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November/December 2021

CHATMOSS COUNTRY CLUB

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## Chatmass Dance Club Welcomes

### *The Embers*

November 18, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm  
This dance is included in your  
2019 membership  
Non-Dance club members \$25  
If coming to dinner, please make  
reservations at 276-638-2484  
We will be signing up for 2022 at  
this dance as well



Join us for the  
Thanksgiving Feast  
at Chatmass on  
Thursday,  
November 25th  
11:30 to 2:30

*Reservations Required!*

Santa will arrive at Chatmass on  
Saturday, December 18th.  
Plan to bring your family out for a fun event.

Chatmass' Christmas Holiday Buffet is  
scheduled for Sunday, December 19th.

We will celebrate New Year's Eve on  
Thursday, December 30th.

Check your email for details for these events.  
Call 276-638-2426



*Happy Holidays!*

## Upcoming Events 2021

### NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 6  
Ladies' Golf Event

November 10  
The Chatmoss Sweep

Thursday, November 18  
Ladies' Luncheon  
"A Sweet Treat"

Thursday, November 18  
Dance Club  
The Embers

Thursday, November 25  
Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

Thursday, December 16  
Ladies' Luncheon

Friday, December 17  
Reindeer Classic

Saturday, December 18  
Santa will be here!

Sunday, December 19  
Holiday Buffet

Thursday, December 30  
New Years' Eve Eve

## Thoughts from the President

Dear Chatmoss Members,

As we transition from summer to fall, we set our sights on Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful time of year at Chatmoss. We look back at the incredible summer we enjoyed at Chatmoss. We experienced several very successful golf tournaments and a spectacular Member/Guest. The golf course received very high praises from all the out of town participants. We also experienced our first tennis social with Brian at the wheel. The social was very well attended, and the friendly competition was fun to watch. Last week the Dance Club made its return. It was great to see all the members dancing and enjoying the Motown sounds. The dance floor was very busy. In addition, our pool was the "in spot" to be this hot and humid summer.

I like to think of this time of year as our "Company Is Coming" season. We want to spruce up our Club to welcome our visitors arriving in Martinsville to enjoy family and friends. Children come home to see parents, and friends and the parents can't wait to spoil their children and grandchildren when they arrive!

Chatmoss Country Club is ready for this year's "Company Is Coming" season. We will happily entertain members, families and friends. Our staff eagerly awaits the opportunity to serve our members and their families as well as members' guests. Please come enjoy lunch and/or dinner in our restaurant. With the staffing shortages and the food supply issues, we ask to please make a reservation even if it is last minute. Reservations will assist the Chef with reducing waste. With the food prices rising we want to serve quality meals at the lowest possible price. We are all experiencing the high food cost in our own homes, and Chatmoss is not immune to rising prices and limited products.

The golf course will transition from summer to fall in the next two months. John has several repair projects scheduled for the course. The golf course is absolutely beautiful so come out and play, you are in for a treat. The House Committee is having their Halloween Boos Cruise again this year. Dust off those costumes, dress up the children, grab a golf cart, and have a wonderful Halloween on the golf course's front nine!

Keep an eye out for tennis social announcements from Brian. The tennis and fitness facility at Chatmoss is second to none. Our facility offers Members and their guests the opportunity to enjoy fall outdoor tennis as well as indoor tennis when the weather forces us inside. If you are interested in winter court times, please contact Brian at the facility. Brian is doing a great job and looks forward to assisting members with everything tennis.

In closing I would like to thank the entire staff at Chatmoss for a tremendous effort this summer. We have been shorthanded on staff, and we got thrown a couple of curve balls but our great staff buckled down and made our experience as members seamless. Thank each one of you for your resiliency and work ethic. Please consider Chatmoss for all of your entertainment needs. We look forward to sharing the "Company Is Coming" season with all the Members.

Join me at the Club!

*Jim Farrell*  
President



## *Comments from the Clubhouse Manager*

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You would never know that summer is over by the weather as of this writing, but according to the calendar fall is here. Halloween was great fun this year with the Boos Cruise and music.

Thank you to our members who are so supportive of the events we have, our ala carte dining, golf, and tennis. Chatmoss members are the best. We appreciate all of you.

We, like everyone else, are short-staffed, and we do apologize if you have to wait. We only have three people in the kitchen to prepare all the food, so we appreciate your understanding. We are trying to hire people, but it is a difficult time to hire people. I promise you we are doing the best we can to serve you.

It is time to plan for Holiday parties and events. We have quite a few reservations already, so make you plans soon to get the date you would like. The Holidays will be here before you know it.

*Judy Chaney*  
Clubhouse Manager

## *Comments from the Operations Manager*

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The holiday season is approaching and another unusual year is coming to an end. It is time to celebrate with friends and loved ones. Although some restrictions may apply, I hope that Chatmoss will be part of your holiday plans.

If you are making plans for a party or gathering, please do so early to secure available space. Chef Joe and his staff will make the necessary arrangements for a great event.

The colder temperatures in the winter months make our indoor tennis and fitness center an inviting location. Things are staying busy in this area of the club. The tennis social on October 5th was completely booked and was enjoyed by all that participated. If you have not booked your winter court time, assemble your group and reserve a spot.

Golf course activity slows down when the clocks move to standard time. Nevertheless, we will still have many beautiful golf days through the winter months. We had another great golf season with full fields in our Member-Guest and our Team Invitational. League Night golf continued until October 15th and exceeded last year's success. Ladies' golf on Wednesday evenings continues to grow, reaching numbers not seen at Chatmoss since the 1990's. Thanks to all that participated.

The golf course continues to improve with summer time green speeds reaching championship levels. The number of compliments from tournament guests about the golf course and our club in general has been amazing. I realize that we will still have shortcomings at our facilities and we want to make corrections. I ask that all golfers help us in this endeavor by obeying proper golf cart etiquette. Please keep your carts away from greens and tee areas. This keeps soil compaction to a minimum and keeps areas healthy.

It is my pleasure to serve you, and I hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season.

*P. C. Wells*  
Operations Manager

## *Membership Directories*

2021 Membership Directories are available in the Business Office. Please drop by, call, or email your request.

Business Office Hours  
Monday – Friday  
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Questions about your bill, call 638-2484 or email [judy@chatmosscc.org](mailto:judy@chatmosscc.org)

*If you would like  
to have your  
statements emailed,  
please call the  
business office and  
give us the email  
address to use.*

## *Serving It Up From Chef Joe*

The summer months are behind us. Thank goodness that the weather has cooled down so we can enjoy the football season and all that is associated with fall. The Club has scheduled some fun events for the next few months. Please watch for emails so you can come out and enjoy the Club.

Also, the holidays are fast approaching. We are already booking events for this festive occasion so please check your newsletter for your favorite holiday event. The holidays are hectic and can be a busy time for everyone. We will be happy to prepare your favorite traditional holiday-fare foods, so you can enjoy your family and friends.

Take the time to make those holiday reservations for your visit to the club so we can make your dining experience pleasurable or your event first-rate for you and your guests. We respectfully request that you be patient with us as we are going through changes and working with a skeleton crew in the kitchen. As always, thank for your support throughout this past year and wish Happy Holidays to all!

*Chef Joe*  
Executive Chef

### *Welcome New Members and their families*

Andy & Brooke Quirk & Children,  
Ava, Mary, and Hudson

Heather Francis and Clayton Young

Jason Grodenksy & Joshua Bires-Grodenksy  
and children, Tyler and Zander

William and Carolyn Moore

### *Club Closing*

The club will be closed on December 24–27  
and will re-open on Tuesday, December 28.

The club will also be closed from  
January 1-11, 2022 and will re-open Wednesday, January 12.

Plans are to have our Back in the Saddle on  
Friday, January 14, 2022.

# Tennis

I would like to thank the entire Board of Governors and Tennis Committee for all of their excellent help in my transition here at the Chatmoss Country Club as your Director of Tennis. Thank you too to all members who came out for my meet and greet evening a few weeks ago at the clubhouse. I felt very welcomed and appreciated!

Right now many members have already booked their private lessons and group sessions with me. If you haven't already done so, please feel free to call or email me or simply stop by the tennis center. I also know a number of you are considering coming back to tennis after a layoff or injury so if that is you please feel free to contact me to set up a refresher lesson.

Many thanks to Cordie Burnet and Jon Smith who have held together the tennis program over the past several months. They continue to do an outstanding job with the junior tennis program and other professional lessons to all ages and ability levels. Please take note of our dates for our after school junior tennis clinics which will be starting shortly in the first week of September.

Please know that we are also in the process of finalizing our indoor contract details for the 2021-2022 indoor tennis season. Our indoor contract time frame this season will begin on November 1st and finish on May 1st. Member rates for contract time blocks this season will be the same as last (\$650 for 1 1/2 hrs. and \$800 for 2 hours).

Finally just a few important reminders. We truly enjoy having your guests play here at our tennis center but please let us know how you would like us to handle payment for the \$10 guest fee by either charging a members account, paying cash, or simply writing a check made out to the Chatmoss Country Club. We also request that all members sign in prior to play in the Pro Shop/Front Desk area.

Thanks again to all members for your warm greetings and I look forward to seeing many of you on the courts very soon!

I serve, you receive,

*Brian Cunniff*  
Director of Tennis



# Dance Club



We would like to thank John Hart and his crew for the wonderful job they have done this summer. Undoubtably, we are the Premier Golf Course in the area. No one comes close to our plush fairways and perfect greens. I attribute the success we had filling our tournaments for all their hard work and the condition of the course.

Our Member Guest had 42 teams, with one of the most exciting shoot-outs we've had in years. Will Vaughn (Player of the Year) and his partner, Jason Whitehurst, won on the final hole against Brandon Grogan and Vin Nadeau.

Our Fall Four Ball also had a full field of 42 teams. Blake Carter and Wes Smith shot a two-day total of 133 to beat Jack Adkins and Carson Nease who shot 135.

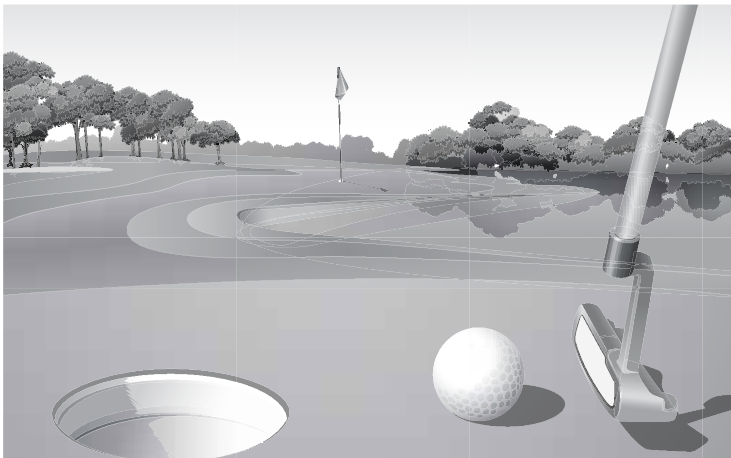
We would also like to thank all our ladies for their support for Ladies Nite. It Was great seeing how excited they were before and after they played. Definitely a breath of fresh air with all of our new faces. Please don't forget on November 6th, we will have our Ladies Membership Tournament.

Thursday League Night averaged about 35 people. Again, we believe this happened because of the condition of the course and our restored interest in men's golf on Thursdays. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Chef Joe Lilly and his staff. He has definitely taken care our men and ladies after golf. You always come back for good service.

Our last and most entertaining tournament of the year will be the Reindeer Tournament on December 17. Thank you from the Pro Shop for a great year!

Thanks

*Robert Weinerth*



Summer golf has ended and fall golf has arrived. Growing grass has since slowed and leaves have long begun to fall. I have almost wrapped up my first four seasons here at Chatmoss and I couldn't be more optimistic about the future. I felt that we reached the goals we set as a maintenance team and the guys have worked hard to see those goals through. As we move into the winter months I would like to remind our members that this is the season of concern, in relation to bermudagrass. Even though we have done all the prep work for having a strong stand of turf going into transition, we are still at the mercy of temperature extremes that mother-nature can send our way. I hope that we maintain ideal temperature fluctuations and don't dip too low for extended periods of time. Moisture is the most essential part of a ultra-dwarf winter management program. Moisture tends to stick around longer during winter months because the grass activity has since slowed and not much uptake is happening. We use certain tools like a volumetric water meter to measure the percent water content is in soils to ensure that proper moisture is available to the plant roots. We will begin to stage the covers out by the greens to prep for future coverings. Covers are an essential part to winter management and allowing for warm air to be trapped underneath the tarps to maintain higher soil and air temps at the plant itself. During periods of sunlight the black tarps will attract heat, that then creates a "greenhouse" effect at the ground level. Though tarps are a tool we use to combat cold temps in the winter months, they are not a full proof solution. I have personally witnessed dead grass that had been covered. Studies have shown that pine straw is best additive insulation to use underneath the covers and can increase temps up to 4 degrees. I believe that if we are faced with these types of winter weather, then we should be ready for it. Last year we had good support on the course with members coming out to help put covers on and off the greens. This is a daunting task and takes a good bit of man power to complete in a timely fashion. I hope that we see the same support and more this winter. Please help us if you can. Winter projects are beginning and will be focusing on keeping the course clean and tidy. I hope that everyone will come out and enjoy this beautiful fall weather on the course. Thank you and until next time...

*John Hart*  
Golf Course Superintendent

# Dance Club



# Wine Dinner



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# CHATMOSS Country Club

## Boxwood Grille Hours

LUNCH Tuesday-Saturday — 11:30-3:00 pm  
DINNER Tuesday-Thursday — 4:30-8:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday — 4:30-9:00 pm

The Clubhouse is closed all day Monday  
for Food and Beverage Service.

## Elmwood Bar Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 11:30 am-9:30 pm  
Bar closes at 10:00 pm  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:30 am-10:30 pm  
SUNDAY Open for Holidays  
and Special Events

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