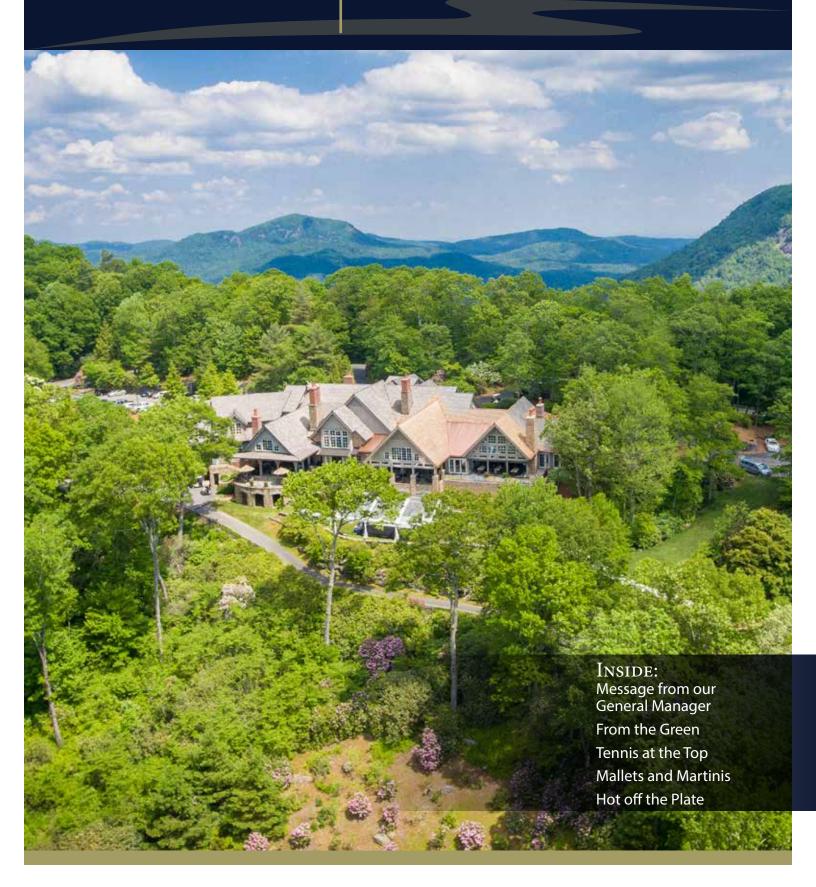
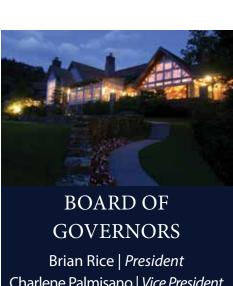


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GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE | by Chris Conner, CCM

What a summer so far! I hope you have had many opportunities to get outside and enjoy the glorious weather we are all experiencing at Cullasaja Club. Our moderate climate may be a big draw, but so is the abundance of exciting events for you and your family to enjoy. A brief look inside this newsletter will show you the robust activities and events we have planned for your enjoyment in August and beyond.

Charles and his team have created a full schedule of golf related activities this month including the Whiteside Challenge Cup vs. OEI, the monthly Saturday Shoot-Out, the WGA Three Queens and



a King, the WGA Member-Guest, and a WGA 9-Hole Interclub Challenge. We hope you will find time in your schedule to participate in all of these fun events during the month. Tom and his group will no doubt have the course in pristine shape all month long.

Steve, Robie, Rocky, Chef Marie and Chef Tzu, and their teams have been very busy in our Food and Beverage department. There is no doubt the newly renovated clubhouse has encouraged more use and we are very happy seeing you enjoy the new spaces. Mark your calendars for the next Summer Series Night Featuring a Las Vegas theme. Next, make sure you sign up for a Lobster Dinner and Super Saturday Drawing all occurring this month. We also are happy to have the third annual Rocky's Tailgate Party and our monthly Farmers' Market at the end of the month. Look for more details in the future on all of these events via email.

Our croquet program continues to grow with daily opportunities to pick up the mallet and try the remarkable sport. You have many opportunities each week to enjoy the fun-filled game with others in a social environment. Simply stop by the croquet lawn on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. and enjoy our entertaining Mallets and Martinis with hors d'oeuvres and open bar. There is also a Sunday afternoon play group as well as Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. Stop by and see Terry to learn more about the wonderful game of golf croquet.

Wellness and fitness doesn't take a breather during August and Noelle and Manu will continue to provide outstanding fitness based classes, massage therapy and invigorating hikes during the month. Make sure you view the current schedule inside the newsletter and get involved, stay healthy and enjoy this amazing amenity.

Thank you again for your support of the Cullasaja Club and being a special part of our Club's remarkable culture. We firmly believe our members to be the most genuine and friendly group of people on the mountain and the entire staff counts their blessings each day to be able to serve you and see you enjoy all the Club has to offer. We are having an amazing year and your involvement is paramount to our continued success. I wish you a continued wonderful summer full of remarkable and memorable moments.

Best Regards,

Chris Conner | General Manager / COO



UPCOMING WELLNESS HAPPENINGS!



ROLLERBALL WELLNESS WORKSHOP Monday, August 5th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. \$10 per person, advanced sign up required

Interested in learning a little about the aromatic/medicinal/ therapeutic qualities of essential oils? How about how to make and take your own essential oil blend to fit your personal needs? This workshop will touch on these and other experiences with essential oils. RSVP in advance by contacting Noelle or Zoe.



BEND N'BUBBLES ON THE LAWN Friday, August 16th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Complimentary, RSVP required

Enjoy this yoga practice focused on mindfulness and moderation on and off the mat. Toast your bending with others and a refreshing glass of champagne. RSVP in advance if you can attend.



HIKE TO SECRET FALLS Saturday, August 10th at 10:30 am

This is a great hike that ends with a beautiful and undiscovered waterfall. It is a roughly 1.3 mile, moderately trafficked, in and out trail deep in the woods off

Walking Stick Road down in Horse Cove. The hike is perfect for all skill levels and is sure to be enjoyable. RSVP in advance by contacting Noelle or Zoe and join Manu and Noelle as they lead the hike. We will meet at the Wellness Center at 10:30 a.m. and then venture down together to the trailhead, which is 15 minutes away.

Noelle Platt | Wellness Director | 828-526-2939 wellness@cullasaja-club.com

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2019:

MONDAY

7 am Self Guided Spin 8:30 am 20/20/20 ** 9:30 am Strength & Movement **10 am Water Aerobics**

TUESDAY

10 am Total Body Circuit ** 11 am Yoga 2 pm C.B.S **

WEDNESDAY

7 am Self Guided Spin

8:30 am 20/20/20 ** 9:30 am Zumba 10 am Water Aerobics

THURSDAY

10 am Pilates Remix** 11 am Yoga 2 pm C.B.S**

FRIDAY

7 am Self Guided Spin 8:30 am Gentle Stretch Yoga** 9:30 am Strength & Movement 10 am Water Aerobics

SATURDAY

11 am Yoga With Noelle

** Denotes \$5 Per Person

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW by Amy Fine

PLEASE GIVE A BIG CULLASAJA CLUB

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST TWO NEW MEMBERS

OF THE 2019 SEASON. WE WELCOME DALE &

JEANNIE WOLF AND DAVID & BARBARA JAY TO

THE CULLASAJA FAMILY

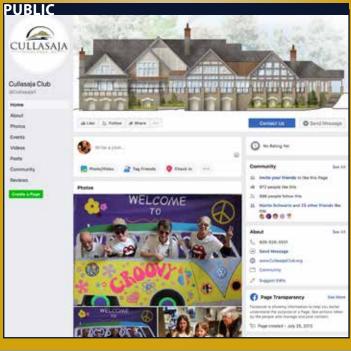
- 1] David & Barbara Jay Boca Raton, FL
- 2] Dale & Jeannie Wolf Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

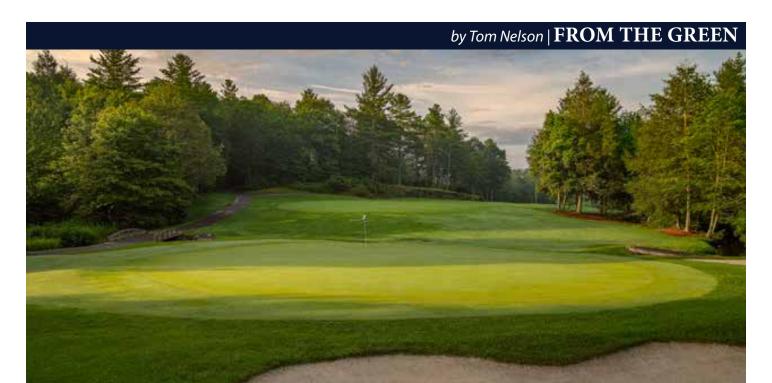
FUN FACTS

DID YOU KNOW CULLASAJA CLUB HAS TWO FACEBOOK PAGES?

One is a private Facebook page that is restricted for use only by our Members. The 2nd Facebook page is public and is visible by all who utilize Facebook. This page is where we showcase the Club in an effort to attract new Members.







GREEN SPEED Green speed is always a hot topic on any golf course. Some players prefer lightening fast speeds and others find it more enjoyable to have greens on the slower side. A target green speed should always first be based on the architectural design features, i.e. overall size of the greens, the degree of slope and size of cuppable areas. The next controlling factor should be the average skill level of the clientele. When greens are too fast for both the contours and average skill level, it is proven that both pace of play and scores will go up.

Almost all clubs will agree upon a desired green speed that satisfies the majority of the members. The Superintendent will do everything in his/ her control to keep the greens on the target each day. Herein lies the challenge. Greens are living, breathing stands of turf that will react to many different variables. While we can control things like mowing height, grooming, rolling, brushing, topdressing, aerification, etc. we cannot control environmental conditions. Rainfall is the most obvious weather influence but other more subtle variances can have a huge impact on ball roll. Periods of high humidity will always lead to reduced green speeds due to the fact that the plants don't dry out, leaving more leaf tissue to create more friction. On the opposite end of the spectrum, a high sky, breezy day will cause the leaves to shrink up, reducing friction and leading to significant

increases in speeds as the day wears on. Decisions are typically based on weather forecasts which, as we all know, are not 100% reliable.

Over the years, the Green Committee at Cullasaja has determined that a stimpmeter speed of 10' 6" is the ideal speed for our greens for both daily play and tournaments. In reality, we work within a 2' range of 9' 6" to 11' 6" since it is simply impossible to "set" the greens at one speed every single day. We hope you enjoy the greens every time you play and understand that, with so many variables, there will always be some fluctuation in speed from day to day; however our goal is to stay consistently near 10' 6".

NEW 'LEAVE THE PIN IN' RULE

As I'm sure you are aware by now, the USGA and R&A have altered the rules to allow leaving the pin in while putting. This was done in an effort to simplify procedures and speed up play. One unintended consequence we have noticed is that the edges of the cups are being damaged by players retrieving their balls from the cup with the pin still in. It is a small space to try to delicately remove the ball without your knuckles depressing the edges of the cup.

As a courtesy to your fellow member, we ask that you pull the pin out to remove the balls, taking care to not damage the edges of the cup.



GOODBYE JULY! July brought us great times with great friends! We had a lot of fun events and crowned a lot of new champions! I want to thank everyone for your continued support of our golf tournaments. We can't have successful events without the help of our outstanding members!

We had multiple divisions compete in this year's Flag Day event on July 4th. Congratulations to all of our champions: Gold & Blue Tee Division Champion ~Connor Markham, Black, Hybrid & White Tee Division Champion ~Chris Rene, Red Tee Division Champion ~Berty Fransen.

Mother Nature had other plans for this year's Divots & Drinks event. We had a lot of people interested in participating and will try again in the future. Even though we were unable to fill divots, Nathan Davidson put on an amazing magic act. We look forward to hosting him again.

Congratulations to Jamie Pimentel and Mark Nantz for winning this month's Golf Shootout. They defeated a deep field this afternoon in exciting fashion. Jamie and Mark made a nice two putt on the final playoff hole to beat the strong team of Doug and Monica Treadwell. Congratulations to Jamie and Mark, and the Dunwody family on a great performance!

Our Sunday Couples' event on July 21st was host to 32 players. This exciting event was a four-person scramble. All men started play from the black tees and all ladies started play from the red tees. If the team made a birdie, each player had to move back a tee box. If the team made a bogey, each player had to move up a tee box. The field all got to experience parts of the course they had never seen! Congratulations to Berty & Victor Fransen and Barbara & Gary Roberts for the win!



WGA | Women's Golf Association



OUR WGA HAS A VERY BUSY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE THIS AUGUST.

Please sign up online for these exciting events.

UPCOMING WGA EVENTS:

Thursday, August 1st
18 HOLE INTERCLUB AT CULLASAJA CLUB

Tuesday, August 6th
9 & 18 HOLERS TOGETHER 9:00 AM
SHOTGUN FROM THE FAMILY TEES

Friday & Saturday, August 9th & 10th CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday, August 13th
THREE QUEENS AND A KING

August 22nd & 23rd WGA MEMBER GUEST

Tuesday, August 27th OPEN



9 & DINE COUPLES' GOLF Sunday, August 4th Shotgun Start at 4:00 pm

Come out and enjoy golf with friends while tasting food from around the world as determined by our international culinary interns! Format is a four person scramble which ensures camaraderie and fun. Call the Golf Shop quickly to sign up as this is limited to the first 36 players.

CALLAWAY DEMO DAY

Wednesday, August 7th 12 Noon – 4:00 pm

Callaway is launching its new line of ultra-light equipment, Epic Flash Star.

Come on out and experience the lightest drivers and fairway woods currently produced!

2019 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday & Saturday, August 9th & 10TH Tee Times beginning at 9:00 am Cost \$50 (See Flyer)

MEN'S FLIGHTS

Championship Flight – Gold Tees, Medal Play Cullasaja Flight – Blue & Black Tees, Stableford Points

Senior Flight – White Tees, Stableford Points Super Senior Flight – Green Tees, Stableford Points (9 Holes)

LADIES' FLIGHTS

Championship Flight – Red Tees, Medal Play Cullasaja Flight – Red Tees, Stableford Points 9-Hole Flight – Red Tees, Stableford Points Sign up in the Golf Shop today!

SATURDAY NIGHT SHOOTOUT Saturday, August 17th at 4:00 pm \$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.

WHITESIDE CUP MATCHES
VS. "MEN'S HOME & HOME"
Thursday, August 15TH at Cullasaja Club &
Thursday, August 22ND at Old Edwards Club
Cost: \$50 per person (includes carts & lunch)

Two Cullasaja Club members will play two Old Edwards Club members in an 18-hole Nassau. One point will be awarded for the front nine. One point will be awarded for the back nine. One point will be awarded for the 18 hole total. The winning team retains the trophy and bragging rights. Sign up in the Golf Shop. Space is limited to the first twelve to sign up!





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 1:00 pm

Tuesday: WGA 18 Holers at 9:00 am

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

Wednesday: Twilight Golf at 4:00 pm

Thursday: Warren's Warriors at 9:00 am

9 Hole Men at 10:00 am Pearce Group at 11:00 am

Friday: Quota Match at 9:30 am

Saturday: BMD at 9:20 am

9-Hole Men at 10:00 am Captains & Dogs at 10:30 am

WGA at 11:30 am



MEN'S DOUBLES INVITATIONAL WAS A HUGE **SUCCESS:** This year, we had 7 teams entered into the Men's Doubles Invitational. This event saw 7 very evenly matched teams competing in a round robin rotation. We had 3 teams playing at the upper courts and 4 teams playing at the lower courts. At the end of regulation play, the winners from the upper level played a tiebreaker against the winners at the lower level. The winners at the upper level were Rick Eichman and Paul Pavlis and the winners at the lower level were Larry Ainsworth and Mike Buchanan. Larry Ainsworth and Mike Buchanan won the Championship in a very hard fought tiebreaker. Congratulations to our Champions and thanks to everyone who competed in this great event that day.

ATH OF JULY HOLIDAY MIXERS SAW RECORD NUMBERS OF PLAYERS: On the 4th of July, we had 22 tennis players show up to play in our Stars & Stripes holiday mixer. Later that weekend, we offered our very popular Strawberries & Cream holiday mixer. It was truly a great day for the tennis program. We had 31 players who showed up to play that morning. This event is so popular, for next season we will probably have to have two separate starting times just to break down the size of the crowd. Thanks to my summer helpers, Seth and Heather. They ran the event at the lower courts and I ran the event at the upper courts. Thanks to all of our members, their family members and their guests for making this mixer great again this year.

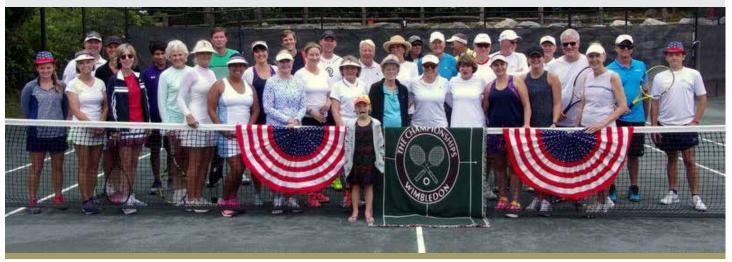
THE 2019 TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES IS **OFF AND RUNNING:** During the month of July, we always try to get in all 3 Tennis Championships. As of this writing, the only event that has been played was the Men's Doubles Tennis Championship. This year, we had 8 evenly matched men who participated in this event. We played a round robin rotation of partners and opponents so nobody had an unfair advantage. All of the matches were very close and you guys are all winners in my heart but, like I say, you can only have two Champions. So, at the end of regulation play, the Champions were Larry Ainsworth and Rick Eichman. Congratulations to our newly crowned 2019 Men's Doubles Champions and thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event. The Mixed Doubles and the Ladies' Doubles events had to be rescheduled so I will let you know next month who won the other two Championships.

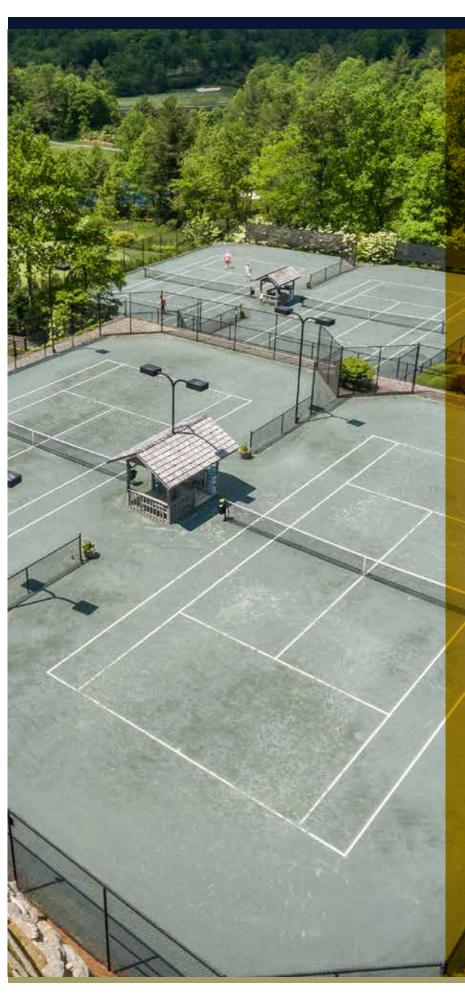
BEST OF THE BEST TENNIS CHALLENGE ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST: All of you like to see a good tennis match or at least it seemed that way when we did the Battle of the Sexes Matches. This year, I am in the process of rounding up 4 strong ladies to go head to head in a best 2 out of 3 sets match. Currently, we have some of the strongest ladies in the area right here playing tennis at Cullasaja. This will be some great tennis so come out and watch. This year, we are breaking from tradition and playing the matches from 10:00 am until noon. Perhaps after the tennis we can have a poolside cookout. More information on this event will follow via email so be sure and check those emails and don't miss this exciting event.



THE TENNIS EVENT OF THE 2019 SEASON!

OUR ANNUAL MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON: Please make plans now to join us for the premier tennis event of the 2019 season. Please let me know now if you need for me to get you a partner for this marquis event. The ladies' event is up first, followed the next day by the men's event. This is a great opportunity to invite one of your friends to show off our beautiful club and our great tennis facility. I feel sure we will see some great tennis matches and afterwards the members and their guests will all go up to the Clubhouse for a very special luncheon prepared by Chef Marie.





LADIES' MEMBER/GUEST TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON Friday, August 16th at 10:00 am

MEN'S MEMBER/GUEST TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON Saturday, August 17th at 10:00 am

UPCOMING TENNIS EVENTS:

LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT THE **TENNIS CENTER:** For Labor Day Weekend, our tennis mixer is "Doubles Domination" Round Robin and Social Mixer. For this fun filled mixer you play 4 games each round. It's all about Doubles for this event. We will offer Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, but then hold on to your hat, we will also offer Mixed Doubles. 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.

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Saturday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m.

You may play with a fellow member or invite a guest, whatever works best for you, as it's your choice. If you need help securing a partner please let me know.

GOLF/TENNIS COMBO TOURNAMENT:

Friday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Make plans now to join us for this funfilled event. The day starts off with a Tennis Round Robin, then lunch, followed by a 9-hole Golf Scramble.



MEET ME AT THE 4032 MARKET We are officially halfway through the 2019 season and have had a ton of fun along the way. I hope that everyone has had the chance to get down by the pool during the heat wave of July and enjoy some of the summer cocktails Christine has been serving up down there, with continued drink service to 5pm Thursday – Sunday. I also hope that you have had the chance to come and enjoy one of the many celebrations we have hosted at the clubhouse, showcasing the new areas and the great food Chef Marie and her team have been preparing for us.

I also would like to encourage everyone to come and "Meet Me at the Market". Beginning Thursday, August 2nd and continuing every Thursday in August at 9:00 am, come and meet for a half-priced breakfast sandwich and coffee. Come and get acquainted with what we are offering and how we can brighten your mornings with great breakfast options and coffee creations. Natalie Jacks, whom you might remember from the Fairway Café, is setting the scene for a relaxing morning in the new 4032 Market. This area is equipped with many tech device charging stations for those who like to read on a tablet,

plus there are daily newspapers and magazines for you to enjoy. Come and have a cup of Joe by the fire on those cool mornings and see what we can do for you.

Also, be on the lookout for all things social on the August calendar. Summer Series #2 on the 3rd will be taking us to fabulous Las Vegas as we invite you to come and take down the house. Our 9 & Dine Couples' Golf event on the 4th is always a member favorite. Steve Pignatiello will be showcasing some of his wonderful Burgundy imports on the 8th. We will be hosting the Lobster Dinner on the 15th here at the clubhouse so we can accommodate the large numbers of diners we have been seeing this season. And don't forget to practice your fight songs and anthems as we are only 1 month away from celebrating college football with Rocky on the lawn.

Finally, be sure to come and see us for all things wine related. We appreciate the opportunities that we have to help each and every one of you enjoy wines from around the world, no matter your experience or taste preferences. Come and have a glass with us soon.

Steve Sheridan | Food and Beverage Director



Championship.

CROQUET INTER-CLUB MATCHES: This year, we have only played against two teams. We lost to Wildcat at home but we won at Chattooga Club in Cashiers. Inter club schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows:

CULLASAJA @ HIGHLANDS FALLS
Thursday, August 8th

CULLASAJA @ CEDAR CREEK CLUB
Thursday, August 15th

TRILLIUM @ CULLASAJA CLUB
Thursday, September 19th

I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in competing in an inter-club to sign up and play. We want to give everyone who wants to play the opportunity to play in one of these last 3 matches. This is a great way to see other clubs and facilities here in the area as well as to meet others who share your love for croquet.

BIG EVENTS IN AUGUST

CULLASAJA CUP CROQUET TOURNAMENT Thursday, August 1st and Friday, August 2nd.

This event is a team concept with around 8 players forming a team. They will compete against another team of equal ability over the two days. The final matches will be played on Friday. We are still working out the details for this event. We will send out an email as we get closer to the event, which will allow you to enter the competition. The teams will be limited to probably no more than 8 players per team. This means for the two teams we can only accept 16 participants. After we have firmed up all of the participants, we are thinking we will have a pairing party and let team captains alternate picking players for their individual teams.





LAST EVENT IN THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES:

MIXED DOUBLES CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP Monday, August 12th

This event will be played with set teams competing against each other in a round robin of opponents.

SADIE HAWKINS MIXER Tuesday, August 20th

The ladies get to choose who their partner will be for the event. You must sign up ahead of time for this fun-filled mixer. The draw is limited to 48 players or 24 teams. Leave your whites at home and come on down to this Country Shindig. Everyone is invited to come over and watch, even if you don't want to play, and you are also invited for the food portion of the event.

HIGHLANDS CUP AT HIGHLANDS FALLS Wednesday, August 28th

Our team from Cullasaja goes head to head with the other 3 teams here in Highlands. This could be our year to bring home the gold.



CROQUET LAWN ETIQUETTE

- 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 that those who make advanced reservations have priority on the lawn.







COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE AT CHATTOOGA: Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th

In this event Cullasaja sends its very best players to compete against the best players from other clubs in the area. This year, I believe there will be 10 teams entered into the competition. 5 will play at Toxaway and the other 5 will play at Chattooga and the winners from each location will meet at Lake Toxaway for the Championship.

END OF SEASON CROQUET BANQUET: Tuesday, September 24th

This event will be held down at the croquet lawn. The awards presentations, play and food & beverage will all be held at this location just like we did last year.









