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# Chatmoss NEWSETTE



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2011

CHATMOSS COUNTRY CLUB

## Thoughts from the President

Well, 2010 is in the history books and what a year it was for Chatmoss Country Club. We had extreme cold and snow in the beginning followed by extreme heat all summer long. The fall turned out nicely and we were able to end the year with our expenses under budget. My thanks go out to Michele and her staff for making this happen without allowing our services to suffer. Thanks to all of you who gave to the employee Christmas fund which was equal to last year right at sixteen thousand dollars.

The end of the year true up and the announcement of a January dues increase was a very unpopular necessity. We did not want to begin the New Year with a deficit and we wanted to do all that we could to prevent another end of the year true up in 2011. We have received constructive criticism from resigning members as well as concerned members in good standing. We appreciate greatly the input and we are listening to all that was offered.

A reenergized admissions committee has been formed and has already met twice since Christmas. The charge for this very important committee is to come up with different options to attract new members, bring back some of those who resigned, and come up with some changes to better satisfy our existing membership.

The committee is co-chaired by Eric Monday and Jim Johnson and consists of a number of non-board members. They are busy studying the demographics of our membership, the changing needs of our membership, and the best practices of other clubs similar to Chatmoss as well as the different dues structures and offerings of those clubs.

By late winter we plan to have some exciting new packages to accomplish our objectives. This is a bold process with unlimited ways to structure our membership offerings. The committee and the Board will do their best to come up with the best possible offerings to fit our membership profile. It will not be perfect and I ask for your patience during somewhat of a trial and error period.

Additionally, we are in the process of approving the 2011 budget. It is very tough to do in this period of uncertainty. There will undoubtedly be some changes made in order to reduce costs and every effort will be made not to reduce services. Hopefully, between the new membership offerings and the cuts in spending we will be able to meet our budget and continue in some way or another all the services that we have to offer.

Finally, we need your help, your optimism, and your support in order to make all these things happen. This is our club, one of the finest clubs in the state, and it is up to us collectively to keep it that way.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding, and most importantly your continued support!

Happy New Year!

*Will Pannill*  
President

P.S. One small way that we will be cutting costs is that we will go to a bi-monthly newsletter.

Trivia:

1. How many floors are there in the Empire State Building. Answer on the January calendar page.
2. In 1972 in Rumleys Restaurant, how much did two hot dogs, fries and a Dr. Pepper cost with tax?. Answer on the February calendar page.

## CHATMOSS Country Club

### Boxwood Grille Hours

LUNCH	Tuesday-Saturday — Noon-2:30pm
DINNER	Tuesday-Thursday — 5:30-9:00pm Friday & Saturday — 5:30-9:30pm
SUNDAY BUFFET	Noon-2:00pm

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

### Elmwood Bar Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY	11:00am-10:30pm last call Bar closes at 11:00pm
FRIDAY & SATURDAY	11:00am-Midnight last call Bar closes at 12:30am
SUNDAY	11:00am-2:30pm last call Bar closes at 3:00pm

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#### CHATMOSS COUNTRY CLUB

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#### OFFICERS

Will Pannill, President      Steve Dashoff, Vice President  
Amy Lampe, Treasurer      Susan Muehleck, Secretary  
Bob Miller, Assistant Treasurer

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Deaton      John Collins  
Russell Bolden      Melissa White  
Jim Haskins      Keith Decker  
Jim Johnson

#### STAFF

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Robert Weinerth, Golf Professional / rweinerth@chatmosscc.org  
Jody Reece, Golf Course Superintendent / jreecekr@comcast.net  
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## Comments

from Michele Benton, General Manager

Welcome 2011!!

Here is a toast to Chatmoss Country Club

The most gratifying part of my job is that there is not a day that goes by that a member does not say "thank you" for the job the staff does providing a rewarding experience. I try my best to share all the comments, emails, letters, and comments directly with the staff, but I feel that it is never enough. Many of our members regularly interact with members of the food, beverage, golf, office, and tennis staff, but have you ever met the staff behind the scenes?

Hats off to Bruce Arrington. His official title is Director of Operations, unofficial title, whatever needs to be done, call Bruce. Most of the employees and members have Bruce's cell phone number memorized. Bruce has been a member of the staff for over twenty years. Bruce is the employee who opens the clubhouse everyday, maintains the pool, fixes anything that is broken, a man of many talents. Computer not working? Call Bruce. Heat not working? Call Bruce. Oven, dishwasher, toilet, etc..... you get it.

Always there to lend a hand when needed is Jody Reece and the Golf Course staff. The main focus of this staff is to maintain the golf course and grounds of the entire 150 acre campus, but you can find them lending a hand in all other areas of the club. The work that these men (just happens to be an all male staff at this time) is not very glamorous and many times physically demanding. This staff works when it is hot, cold, raining, or snowing, and they start very early in the morning. It takes a committed person to be able to consistently arrive for work and be productive under these circumstances. I feel fortunate that we have a staff made up of good people who show up and do whatever it takes to get the job done. Look out your window if you can see through all the snow, and they are shoveling, plowing, and working to make your Club safe and accessible.

It takes a team, approximately 45 members of the staff in the off-season and 65 members during the warmer months, to make it all work. Thanks to the all our members and their commitment to saying thank you by their support of the Club.

Happy and prosperous, New Year 2011.

Very truly yours,

*Michele Benton, CCM*  
General Manager



## January UP-COMING EVENTS 2011

### Back in the Saddle Opening Celebration

Friday, January 14, 2011  
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres  
and 1/2 Price Drinks  
5pm-7pm  
Wear your best western wear.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Starting January 2011, the Chatmoss Newsette will become a bi-monthly publication. Please be reminded that current back issues can be accessed on our website at [www.chatmosscc.org](http://www.chatmosscc.org). We appreciate all your support of the Club!

The Elmwood Bar & Boxwood Grille will be closed for dinner service February 12th for a private function. Food and beverage will close at 3pm.



We have had a very cold winter and had to close the clay courts down. We are looking forward to the spring to open our courts and feel the warm sunshine on our faces again.

It is very important with the limited number of indoor courts that when you want to come out and play that you reserve a court for the time that you would like to play. You will be charged for the amount of time that you book because we may have other players waiting for the courts. If you do have a guest with you please inform us so that we can keep our records accurate. As always please remember to wear non-marking tennis shoes when playing on the indoor courts. Sometimes running shoes can have marking soles and this is what will leave the black streaks on the court. Help us keep your facility in great shape by wearing the right shoes.

**GRAND OPENING TENNIS SOCIAL**  
FRIDAY JANUARY 21 • 7:00

**VALENTINE TENNIS SOCIAL**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 6:30

*Mike Weidl*  
Director of Tennis

<b>Duplicate Bridge</b> Thursday, January 20th & 27th February 10th & 24th Lunch at 12:00 PM Bridge at 1:00 PM	<b>Pairs Duplicate Bridge</b> Friday, January 14th February 11th Dinner at 5:45 PM Bridge at 7:00 PM
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*Congratulations*  
To the Winners of our  
"Dinner and Wine for Two"  
*Carol Ann & Steve Mahoney*  
*Emily & Julie Thomas*

The winners were selected from over 100 comment cards.  
All feedback from members is important to us.  
Please take time to complete the comment cards.

## Employee Christmas Fund

The staff would like to send a special thank you for your support in the Employee Christmas Fund. Over 50% of the membership participated in making each one's holiday just a little extra special. The total collected in 2010 exceeded the amount collected in 2009 with less enrolled members.

## Updated Directories for the New Year...

The directories change faster then we can print them. Please make sure to contact Judy Chaney if you need to make changes to any information. Copies may be requested, with advance notice, with Judy Chaney in the business office, or you can access the information on line.

Download a current copy of the membership roster and by-laws from the web page. Just click on the member-only section, put in your last name and member number and there it is!

## Holiday Closings

The Clubhouse Food and Beverage closes January 1st through Thursday, January 13th, 2011; Reopen on Friday, January 14th, 2011.  
Join us for 2nd Annual Back in the Saddle Party featuring half price drinks from 5pm-7pm for those who wear Cowboy Boots or Cowboy Hat.

# Serving it Up

with Chef Anthony



Happy New Year to everyone I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Hopefully, there will be no more snow, and you will get the chance to come out and enjoy this season's new menu. Don't forget we have the Super Bowl Party coming February 6th with a lot of good food and fun for the entire family and we will be celebrating mardi gras family style with family night buffet on February 16th.

My resolution is to bring family together with some good food, and I look forward to seeing you and yours at the Club, as we bring the new year in with some wonderful events I am very excited about. Good luck with your resolutions and again, Happy New Year!

*Chef Anthony*

## Valentine Day Brunch

Home-style

## TO GO

selections

Sunday, February 13

12noon - 2pm Main Clubhouse

Complimentary Prosecco

\$22++ per Adult / \$11++ (5-12 years of age)

4 and under free

Bring your sweetheart to a lovely brunch to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Please Give 24 Hour Notice

### A. Home-style Meat Loaf with Mushroom Gravy

Chef's Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, Rolls & Butter  
Serves 5 to 8 people / \$42

### B. Homemade Lasagna with Three Cheeses and Fresh Ground Chuck

Chef's Fresh Vegetable, Rolls & Butter  
Serves 5 to 8 people / \$35

### C. Tender Beef Tips in Mushroom Burgundy

Wine Sauce

Fresh Noodles, Chef's Vegetable, Rolls & Butter  
Serves 5 to 8 people / \$45

### D. Chatmoss Fried Chicken

Macaroni & Cheese, Chef's Fresh Vegetable, Rolls & Butter  
Serves 5 to 8 people / \$38



Each meal comes with a free Heath Bar or Key Lime Pie!

### Back by Popular Demand...

1/2 Price bottled wines over \$25 all day on Saturday. Saturday is the new Friday, join us for great food complimented by some great wine.

## Tini Tuesdays

Please remember to join us as we launch our new Martini Menu! Make plans to bring your friends to the Club every Tuesday to enjoy our new delicious martinis for the special price of only \$4 each!

## On The GREENS

Hopefully everyone had a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season. It was nice seeing some early snow before the Holidays. Its something I've not seen many times in my life, and as long as it doesn't mess up your travel plans, it's not a bad time of year for it;

As for the golf course, December was a little slow. Starting with snow on the 4th, and another round on the 16th, I can only remember two days of decent golfing weather in the past seventeen days. Snow was the least of the problems though. The cold and wind kept what little snow we had here and kept the golfers in hiding.

The golf maintenance crew has stayed fairly active in spite of the conditions by working on selective tee removal. We've had dead trees to cut and a lot of work in removing Virginia pines on number three that shade the fairway contributing to our winterkill potential. This selective tree removal will likely be our major ongoing task through most of the winter. Areas we can improve winter sunlight will aide our ability to thaw and lessen incidence of winterkill.

Next newsletter will be for March. By that time we will be talking about the upcoming golfing season, and even our first greens aeration. That's a little hard to imagine right now with a good two and a half months of winter left. It will be here before you know it.

*Jody Reece*

Golf Course Superintendent



## Annual Meeting and Reception

Tuesday, March 8, at 5:30 P.M., in the Magnolia Ballroom

Please check the Web Page after January 25, 2011 to see the members who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee to stand for election to the 2011 Board of Governors.

### Retiring Members of the Board

Will Pannill, President

Amy Lampe, Treasurer

### Continuing for Second Term

Steve Dashoff, President Elect

Susan Muehleck, Secretary

### Remaining Members of the Board

Russell Bolden

John Collins

Carol Deaton

Keith Decker

Jim Haskins

Jim Johnson

Bob Miller

Melissa White

## Kids Eat Free

Free Wednesday Night Children's Menu!

Each child eats free from the Children's

Menu meal with any purchase of adult entree!

Ages: 10 and Under

for January and February

# GOLF NEWS . . . . .

## Club Storage

Club storage is a great service offered at Chatmoss Country Club. Our bag room is a safe, climate controlled environment for you to store your clubs. Your clubs will be cleaned every time you use them and you will never have to pick them up out of your trunk again. Stop by the Golf Shop to arrange this service. Annual bag storage fee is \$95.



## Get a New Grip on Your Game

Make certain your equipment is in proper condition!

All good golf swings begin with a proper grip. However, getting a good grip can be difficult if the grips on your club are slick, cracked, or just worn out. Grips should be changed at least once a year. Now is the time to get new grips on your clubs. For the months of January and February, we will be offering a 10 percent discount on regripping service.

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## Membership News...

### SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER AND GET A FREE MONTH OF DUES!

A healthy membership is the lifeblood of any Club. Help grow the Club while earning free dues in the process! For each new member you sponsor, you will receive credit on your account for one month's operating dues for the membership category of the new member. There is no limit to the number of new members you can sponsor, and it's as easy as making one phone call to the Club. Michele Benton, General Manager, and the staff can take the proper steps to facilitate the membership process for your prospect. Make the most of your membership by making Chatmoss Country Club a place that you and ALL of your friends enjoy! Call the business office now at 638-2484, and let us get to work for you!

## Chatmoss Fitness Center

Happy 2011 Chatmoss!



I have lots of news to report from the ever more bustling Fitness Center. The fitness staff and I have been busy building more classes into the schedule, training private and small group classes and enjoying the new court surfaces in the tennis complex. Thank you again to all who donated to the project and made it possible.

The renovation of the massage and teen lounge spaces is well under way. We hope that massage therapy will be an amenity that you all will enjoy. I have hired two very different and talented massage therapists who will be able to see clients at almost any time of day with proper notice. Please book your massages through the tennis complex desk at 276-632-1857. We are hosting a Tennis and Fitness social on Friday, January 21st in the Tennis complex. Please join us for a fun evening and a chance to see the completed renovations and meet the massage therapists, teachers, and trainers.

We will also be offering Shag lessons, taught by Chris Lester. The lessons will be in the group fitness room at 5:30 on Sunday evenings, starting on January ninth. Chris ..."started taking shag lessons around the age of 13 with family and friends. It turned out to be a source of exercise and social interaction around a great group of people. Around the age of 15, I started competing in contests and found it was an easy way to earn extra money. This sparked my interest and I became more involved in competitive dancing. With family and friends, I have been teaching shag lessons off and on for around 15 years". These are beginner Shag lessons, so please do not be intimidated! Chris and his partner, Amy, promise to make the classes a fun introduction to shagging. If, after the first four classes, there is more interest, Chris will be happy to continue teaching at Chatmoss. We may offer two levels in February. Please email me at fitness@chatmosscc.org to secure your spot in the lessons. We have had a lot of interest in the class, so sign up promptly if you are interested! The cost will be \$50 per person for four classes.

And we have the first annual Martinsville half marathon in March! We will have 5 training Saturdays between January first and race day. The dates are to be announced. We will meet at Chatmoss unless otherwise determined by our leaders, Karen Garrett and Carin Gregory. We will gradually build up our miles, discuss nutrition for runners, recovery tips, gear and shoes, weight training for runners and of course, stretching. This program will help you train responsibly and keep you accountable as we build our miles. The cost for this program will be \$25 per person for all of the run/walks.

We have finally chosen a date for our first Bikram yoga field trip. Kyle and I are really excited to share this experience with you. Many of you have heard us talk about this amazing yoga class, taught at 105 degrees. The class is appropriate for ALL levels of fitness and flexibility. Promise. There is a great studio in Greensboro on Market Street. We will meet at Chatmoss on Saturday, January 22nd, at 7:45 am, caravan down to the studio together for the 9:30 am class. Make SURE to drink at least a gallon of water in the 24 hours leading up to the class. Being properly hydrated is the key to enjoying this 90 minute class. Wear shorts and light tops and bring 2 towels. We can grab yoga mats from CCC. Please call me or email me if you are interested in joining us, as I will let the studio owners know they should expect a large, fun group of Virginians that day. After class, we'll find a delicious and healthy lunch before we head home.

We have added two more classes to the weekly schedule. A Spin Yoga class on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. A rigorous abbreviated Spin followed by some yoga poses and stretches that will compliment your workout. Hopefully this time slot will appeal to some of you who work until 5:00. Carin and Carol Ann will teach the spin portions, and I will lead the yoga stretches. I also added a 60 minute flow yoga class on Thursdays at 12:00. It will be a warm, all-levels class. Please remember that here are 3 types of fitness center attendees: members, their young adult children, and GUESTS. A \$10 guest fee will be added to your monthly bill should you forget to sign your guests in. This applies to all classes at CCC. Thank you!

I want to take a moment to thank my colleagues in the Sports Complex for an amazing year. Billy, Bev, and Ronnie: You make what we do possible. The center is clean, well-maintained, and we are all grateful for you. Mike W and Cordie: You two are such amazing teachers and coaches. Thank you. Judy and Lesia in the office: You are amazing, smart, and talented. I cannot imagine this place without you! Michele has kept us all moving forward. My training colleagues, June Bowles and Telisha Williams. Your clients adore you, their lives are improved by your work, and you are a pleasure to work with. Our Spinning Staff: Carin, Carol Ann, Linda, Telisha, Megan, and Elizabeth. Thank you for making this program such a success. I have watched many people transform by the Spinning program and philosophy.

In health and happiness,

Allison  
*Allison*



# Photos from December 2010



Holland Family



Esther and Buzz Schilbe



Will Smith Family



Helms Monday and Santa Claus



Cardwell grandchildren



Jennifer and George Stermer



Pam Globman, Esther Schilbe, Carol Deaton, Barbara Holland, Charlotte McClain on the Eve of 2011



The Boys, Don Deaton, Buzz Schilbe, Morgan Holland, and Dicky Globman on the Eve of 2011



New Years Eve 2010  
The Robertsons, Wyatts, and Ramseys



The Zimmers and Friends celebrating  
in the Boxwood Grille



The Mortens out for dinner



Franz Hahr and Bob Phillips



Melissa, Julie, and Karen



Will Pearson & Tammy Moore



Dr. Frank Walsh  
and Linda Dekich



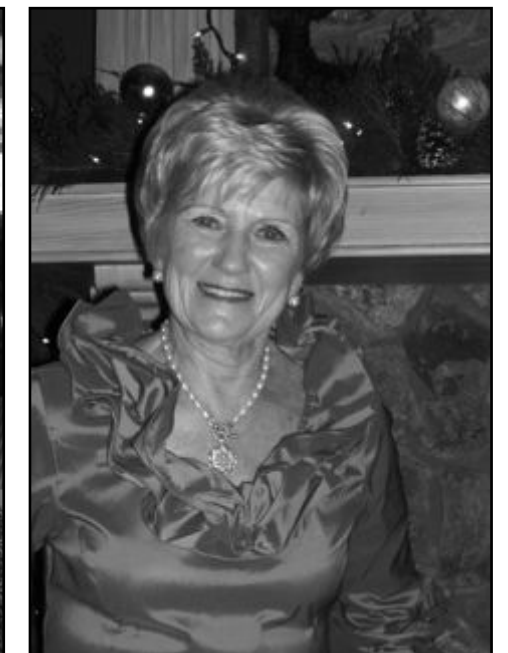
Myrtle & CJ Robertson



Erica Shulze Ising



Santa's Elves  
Suzanne Shemro & Jamie Turner



Carol Deaton

## Emails....

Are you receiving the Club emails? As a member, you can elect to be sent emails that are specific to the subjects that interest you. Currently, we are using the system to send out the daily specials, weekly events, and or other announcements and special closings. Many members have complimented the emails and how they are reminders of all that the Club has to offer. Email judy@chatmosscc.org with your request.

## Credit Cards....

Credit Card Options for Member Payments – Did you know that the clubhouse accepts Discover, MasterCard, and Visa? The purpose of accepting this form of payment is to give our membership more options when paying their bill or when paying for services of the Club. If members would like to pay their bills with their cards, please call the business office and speak with Judy or Lesia.

## Super Bowl 2011

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Live from Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, Texas

The Party Starts... 5:30 pm

Games & Activities – Great Food & Fun - Door Prize Drawings



## Holiday Cheer.....it came out in great support!!

*Thanks to the many companies that hosted their company functions or events at the Club during the month of December. Beginning December 1st, it was just like someone opened the gate and we were surrounded with Holiday Cheer:*

Martinsville Police Department

Memorial Hospital of Martinsville Henry County

George Stermer, Jr., D.D.S.

LAF Group

Village/Rehabilitation

Many Book Clubs, Study Clubs, and Garden Clubs

Martinsville Henry County Realtors Association

Drake Extrusions

New College Institute

Martinsville Speedway

Greene Company

Henry County Animal Hospital

Mark Crabtree, D.D.S. Ltd. / Charles W. Jenkins, D.D.S.

Offices of Dr. Denise Unterbrink, D.D.S and Dr. Thomas Unterbrink, D.O.

Martinsville First Savings Bank

Martinsville Surgical Associates

Commonwealth Laminating

El Libro Book Club Blue Ridge

Carilion Orthopedic of Rocky Mount

Fidelity Bank

S&K Office Supply

Heart of Virginia

River Community Bank, N.A.

Solo Equipment Company

Southern Virginia Rehabilitation

AC Furniture Company, Inc.

# Valentine's Day

**We are open on  
Monday, February 14th,  
for Valentine's Day!**

**Reservations will be accepted between 5:30pm - 9:00pm**

**Boxwood Grille and Virginia Room**

**\$38 per person / \$50 per person with wine pairing**

## LIMITED MENU

### Appetizers (choose one)

Truffle Mac & Cheese

or

Jumbo Lump Crabcake on Roasted Corn & Red Pepper Sauce

or

Lobster Bisque w/ Sherry Creme Fraiche

### Salad (choose one)

House Ceaser

or

Chatmoss House Salad

### Entrees (choose one)

Chicken Gremolata Baked Half Chicken, Kalamata Olive Shortbread,  
Butternut Squash Ragout and Natural Jus

or

Petite Filet and Lobster, Cold Water Canadian Lobster Tail and Frass Fed Angus Beef,  
Chef's Whipped Potatoes, Baby Vegetables, Candied Shallot Glaze and Lobster Butter

or

Oven Roasted Lamb Rack w/ Champagne Braised Belgian Endive, Mint Scented  
Lamb Sauce, Rosemary Gratin Peruvian and Idaho Potatoes

### Dessert (shared by two)

White Chocolate Mousse on Chocolate Sponge Cake  
with Raspberry Brandy Sauce and Chocolate Drops