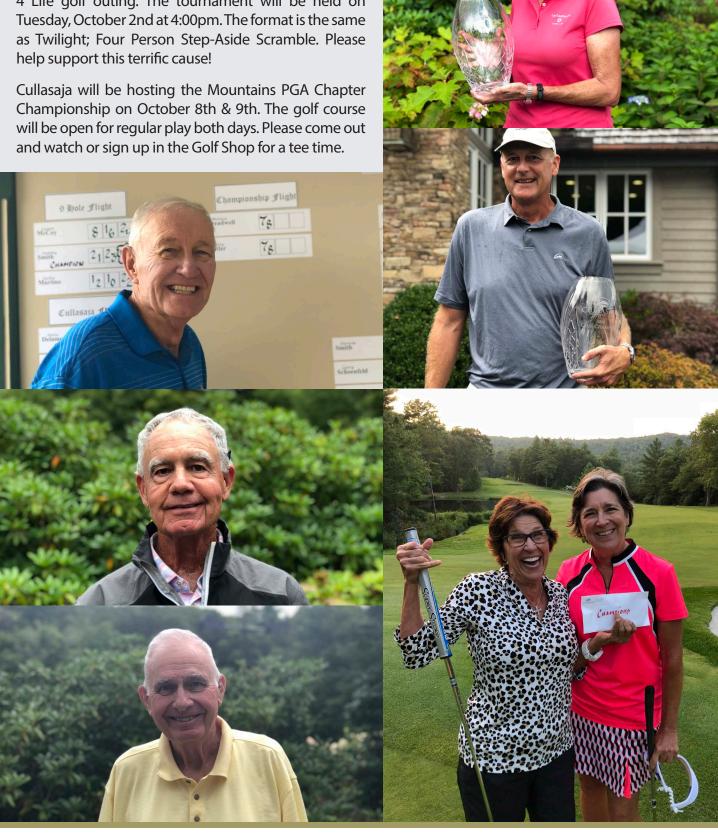
The WGA Member Guest was also a huge success! I would like to thank Anita Delamore and her committee for everything they did to produce such a special tournament. Although her team fell just short of a victory, congratulations to Sue Mendenhall for her Hole in One on #14 on Friday of the tournament.

Also, special congratulations to our 2018 Champions Terri Watters, Mary Czentnar, Kathleen Smithson, and Ginny Dunwody.

On Monday, September 3rd the Golf Shop will be running a Quota game for anyone that would like to participate. We will run the game from the first tee so no advanced registration is necessary. A member of the professional team will explain the game when you arrive at the first tee. Please call the Golf Shop at 526-9057 and make a tee time for your foursome or call us at 526-9057 and we will try to pair you up with another member or group.

The Golf Shop and Driving Range will be closed for Aerification on September 4th & 5th. Please keep in mind that Twilight golf will be held on Friday, September, 7th due to this Aerification process.

Sue Pearce is taking entry forms for this year's Friends 4 Life golf outing. The tournament will be held on



Golf "Happy Hour" Tuesday, September 18th at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person

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 with member participation. NO clubs will be required. Please sign up in advance for each "Happy Hour" where a Cash Bar will be provided.

Saturday Night Shootout Saturday, September 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$20 Cash per Player - Top 3 Teams are awarded

Sign up as a two-person team and we will play an alternate shot format with elimination. 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.

One Day Fall **Member-Guest**

Saturday, October 13th

Cost \$80 per player with a Shotgun Start at 9:00 a.m.

Members may bring one or three guests and twosomes will be paired with other twosomes. The format will be Two Best Balls of the foursome and lunch & awards will follow play. Handicaps will be given 80%.

Men will play the Tournament Tees. Women will play the Red Tees. The "Rule of 90" will apply to those who qualify. Please call the Golf Shop at 526-9057 or register online.

Upcoming WGA events:

TWO NET BEST BALLS PLUS **BIRDIES OR BETTER COUNT** September 11th

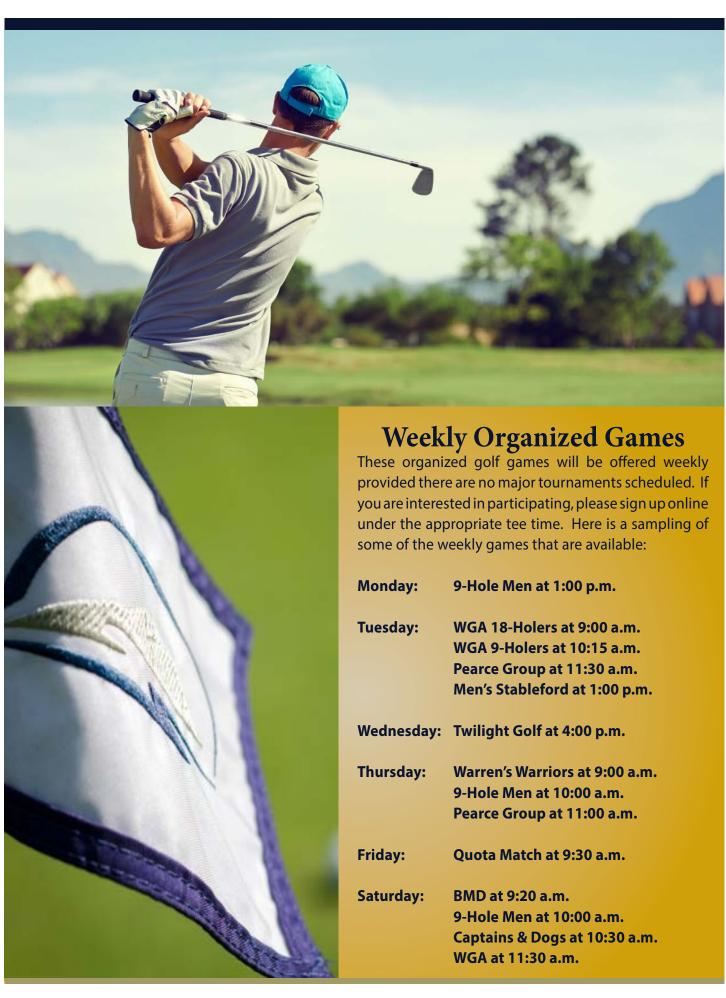
> PATRIOT'S CUP September 18th

WGA 18-HOLE INTERCLUB September 20th

> WGA CLOSING DAY September 25th







MALLETS & MARTINIS | by Terry Fugate



THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR OF CROQUET!!!

What a great season! I want to thank all of our CCA members for your continued support of our croquet program. Hours spent on the croquet lawns increased this season which shows continued interest and growth of our program. I am deeply indebted to the CCA and its members for helping grow the game.

NEWLY CROWNED 2018 CROQUET CHAMPIONS:

This year's Croquet Championship was the best ever under the direction of Clint Dawkins, our Competition Chairman. Mr. Dawkins has worked hard to set up our current format for our Points Tournaments as well as the Annual Croquet Championships. Congratulations to all of our new Champions and thanks to all of the participants for making these events possible.

2018 CULLASAJA CLUB CROQUET CLUB CHAMPIONS

LANE DAWKINS & BERTY FRANSEN

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
SANDY HOWARD & DENNIS HOWARD

MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

GEOFF PARKER & DENNIS HOWARD

FIRST FLIGHT CHAMPIONS
LADIES' DOUBLES

MYRTLE PAGE & STEVIE HINEL

MIXED DOUBLES
LESLIE EZERSKI & RON EZERSKI

MEN'S DOUBLES
BILL CAIRE & JIM SHUFORD

INTER-CLUB MATCHES HAVE NOW CONCLUDED FOR THIS SEASON:

Thanks to all of our great CCA members who participated in some of the matches this year. Once again, we performed very well against our rivals on the mountain.

ANNUAL HIGHLANDS CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Thanks to all of the players who earned their spots and were able to compete in this year's Highlands Championship. Cullasaja Club is well represented and our team will try their best to bring home the traveling trophy. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our team members, who are as follows:

Tee Smith, Joy Abney, Clint Dawkins, Geoff Parker, Victor Fransen, Sandy Howard and Dennis Howard. Thank you all for representing the Cullasaja CCA in this spectacular event!

SADIE HAWKINS DAY EVENT IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:

This year's event was held on Thursday, August 30th and the turnout was phenomenal. Over 40 participants signed up for this fun-filled event, complete with a country luncheon served down at the lawn.

ANNUAL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE CLUBS TOURNAMENT:

We selected the team members by going to the Points Tournament totals, which produced some great players. These players will represent us in the 2018 Annual Croquet Championship which contains the top teams from each club on the plateau. We hope to bring home the gold this year because we have finished second three years in a row! Go get 'em, team!!!





THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT TENNIS SEASON: Thanks to all of the great Cullasaja tennis playing members who came out and supported our events and programming again this season. As of this writing, we are on pace to end up the 6 month season with around 4,300 hours of play. It is because of great members like to that our program is so successful each season so thank you all very much! You folks are Simply the Best!!!!!!

2018 TENNIS MEMBER/GUEST: *LADIES'*

GROUP A WINNERS
Candra Seley and Annie Collette
GROUP B WINNERS
Susan Mangum and Anna Mangum

MEN

Don Feibleman and Ricky Walker were crowned champions after winning an exciting tiebreaker against E.G. Lassiter and Bob De Sault.

Immediately following tennis, we enjoyed a very special lunch prepared by Chef Marie and her staff. Thanks also to our great F & B staff for making sure everyone had a great time at the clubhouse. Also, thanks to all of the wonderful Cullasaja members who came out and supported this event to make it so spectacular.

YOUR NEW 2018 TENNIS CHAMPIONS:

Ladies' Doubles Champions:
Margaret Eichman &
Mary Evelyn Feibelman

Men's Doubles Champions:
Larry Ainsworth & Mark Sanderson

Mixed Doubles Champions:
Diana Sanderson & E.G. Lassiter

Thanks to everyone who came out and participated in this year's Tennis Championships.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT THE TENNIS CENTER

For Labor Day Weekend, our tennis mixer is the "Blind Draw" Round Robin and Social Mixer. For this fun filled mixed event you play 4 games in each round. This event can be played several ways including being able to play with whoever you choose, however, at the end of the round robin, I will draw names out of a hat to determine who your partner really was during play. This can be quite rewarding or quite cruel, don't you think?

ANOTHER OPTION: at the end of regulation play, I will bring out a deck of cards numbering Ace, 2 or 3 and at the end of the last round the winner will draw a card from the deck. Whatever number is drawn is subtracted from their score. The losing team does the same, but whatever number they draw, that number is added to their score.

All you need to do is email Terry or call the Tennis Pro Shop to sign up for that day. No partner is necessary for this event, so come on out and join the fun during Labor Day. All members, their family members as well as their guests are more than welcome to play.

GREAT MIXED DOUBLES EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: If you like Mixed Doubles then you will love the tennis schedule for the month of September.

MIXED DOUBLES INVITATIONAL Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m.

For the Mixed Doubles Invitational, you may play with a guest or a fellow member. This event is played with set teams, so if you need a partner, please let me know ASAP and I will be more than happy to find someone for you.

MIXED DOUBLES MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT Saturday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

This event will be played with set teams so you will need to find a partner. If you need assistance finding a partner please let me know ASAP and I will be more than happy to find someone for you.

TENNIS FINALE ROUND ROBIN & LUNCHEON Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 a.m.

Make plans now to join us for the last major tennis mixer of our 2018 tennis season. Even though we offer tennis through the month of November, this will be our last major mixer of the 2018 tennis season. Everyone will participate in round robin play beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following the tennis, we will all gather for lunch. I encourage all non playing spouses to join us for lunch that day.

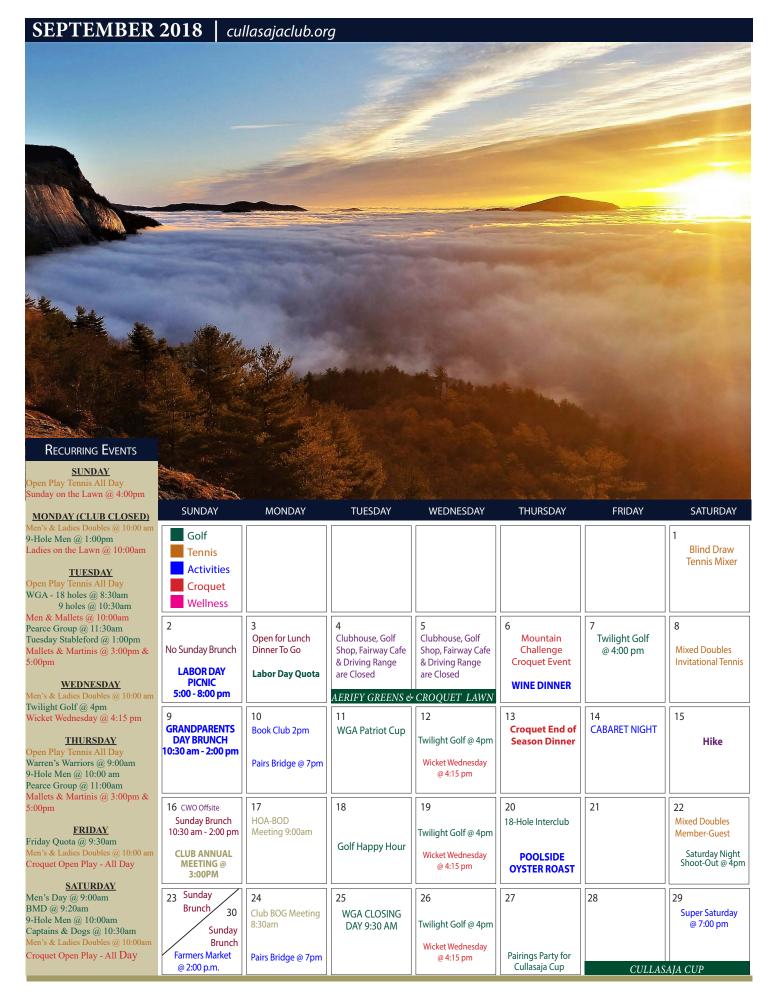


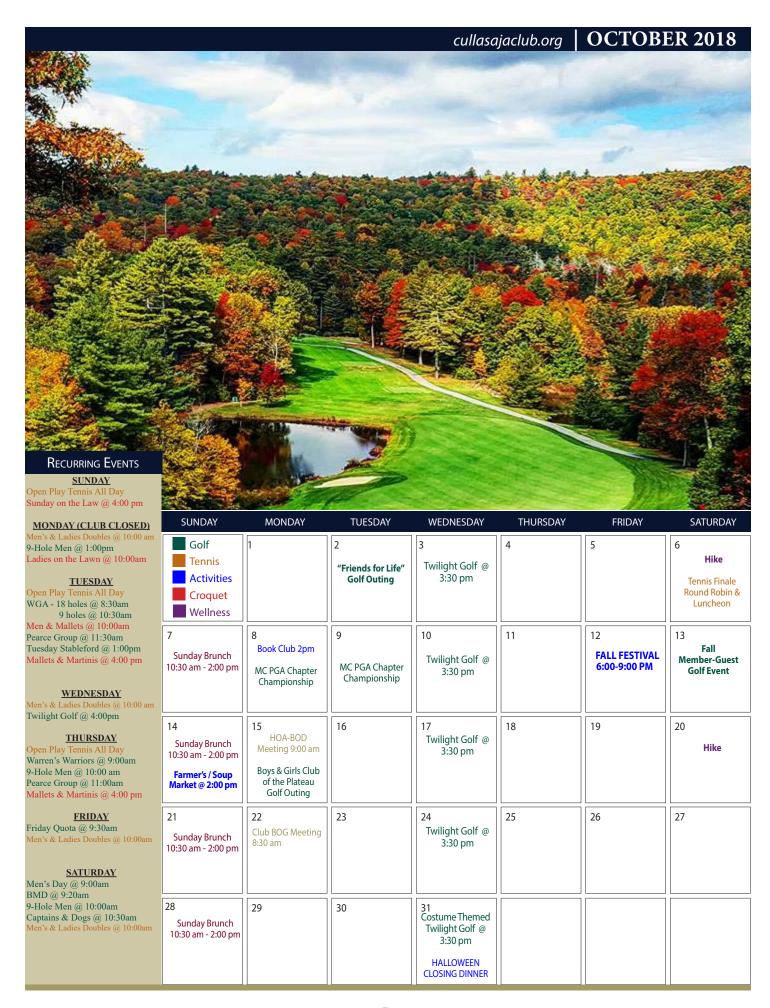


I would like to thank everyone for their participation in all things Food & Beverage related. We have had a lot of fun planning and executing events this year and have many more planned before the season is up. As the weather begins to cool and leaves begin to settle on the ground, you can look forward to some of your favorite events for the autumn season. September holds a bounty of activities and we welcome everyone to enjoy our last wine dinner on the 6th, our final Mo-Town themed Cabaret on the 14th and the poolside Oyster Roast on the 20th. The weather will be perfect for hanging by the fire pit after dinner and enjoying a lovely glass of dessert wine. October is delivering some of our final events of the season like our End of Season Fall Festival on the 12th, and finishing the weekend with Chef Marie's famous soup market on the 14th, and finishing the season with a spooky Halloween themed Twilight Golf and Halloween Party on the 31st. Costumes are encouraged.

As we look forward to next season, we are excited about what the new clubhouse renovation will bring us. We will have many new spaces and are currently working on ideas and events to complement the new additions. The House and Social Committee is dedicated to bringing new ways of creating memories here in the mountains. The third space addition will be utilized to make the club feel like your home away from home while the new bar area will be the hub of activity as Rocky prepares new drinks and fun cocktails.

Looking back on the season, I would like to compliment the staff for their dedication and hard work and encourage anyone who feels a connection with our international interns to pursue a conversation and let them know how much we appreciate them. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful experience at the club this season and look forward to making memories in the mountains for years to come.





RESERVATION POLICY

Reservations are required for all Club social events. Reservations for á 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 vou 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.

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.

