

The Glade Springs Villager



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Matt Felber, Director of Golf



Hello GSVPOA members,

As your PGA Director of Golf, I am happy to see our members and guests enjoying our Stonehaven and Woodhaven courses. I am writing this just days before what I hope is our last winter weather episode. The staff has continued to do our best verifying emails, phone numbers, property addresses and other information to keep our EZLinks tee sheet accurate. One thing that has started to work well from the administrative side of the Pro Shop is collecting the names of member groups a day or two before the tee time. This is different from

the past year but is absolutely needed. I appreciate those that have emailed or called with names or adjustments ahead of time. THANK YOU!! This also is incredibly helpful to send out email alerts directly from our EZTee platform. When we only have a single name to hold multiple times that is the only person who will receive email notification of frost delay, course maintenance and other alerts necessary to keep everyone informed.

We are still selling 2021 trail passes for privately owned carts through the Woodhaven Pro Shop. Trail stickers can only be sold to members in "good standing" that own their cart. Please keep in mind that the trail fee sticker must be adhered to the cart for use on the golf course. Trail passes are non-transferable between multiple carts. This year we will also be diligent to make sure that fees are properly collected for guests on the Stonehaven and Woodhaven courses. We all need to be sure they are correct so the POA gathers the revenue to needed to make our golf courses, POA areas and community activities the best we can offer. As always, we want to make safety a priority for our community areas including our golf courses and cart paths. Knowing we have some quite severe elevation drops on our paths and grass areas let's be careful while operating golf carts this year.

Nathan and I have discussed and approved opening Stonehaven on Mondays after 4:00pm and Woodhaven on Tuesdays after 4:00pm to members in "good

standing” with privately owned carts and the current POA trail passes only. If you would like to take advantage of this, please call the Woodhaven Pro Shop so we can put you on the tee sheet and collect the needed round breakdown data.

Good luck to all and let us have a great 2021 golf season!

Matt Felber, PGA
Director of Golf



Nathan Armstrong *Golf Course Superintendent*

Hello GSVPOA Members,

I know that you are never thrilled to arrive at the golf course, only to find out that the maintenance staff has just aerated the greens. Our goal is to provide you with excellent playing conditions on a daily basis. However, we also need to provide an environmentally sustainable golf course so that we can enjoy those excellent playing conditions for years to come.

Aerating putting greens creates a short-term disruption to your game, but the long-term benefits greatly outweigh the inconvenience. Learning more about why we aerate putting greens can make it easier to be patient during the process. Here are 5 things from the USGA that every golfer should know about aeration:

1. We aerate to improve, not annoy – Putting greens receive more traffic than any other playing surface. The aeration process helps relieve the compaction caused by all that traffic. It also helps create a firm, smooth putting surface by controlling thatch and promoting healthy turf roots.
2. Scratch the thatch – Thatch is a layer of old plant material that accumulates at the soil surface. If thatch on putting greens is not diluted by aeration and topdressing, it will act like a sponge, holding water near the



surface. Excessive thatch creates soft playing conditions, inconsistent greens speeds and increases the risk of disease.

3. **Timing is everything** – Do you ever wonder why aeration is commonly performed when putting greens are playing their best? Aerating when grass is healthy and actively growing minimizes damage and allows for a quick return to optimal playing conditions. Aerating at other times may be more convenient for the golf schedule, but it lengthens recovery times, increases risk of an invasion of weeds and could cause lasting damage.

4. **Its not as bad as you think** – It may seem like there are more holes than grass on the putting greens right after they've been aerated, but this is an illusion. Typically, aeration affects less than 10 percent of a putting surface.

5. **Sand is part of the plan** – A heavy application of topdressing following aeration may appear to make putting greens less playable. However, filling aeration holes with sand actually helps create a smoother surface. Sand also creates channels for water and air movement, dilutes thatch and helps putting greens recover from aeration more quickly.

Stonehaven and Woodhaven will be closed for aerification as follows:

- Stonehaven May 3-6 and August 23-26
- Woodhaven May 11-14 and August 31-September 3

I hope that you have enjoyed the golf courses so far this season. It has been a pleasure to talk to those that I have encountered as I have been out and about on the courses. Many of you have taken the time to let the staff know how much you appreciate their hard work. Which goes a long way towards lifting their spirits and motivating them to continue to work hard for you the membership. Remember to give them a friendly wave as you go by where they are working.

Thank You,

Nathan Armstrong
Golf Course Superintendent

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Updated Rules and Regulations

The ACC Committee has completed a revision to the Village Rules and Regulations. Hopefully, these updates will make the document easier to read and interpret. They were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors during the April board meeting. They can be found on our website at www.gladespringspoa.com under the About Glade Springs, Governing Documents section. A separate email announcing the changes was sent to the membership in April. The ACC Committee and Security will be enforcing the rules with letters and potential fines for violations.

News From Lake Chatham

The first Dam Social of the year was held on Wednesday, April 7. The turnout was fantastic as we reconnected with many old friends and met some new neighbors. The socials will continue throughout the summer on the first Wednesday of each month. Upcoming Socials are May 5 and June 3.

Questions? Please contact John and Betty Callender: Bcallender@yahoo.com or jecallender2@gmail.com



On April 7th we stocked 350 White Amurs in Chatham Lake. The common name for this fish is Grass Eating Carp, and they are used to control plant growth in lakes and ponds. In Chatham Lake, we have a fast growing invasive plant called hydrilla, and we are using these fish to control it and keep it from taking over the lake.

The White Amurs are native to the Amur River in the extreme climates of Siberia, and they eat only plants. Fishermen won't have any luck catching them because they're not interested in your typical fishing bait. The fish that we stocked are sterile, and they live for 20-30 years, reaching a size of around 50-60 pounds. Interestingly, the sterile fish are produced by a brief pressure treatment of their fertilized eggs.



Usage and Safety Regulations

Lake Use

- Chatham Lake is for the exclusive use of Glade Springs residents, property owners, and their guests. (Guests must be accompanied by resident or property owner.)
- Residents and property owners are responsible for their guests' actions.
- Use lake at your own risk.

Boating

- All state and federal boating regulations apply to Chatham Lake in addition to the POA regulations.
- All residents, property owners, or guests must have a lake-use permit for their motorized boats. These permits may be obtained at the POA office by filling out a registration form and paying a fee. The sticker must be displayed on the port (left) side of the boat.
- Non-motorized watercraft do not need a lake use permit.
- No boat exceeding 28 ft. in length shall be permitted on the lake unless approved by the POA.
- The following watercraft will not be permitted on the lake: houseboats (having living quarters), boats with toilet facilities, and "unconventional craft" such as jet skis, water bikes, wave runners, drag boats, hydro planes, power racing boats, or jet propelled water craft.
- Persons under age 12 may not operate a motor boat unless accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older.
- The entire lake is a "no wake zone;" speeds shall not exceed 5 miles per hour.
- No excessive noise, regardless of source, is permitted; no disruptive behavior is allowed on the lake or dock area.

Swimming

- No lifeguards are present; swim at your own risk.
- Swimmers and persons on the boat dock need to be aware of the hazards to them of oncoming boats and stay clear of approaching boats.
- It is recommended that "long distance" swimmers wear a life jacket or tether some type of floatation device to themselves when swimming.

Fishing

- Fishing at Chatham Lake is catch and release.
- Stocking of fish in the lake, without POA permission, is prohibited. Dumping of live bait fish into the lake is also prohibited.
- No trotline, limb line, yo-yo, jug fishing, spear fishing or use of commercial nets is permitted.
- No fishing on Stonehaven and Woodhaven Golf Course ponds.

After Dark at Chatham Lake Boat Dock and Parking Area

- No loitering after dark.

Around the Village....

Yoga

Katrina and Rich Mailloux, owners of Brown Dog Yoga, teach public classes at Performance Physical Therapy on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. They specialize in yoga for golfers and therapeutic yoga. Katrina offers private yoga sessions and small group sessions weekly. For more information, simply email info@browndogyoga.com.

Mahjong

The weekly Wednesday game resumed on May 5. These games are played from 1 to 4 pm. Each week there is a hostess assigned who decides the venue. Those interested in learning to play Mahjong please contact Ying Wei Mulready at yingweimulready@hotmail.com or text (304) 207-1096.

A new class for working women will begin in late May.

Bridge

Weekly Monday social bridge will be played from 1-4 pm. Those interested in learning to play bridge please contact Ying Wei Mulready at yingweimulready@hotmail.com or text (304) 207-1096.

Pickle Ball

If anyone is interested in organizing the POA pickle ball activity please email info@gladespringspoa.com . Last year POA members played pickle ball at the Woodhaven tennis courts on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at either 9:30 or 10 am.

Woodhaven Pool

The pool will is scheduled to open on Friday, May 28 just in time for the Memorial Day weekend. Hours will be posted soon.



Library Hut

The library hut grand opening was a success. Books and ice cream cones were a hit. The next scheduled event is a Puzzle Party for children ages 3 - 10 on Sunday, May 16. Apples are party favors!

The Hut is open on Tuesday's from 6:30 -7:30pm and Sunday's 2:00 - 4:00pm.

Area Hikes - Coal and Railroad History



Click [HERE](#) for

Explore Southern West Virginia's rich history,

- Conveyor Trail – Strenuous, .8 miles
- Kaymoor Miners Trail – Strenuous, 1 mile
- Kaymoor Trail – Moderate, 8.6 miles
- Headhouse Trail – Moderate, .7 miles
- Town Loop Connector Trail – Moderate, .3 miles
- Town Loop Trail – Moderate, .5 miles
- Tipple Trail – Easy, .6 miles
- Seldom Seen Trail – Easy, .3 miles
- Brooklyn Mine Trail – Moderate, 2.7 miles
- Southside Trail – Easy, 7.0 miles
- Rend Trail – Easy, 3.4 miles
- Arbuckle Connector Trail – Strenuous, .3 miles
- Church Loop Trail – Moderate to Strenuous, .1 miles