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## Dates to Remember

- June 2 Special Olympics Tournament
- June 4 Goodwill Outing
- June 5 VSGA Amateur & Open Qualifying
- June 6 Jr. Achievement Outing
- June 9 MGA Bench Tournament
- June 25-29 Junior Golf Camp
- June 30 4th of July Flag Tournament
- July 28, 29 Battle of Botetourt
- August 11 Ladies Member-Guest
- August 25, 26 Men's Member Guest

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## 2007 Men's Member-Guest . . . .

**2007 Men's Member-Guest Invitational is scheduled on August 25-26, 2007.** Invitations will be going out the first week of June.

There are some major changes to this year's event! First, we will only have one morning shotgun start per day. Last year we had 81 teams sign up. This year we will have room for only 60

teams, so it is safe to assume we will sell out quickly. The Golf Staff will number each entry 1-60 as they arrive and then start an alternate list after 60. If you plan to play this year it would be advantageous to get your ducks in a row now!



Second major change to announce.....**All members and their guests must have a verifiable USGA Index.** We **will not accept** entries without a USGA index or a partially completed entry – no exceptions. If we receive your entry partially filled out, then your entry will not be numbered until the missing information is completed. Additionally, we are not responsible for faulty mail delivery. If you mail the entry in, I suggest you follow up with the Golf Shop staff and make sure your entry has been received.

If you are planning to invite a guest that currently does not have a USGA handicap, you need to get the wheels turning ASAP. Establishing a USGA Index is very simple. Most all public facilities throughout the country have a USGA handicap system. You simply pay a minimal annual fee, around \$20, and start entering scores at your home club or the club you play the most. You don't even have to go to the course to post scores. It can be done on-line! Once you have a minimum of five (5) 18 hole scores posted then you have established a USGA handicap. Handicaps established from non USGA certified places, i.e. internet sites and/or leagues will not be accepted. For further assistance on this, please contact the Professional Staff at the Golf Shop.

We look forward to you joining us for another great Member-Guest!

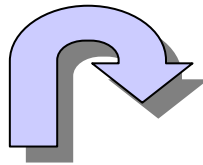
Todd Selkirk, MGA Chairman



# Men's Golf Association. . . .

## 2007 Men's Ashley Cup Results Saturday, April 28th

1st Place	\$102.40	Kurt Kreider—Steve Firebaugh
2nd Place	83.20	Don Eubank—Dick Foster
T-3rd Place	58.88	Billy Blankenship—Fred Walters Jerry Green—Dave Parr Al Freeman—Jim Reeks David Graham—Rick Fuhrman David Vest—Larry Smith
T-8th Place	41.60	Chuck Kennedy—Dennis Laliberte Joe Gaskins—Larry Clegg Ken Tucker—James Bray
T-11th Place	17.60	Will Claytor—Al Twine Troy Metz—Todd Selkirk



Pool Opens Saturday,  
May 26th at 11:00 AM

## Welcome New Members

*Daniel & Angie  
Crouse*

*Donald & Kim  
Eckenroth*

*James Gardner*

*Jimmy Mowles*

*Ted & Sandy  
Murray*

*David Phillips*

### Every Dog Has His Day, and So Do the Ladies!

In an effort to allow more ladies to have the opportunity to play in the Ladies Golf Association, we moved our tee slots to Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 and 5:30 PM. We encourage the 18-holers to start at 3:30 and the 9-holers to chime in at 5:30 so that we can finish up around the same time. While our numbers are fairly small (4-8), everyone seems to be enjoying the change and the chance to leave the boys behind. However, because boys will be boys, we have found that some want to play through or around our groups. Out of respect for each others associations, it would be greatly appreciated if this behavior was avoided. The golf staff can work with you to establish a tee time that will allow everyone to have an enjoyable round.

### No Pull Away Leaders in the Couples Golf league!

Each week brings new faces and a new game for the Couples Golf league. Each week has also brought a new set of winners. Congratulations to everyone who has won so far! Couples are encouraged to come out and join in the fun every Friday evening at 5:30 PM for a 9-hole round of a variety of captains choice formats. Everyone contributes something, at some point, so don't be worried if you're not Tiger and Annika. Call the Pro Shop by Wednesday if you're ready to give it a try.

P.S.- We occasionally have singles looking for a Couples playing partner so toss your name out and maybe we can create a twosome for you.

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Questions frequently arise on what all those numbers mean on the handicap screen when posting a score. Here's some help on the most frequently asked questions. First there are 3 important terms that are good to know starting with the **USGA Index**. A **USGA Index** is the USGA's mark to indicate a measurement of a player's potential scoring ability on a course of a standard difficulty. It is expressed as a number taken to a decimal place, and is used for conversion to a Course Handicap. For example, John Smith's USGA Index is a 17.3 and his home course handicap is a 19. The Index is revised at the beginning of each month and is the standard handicap used for "official" tournaments.

Secondly, **Course (Home) Handicap** is the USGA's mark that indicates the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust his scoring ability to the common level of scratch or 0-handicap golf. So John Smith would get 19 shots at Ashley Plantation to get him to shoot scratch or 0-handicap golf.

Finally, **Instant or "Trend" Index/Home** is a player's current "unofficial" handicap that gives you an idea of what your handicap is after the posting of each score. This is the preferred handicap for casual everyday golf matches since it is a more current assessment of your handicap.

Now sometimes you will see a "**letter**" listed after your score and/or slope/course rating. Explanation:

- P – Penalty score posted by the Handicap Committee for non-posting of a score.
- A – Score shot at an "Away" course.
- T – Tournament score which has more precedence then other scores.
- R – Handicap reduction because of exceptional tournament performance
- I – Posting of a score via the internet.
- C – The combined 9-hole scores.



**Handicap Strokes On Home Course Tees** show what your handicap is from each set of tees. Note: Do not confuse this with your handicap when a different set of tees are being used. If you were to play from a different set of tees than your competitor or the majority of the field in a tournament, then you subtract the difference in the course rating from the 2 different sets of tees and that difference is the adjustment you make to your handicap.

**"Low 10 scores"** is not always the ten lowest scores you will see. Sometimes a score shot from a high slope and course rating (the higher the slope/course rating means tougher golf course) can be considered a better score than lower scores shot from a lower course and slope rating.

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## Rule Tip of the Month . . . .

**SCENARIO:** A player's ball is "scrapped up" after hitting the cart path. The player thinks that their ball is unfit for play. Can the player put another ball into play?

**ANSWER:** Ball Unfit for Play: Rule 5-3: A ball is unfit for play if it is visibly cut, cracked or out of shape. A ball is not unfit for play solely because mud or other materials adhere to the golf ball. Before a player picks up the ball to determine if the ball is unfit for play, he or she must announce their intention to his or her opponent then mark the position of the ball. The player may now check the ball, also letting his/her opponent or fellow players examine the ball. Note: you may NOT clean your golf ball under this rule. If it is determined the golf ball is unfit, the player may substitute another ball by placing it in the original position where the unfit ball laid. If the ball is fit and seen as playable replace it to its original position and play on.

**ANSWER TO MAY RULES QUESTION:**

Once the original ball landed in the hole that hole is FINISHED!!!! The player would record a Hole in One...

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*If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you, down the fairway, so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up.*

*Tommy Bolt*

**Father's Day Sale in the Golf Shop!**  
Starting Saturday, June 15th through the Father's Day Weekend, buy a pair of shorts and get a shirt at **HALF OFF!** In addition, we will offer free gift-wrapping.

## Golf Shop News . . . .

Looking for a new driver or fairway wood? For a limited time, try out some of the latest golf technology with the Taylor Made Launch Monitor. A Launch monitor is a versatile golf shot analysis tool. Using a system of digital cameras, high-speed strobes, and image analysis, the launch monitor is able to record and analyze the split-second event when the golf ball and club collide to produce a golf shot. By interpreting the images obtained at impact, the launch monitor is able to calculate the launch conditions imparted to a golf ball at impact. Launch conditions are defined as the golf ball's initial direction, spin and velocity, which together dictate the subsequent flight of the ball.

The launch monitor allows a golfer to use his or her own equipment, hitting shots outdoors on real grass and under normal course conditions. As the golfer hits shots, the launch monitor captures and averages each shot's launch conditions. At the end of a test session, the launch condition values can be compared to predetermined optimum ranges based on the player's ball speed. Based on the results of the test, equipment changes can be recommended that will optimize the player's potential within the confines of his current swing. Any change in equipment or swing can have a profound, and many times beneficial impact on performance.

Spin rate is the amount of rotation that a golf ball has when it leaves the tee. The component of spin most often quoted is backspin, which is the measurement of a golf ball's rotation in the horizontal axis perpendicular to the target line. Another component of total spin rate is sidespin, which creates draws and fades, as well as the dreaded hooks and slices. Initial direction is the vector in which the golf ball leaves the tee. Launch angle is the angle at which the golf ball leaves the tee relative to the ground. Along with the push/pull angle (the left/right direction of the ball), the launch angle gives the drive its initial direction.

The cost to use the launch monitor is \$35 (if you buy a driver the cost is taken off the final price). Call the Golf Shop to set up an appointment to get fit for a new driver soon.

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# ETC . . . .

Men's Club Championship brackets are now posted on our website. Winners— Please **DO NOT DELAY** in setting up your matches. Matches must be completed by the last day of each month.

**Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (8:00am shotgun start) is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MGA "Bench" Tournament.** Golf Shop credit will be paid out to individual Gross and Net divisions and the Individual Net Champion wins the opportunity to place a "bench" permanently on the golf course. Also, his name will be engraved on a gold plate to be put on the bench for winning the event. Entry fee is \$11. Sign up by the 7<sup>th</sup> of June.

Every Friday Night is Couple's Night! Sign up by calling the Golf Shop at 992-4653.

Our first **Junior Golf Camp** of the summer kicks off June 25-29 from 8-11AM. Cost is \$109 per child. If you have a junior interested in golf and is between the ages of 7-15 don't miss this great opportunity for your child to learn a **SPORT OF A LIFETIME!**



**Don't forget about Men's Night on Thursday's at 5:30PM.** Call the Golf Shop to get paired up and enjoy 9 holes with the "gang".

## **New Tennis Instructor for Juniors at Ashley Plantation!**

Michelle Newberry will be offering Junior Tennis clinics this summer at Ashley Plantation. Michelle and her husband Mark have returned to the Botetourt County 11 years after their careers took them out of state. They returned to this area for Mark's job with a local cosmetic company and to be closer to their families. Michelle and Mark have 2 children; a daughter, Greyson, age 9, who will attend Troutville elementary and Zach, age 14 who will attend Lord Botetourt in the fall.

Michelle has been active in tennis in Virginia and North Carolina for over 10 years, playing in tournaments and leagues. She currently teaches kid's clinics at Countryside Racquet Club in Roanoke. She was also key in developing and managing a USTA Rally Ball league in North Carolina.

A registration form is enclosed and will also be posted at the pool and clubhouse. Please call her at 355-3596 if you have any questions or require additional information.

**Congratulations** to the following Men who qualified for the **2007 Roanoke Valley Golf Hall of Fame Tournament on June 8-10<sup>th</sup>** at Hunting Hills, Hidden Valley and Waterfront respectively. Good luck and play well!

		<u>SCORE</u>			<u>SCORE</u>
1.	Darrell Craft	Exempt	7.	Mike Trimmel	156
2.	David Vest	152	8.	Eric Early	157
3.	Harold Dill	155	9.	James Bray	159
4.	Cliff Spangler	156	10.	Bill Braxton	161
5.	Rich Boone	156	1st	Alternate—Kurt Kreider	161
6.	Matt Sweeney	156	2nd	Alternate—Ken Tucker	162

# June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Couples Golf—Swinger	2 Special Olympics—Rke Police Outing/Course Closed all Day
3 Range Closes 5 PM	4 Goodwill Outing 1st Tee closed from 10-6 Range Opens 10 AM	5 VSGA Am and State Open Qualifying—7:30 AM Tee Times Ladies Day	6 Jr. Achievement Outing 1st Tee Closed from 10-6 Senior Day	7 Men's Night	8 Couples Golf—String Tourney	9 MGA Bench Tournament—8 AM Shotgun start
10 Range Closes 5 PM	11 Range Opens 10	12 Ladies Day	13 Senior Day	14 Men's Night	15 Couples Golf—Par Poker	16 Father's Day Weekend—Golf Shop Specials
17 Father's Day Weekend—Golf Shop Specials Range Closes 5 PM	18 Range Opens 10 AM	19 Ladies Day	20 Senior Day	21 Men's Night	22 Couples Golf—Boy/Girl Putt	23
24 Range Closes 5 PM	25	26 Ladies Day	27 Senior Day	28 Men's Night	29 Couples Golf—3 clubs + putter	30 Flag Tournament AM Tee Times/Make your own tee time
<b>Junior Camp from 8-11 AM Range opens at 11 AM</b>						

*\*Please check bulletin board located in the lobby for other upcoming outside events at Ashley.*

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