

# Piedmont Men's Golf Association



(PMGA)



Newsletter

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## **Message from the President: John Munies**

The 2009 season is upon us and we are all looking forward to a great season that continuously improves our service offerings, and provides a forum to build long lasting relationships. The PMGA is very focused on maximizing the value for our members and validating the choice that you make with your participation at each of our upcoming events.

I am truly honored to have your confidence to work with a 2009-2010 PMGA Board that is committed to the core values of Sportsmanship, camaraderie, communications, networking and our golf programs. The 2009 Board has recommended new activities and refinements to our most popular events. Be proactive with your feedback on what is working and we can do to improve the overall experience. In addition, please support our sponsors. They give their time and money each and every year and without them, we would have real financial challenges to offer the prizes and tournament services that make our events truly special.

For our new members, please reach out to them and make them feel welcomed. It has not been that long since we were all new to Piedmont and each one of us probably has a fond memory of those who went out of their way to introduce us to new members. It's been only 4 years since my family moved down to VA and I feel privileged and to be a member of this association and honored to have your trust to work with an incredible group of Board Members who care so much about the PMGA experience.

Finally, I would be remiss in my first update if I did not pass along an observation on my predecessor, Steve Brown. I had a front row seat to Steve's vision, passion and leadership as he led the PMGA over the last two years and took our core values and service offerings to new heights. Steve did truly an outstanding job and we are all very lucky to have Steve remain on the Board and lead our B Team plus represent the PMGA to the Community.

## **Message from the Board:**

Congratulations to John Munies and Tom Mapp for their elections to the offices of President and Treasurer respectively. Your 2009 MGA Board Members and contact information are provided below:

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### **2009 Calendar of Events:**

- March 6<sup>th</sup> - MGA Season Opening Social (7:15 -10:00 Club Ballroom)
- March 28<sup>th</sup> - A-B-C-D Tournament (**Monty to send out special registration guidance**)
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday Night League Starts (5:00 start in April; 5:30 start after 1 May)
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Gold – Blue – White Tournament
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - Ringer Tournament 2009 Starts (Additional details to follow)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Stableford Tournament
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - Member Guest Calcutta
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - 6-6-6 Tournament
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – LGA “Rally for the Cure”
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Poker Event (Details to follow)
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 Man Scramble
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Night League Shootout
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Piedmont Cup
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – 2 Man MGA Championship Tournament
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Ringer Tournament ends

The events listed above are provided as anticipated events. Any ideas or suggestions regarding formats or event announcements and sponsorships are welcome. Please contact our Tournament Chairman, **Craig Burnett**, if you have any questions on our tournament formats or ideas for improving our competition. Craig's email is: [legend33fan@hotmail.com](mailto:legend33fan@hotmail.com).

### **Financial Update: Tom Mapp**

The FY08 budget (3/1/2008 – 2/28/2009) is projected to have an ending balance of approximately \$2,600. We use this ending balance each year to fund the initial events for the upcoming fiscal year which begins in March. Our projected budget for FY09 is \$50,000. This is funded from a combination of member dues (36%), Sponsor donations 18%, Piedmont Cup (39%), and misc. donations (5%). Your financial support is vital to our 2009 programs. Thanks for your support.

### **Wednesday Night League Update: Mark Gobbi and Tom Huard**

The 2009 Wednesday Night League is scheduled to begin Wednesday April 1st and will continue through Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to ease the administrative and management burden of coordinating these evenings, the board has implemented the following changes/clarifications for this season:

- A MGA Board Member will be present at the starting tee each week 15 minutes prior to start time to collect each participant's fee for the evening. The Board Member will play in the last group of the evening, teeing off approximately 45 minutes after the first group. Our Board Members have agreed

to take on this additional duty this year to ensure that week in and week out our Wed. events run smoothly. Please give them your support for the time that they donate to the PMGA.

- Starting time in April will be **5:00**. Starting time will move to **5:30** beginning 1 May. For those golfers wishing to play 18, please coordinate your starting times so that you will be making the turn during the 45 minute fee collection time period. Only those golfers whose names are on the nightly sheet will be eligible for recording a WNL scores or participation in nightly payouts.
- In order to facilitate pace of play, every attempt will be made to shotgun all groups ready to play at the start of the round.
- The evening fee will be \$20 per man and will include participation in the birdie pool
- Each person must pay their fee prior to teeing off.

### **Pro Shop Update, Head Professional, John Montgomery:**

As previously announced, the Pro Shop is moving its tournament registration and handicap postings from the Goft.net system to the GHIN network. The handicap portion is now in place ready for the opening of Virginia's posting season on Sunday March 1st. However, the tournament sign-up migration will not be released from the VSGA until late March and will thus push on-line registrations for events out to April before the new network is operational. In the mean time, we will work closely with the Pro Shop to develop an interim plan for tournament registrations to keep our events running smoothly. Monty will be posting an update in the weekly emails in the next couple of weeks

### **Golf Course Update: Superintendent, Stephen Britton:**

- **Tee Markers**

This winter we pulled in our tee markers for their annual re-staining and painting. The tee markers were in poor shape so we decided to make our own modeled around the "Augusta" style tee markers. The tee markers were made out of cedar trees from around our golf course and should be a nice addition to the tees in 2009.

- **Log Benches**



Given the large number of walkers we have at this club, this winter we have been building log benches for the blue and red tees on the golf course. These benches have been cut from red and white oaks from the golf course. The bench tops have been sanded down and a layer of polyurethane has been applied to avoid splinters.

- **Flagsticks**



Another addition to the course this year will be the Smart Stick flagsticks. In conjunction with the Pro Shop selling the Laser Link range finders the flagsticks on the golf course will now have reflectors built into them to help the range finders pick up the flag distance.

- **Conclusion**

As always we need to continue focusing on high priority areas to allocate labor and expenses. These areas are obviously the playing surfaces, e.g. Tee, Fairways, Greens and Bunkers. I would like to continue to grow out areas in the rough that are not directly in play to help focus the labor to the playing surfaces.

I'm sure all of you have noticed the road works to Old Carolina Road. This road expansion has called for us to remove our net whilst utility easements are being installed along the right side of the range. To cut a long story short, once the easements are in place a new taller net will be installed along the right side and our old net will be re-installed along the back of the range. Whilst the range is closed we have decided to take advantage of this time and expand our grass tee out in front of the current tee. This will double the area of grass surface and weather permitting will allow use to keep the grass tees open Wednesday-Sunday every week, all year. The new tee will be lower and look two tiered. We have also been granted permission by the county to remove the net in front of the cemetery which will help shift play away from the road and down the center of the range. The pine trees that were in front of the cemetery net have been removed and installed along the back of the cement pad where the mats are used. These trees were installed to help block wind and add some privacy to the range tee. I appreciate your patience while the range is closed and hopefully if all goes to plan (I'm at the mercy of the utility companies) the range will re-open no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 B-Team Update, Steve Brown:**

Piedmont's B Team is seeking our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive division title this year, and the goal is to win our second league championship! Also this year, I scheduled two exhibition matches hoping to give our new guys a taste of the action. We will have a meeting in early March for all MGA members interested in competing on

the B Team. To be eligible to play, you must be a MGA member in good standing with a handicap between 5 and 15. Keep checking your email for the date, time and location.

The Northern Virginia B Team League is a unique entity for competitive golf. It is designed to allow the mid-range (5 – 15 handicappers') golfer an environment of highly competitive golf in a match play format. The match format is two-man teams competing against our opponent's two-man team. Each match consists of 3 teams playing at home and three teams playing away. Scoring is one point for holes won and one-half point for holes halved. With six teams competing, there are 108 points available for every match. It takes 54.5 points for a win. League standings are based on won-lost record with 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. The second place team in each division is the team with the most total match points.

After each match, we retreat to the clubhouse to enjoy food and beverage and the camaraderie of our opponents. Each team plays an 8 match schedule from April through August. Eight teams qualify for the playoffs that start in August. The divisions for this year:

St. Andrews Conference		Royal Troon Conference	
Hogan Division	Snead Division	Palmer Division	Nelson Division
Belle Haven	Washington Golf	Belmont	Piedmont
International	Stoneleigh	Hidden Creek	Dominion Valley
Lowes Island	Westwood	Army-Navy	Chantilly
Fairfax	Evergreen	Mt. Vernon	Lansdowne
Springfield	River Creek	River Bend	Heritage Hunt

**Piedmont Schedule:**

- Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Stoneleigh (exhibition)
- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Mt. Vernon
- Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Piedmont vs. Hidden Creek
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. River Bend
- Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Army Navy
- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Chantilly
- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Heritage Hunt
- Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Washington Golf & Country Club (exhibition)
- Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Dominion Valley
- Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> - Piedmont vs. Lansdowne

Keep track of our progress throughout the season, standings and statistics are available for view on the official Northern Virginia B Team website:

<http://www.novabteam.users5.50megs.com/index.htm>

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**Community Outreach Update:**

**MGA College Scholarship:** We again plan to support our annual college scholarship program for a worthy club employee who is attending, or plans to attend, College in the Fall of 2009. Applications will go out in the Spring of 2009. The 2009 recipient will be selected in July of 2009.

**Battlefield High School Sponsorship:** The MGA has raised \$250 to the Battlefield High School Golf Team in 2008. We raised another \$200 in early 2009 through our MGA Super Bowl Pool. We will provide this to the Golf Team in the Spring of 2009.

**Rally For the Cure:** The MGA continues to support this important effort year after year. In addition to supporting the event with our members, we contributed \$500 towards their fund raising goals in 2008 and plan to donate again in 2009.

**Fire Victims Fund:** The support from our membership was truly remarkable. In less than 2 weeks, the MGA raised \$1,200 for the impacted family with the much needed funds. Their appreciation to the MGA cannot be properly expressed in words or this news letter. You all were awesome in the time of need!

**Sponsorship Update, Dave Taylor and Brian Frye:**

We cannot provide the level of service and quality without the support of our sponsors. Please show your full support to the Companies that provide support to the PMGA. We need more in 2009 and will be planning new programs to connect our members with the great sponsors who fuel our events!!!! Contact Dave Taylor or Brian Frye if you have an interest in being a 2009 Sponsor. Dave's email is: [dtaylor@omega-floors.com](mailto:dtaylor@omega-floors.com) and Bryan's is [btfrye@cox.net](mailto:btfrye@cox.net).



Additional Sponsors: **Dave Taylor**, Omega Floors, **Kirk Fox**, 2008 MGA College Scholarship Chair, **Pete Webb**, Harvey Insurance and Financial Services.

Please contact **Doug Boufford** with suggestions for improving or enhancing our communications! Doug's email address is: [Doug.Boufford@gdit.com](mailto:Doug.Boufford@gdit.com)

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