Thankful
FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP
THANKFUL AND GENEROUS
See why a few of our Members are thankful this season. Learn how you can spread joy to others in the Aiken community and beyond for the holidays.

UPDATES FROM YOUR TRC TEAM
Get the inside scoop about what’s happening at The Reserve Club. Read updates from Barry Garrett, Samantha Zabel, and Rich Zabel.

ALL ABOUT TOURNAMENTS
It’s tournament season at The Reserve Club! Check out some of the photos from the Women’s Member-Guest tournaments and the USTA Thyroid Cancer Tennis Tournament.

DIPS AND SIPS
Looking for a recipe for your next football party or family gathering? Chef Jon Gamlen has a classic dip recipe perfect for any occasion. Bar Manager, Michelle Walker, shares an easy and delicious fall drink to impress your party guests.

SWING INTO MOBILITY
Did you know your golf swing is impacted by your body’s mobility? Village Fitness teaches you the importance of keeping mobile for your golf game and how it ultimately improves your swing.

RACQUET AND GOLF UPDATES
Director of Racquets, Andrew Burrow, teaches you about the most important strategy while playing doubles in tennis. John Keller, Director of Golf, shares the winners of the most recent golf tournaments and highlights upcoming golf events.
Sign up for events on the Social Calendar or by contacting Club Concierge.

**Upcoming Events**

**ART SHOW**
Nov 02
6:00 PM
Join us at the Club as we showcase beautiful artwork brought to you by Southside Gallery Design Studio, featuring a great selection of talents from local artists. The art showcased at the event will be available for purchase.

**FIRST FRIDAY PUB CLUB**
Nov 03
5:30 PM
Be ready to shake your tail feathers for this First Friday Pub Club! Celebrate the season of giving with a donation of 3 or more canned food items for Golden Harvest Food Bank to be entered into a raffle.

**NEW MEMBER MIXER**
Nov 15
5:30 PM
Meet new Members as you sip on cocktails and mingle at the Club. Make new friends while you get to know the team of Associates that make all of our operations possible.

**THANKSGIVING BRUNCH**
Nov 23
11:30 AM
Are thoughts of what you’re going to prepare this Thanksgiving clogging your brain? TRC has you covered! We will be hosting a Thanksgiving brunch for all to enjoy. Our culinary team will be serving your favorite holiday dishes for the whole family.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Nov 30
5:30 PM
Grab your smartest friends and put your knowledge to the test! Enjoy our featured dining options while being quizzed on some of your favorite topics. Stay tuned for the theme and menu!
Dear Membership,

As planned, we introduced several menu changes in October, and we will continue to introduce new items for your enjoyment. Our goal is to keep our menus fresh and interesting, while catering to our Membership’s requests.

I am pleased to report that we are in the development stages and working with the House Committee to launch a Member survey program called Member Insight. The program works in conjunction with our accounting software to automatically send a simple survey at random that ultimately gives us a score that we can then track and measure. Once up and running, we can use the program for a variety of events and activities to gain valuable feedback for what is working well and what we can improve upon. I expect to be able to launch the program in December if all goes well with the implementation, setup, and training.

Additionally, our marketing team has been working hard on the rebranding of the public and private sides of our website for The Reserve Club. We are excited to launch the new website after all the final edits are made to the content. As we get closer to completion, an updated notice will be sent to everyone. In the interim, I would encourage all Members to take a look at the data in the Member roster section of the current website to make sure all your personal data is accurate and up to date. This includes birthdays and anniversaries, if you wish those to be displayed on the Lobby television.

As we venture into November, I would like to encourage everyone to begin to plan for the holiday season. Please consider The Reserve Club as your venue of choice as you plan your holiday gatherings with your neighbors, friends, and/or business associates.

Please save the date and begin to gather your tablemates for our annual New Year’s Eve Gala. For those who did not attend last year, we had a great time ringing in the new year! Stay tuned for more information on New Year’s Eve at The Reserve Club.

In closing, I would like to thank the entire Membership for your generous contributions to our Employee Holiday Fund throughout the years. The Holiday fund is a Membership funded employee appreciation and bonus program that all Club Associates participate in. Any contribution is given and received in the true holiday spirit and is greatly appreciated by all. You will soon receive a notice about contributing for this year.

Respectfully,

Barry Garrett
Chief Operating Officer and General Manager
Fall is in the air! October was full of fun and spooky events, but I am ready for what November has in store. We start off the month with an Art Showcase in partnership with Southside Gallery. The art show last year was a huge success, and you will not want to miss this one on November 2nd. We also have a New Member Mixer on the calendar for November 15th, so be sure to sign up. All Members, new and experienced, are invited! We will also be hosting Trivia on November 30th. Stay tuned for more information regarding the theme and specialty dinner menu.

We hope to see everyone at our Thanksgiving Brunch! What a great opportunity to bring your family out to the Club and have our team take care of you all. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support here at The Reserve Club, as none of what we do would be possible without you. I am thankful for my time here, our amazing team, and an incredibly supportive Membership.

I would like to congratulate our previous winners from Tailgate Trivia:

Joanne & Frank Hamilton and Karin & Jerry Jaros

Jane Hemingway  Lori Shea
Carrie Malachin  Kris Cole
Kate Davis  Mary Gilbert
Theresa Hoyt

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

OCTOBER 2023

Kathleen and Clark Sullivan
Lou and Bill Walthall
Judy Ramsey and Andrew Palmer
Dewye and Russell Cason
Chase Butler
Jane and Kevin McManus
Bonnie and John Hausner
RECENTLY AT THE CLUB

WILD About Golf

The Reserve Club Nine Holers competed in their annual Member Guest September 13th and 14th. Check out some of the fun they had on the course. See all of the lions, tigers, and bears. Oh my!

Visit our website and select "Photo Album" from the home page to see all event photo galleries.
The RCWGA 18 ladies went to the wild, wild west for their annual Member-Guest on October 5th and 6th. See the participants and staff all decked out in their western gear, as well as the special guest Sugar Belle! The Members and guests stayed for a special event dinner followed by a hoedown on the lawn.

Visit our website and select "Photo Album" from the home page to see all event photo galleries.
Members caused a "racquet" at the end of September! The Reserve Club hosted the annual USTA Thyroid Cancer Awareness Tennis Tournament, benefitting cancer research. September 28th was the Pro Doubles Exhibition, with special guest, ESPN legend, Cliff Drysdale. The tournament, on September 29th and 30th, was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that competed and attended.
Boo! I hope that everyone had an excellent and spooky October as we begin to look ahead to the holiday season and what is coming up here at TRC.

**LOOKING BACK AT OCTOBER**

Yeehaw! The month kicked off with our RCWGA 18-hole “Roundup at the Reserve” Member-Guest where Members and their guests enjoyed a beautiful, fun-filled weekend. There was a lot going on around the Club this past month, such as Mrs. Fraser’s Art Class, Oktoberfest Pub Club, the Jack & Jill Golf Tournament, Partners and Putts, Bingo Night, Club Championship, Paladin Music Revue, Wine Tasting, and the RCMGA monthly tournament. We also hosted 3 weddings and a couple of very special Monday Golf Tournaments, which included First Tee of Aiken and FOTAS. These two tournaments are events we look forward to every year, as it is truly amazing to see our Members’ contributions and involvement for two great causes. We hope everyone enjoyed October’s events as we look forward to what is to come in November.

Before we look ahead to November; however, it is important this time of year to give thanks and to always appreciate those that surround you, whether it be family or friends. I know this month, I am beyond thankful for the outstanding love and support that our Members pour into our service team. Without your constant support and encouragement, we would not be where we are today.

**LOOK AHEAD TO NOVEMBER**

With a myriad of golf tournaments and social events this month, there are two that I would like to focus my attention on, the Generations and Scholarship Golf Tournament and Thanksgiving Day. The Generations Scholarship Tournament is special to me, as it is truly incredible to see how much our Membership supports this great event and awards deserving employees with scholarship money to help them in their individual educational pursuits. For the first time in my tenure here, a Food and Beverage employee was awarded one of the scholarships this year. For those of you that do not know Natalie Ruvalcaba, she is an incredibly hard working employee that cares not only for our Members, but for her coworkers as well. We are extremely proud of her. Be sure to congratulate her if you see her around the Club.

On Thursday, November 23rd, we will be hosting our Thanksgiving Brunch from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Please be sure to contact Concierge to make your reservations, and we look forward to seeing everyone with their family and friends. We will also be continuing our Thanksgiving Carry-Out, which allows a great option for those who don’t want to make those pesky sides, or experience the mayhem at the grocery stores. You can contact Concierge about the take out options as well.

As always, we thank you for your continued support here at the Club, and we look forward to seeing everyone around for the holiday season!
THANKSGIVING IN AIKEN

I’m thinking about Thanksgiving and all I’m thankful for, All the fun times that we’ve had, and what lies yet in store. And as the Holidays approach, one thing is clear to me, On Thanksgiving, Aiken is the place I want to be.

The summer heat is fading, the evening brings a chill, The Sun, in a sky of red and gold descends beyond the hill. I watched it setting, in it’s glory, peaceful and serene, A backdrop for the Aiken Symphony’s “Concert on the Green.”

Golden leaves, Crepe Myrtle trees, the “Blessing of the Hounds!” The Aiken Historical Museum where “Bloodies and Bagels” abound! The Wilcox Hotel is a stately place for an elegant Holiday spread, Or there’s Turkey prepared by our own Reserve chef, if you’re dining at home instead.

Close to my heart and dear to me…the Aiken Poets Society, The Wine Club and the Heart Shows, the Lighting of the Christmas tree! The Christmas tour of homes that really starts the Season right. How safe it feels to live at The Reserve, both day and night,

So you’ll find me here in Aiken for this years Thanksgiving Day, I wouldn’t want to miss a thing…! I couldn’t be away. We’ll gather here together with close friends and family, And we’ll raise a glass in gratitude for how good life can be!

- Roberta Kledas

I am thankful for my dear, caring husband and loving family. I’m grateful for Dr. Lancaster at MUSC who saved my life, Dr. Silver and Dr. Ravinski who continue to successfully treat me, and the team at South Aiken Physical Therapy where I have become so much better. I appreciate all of the magnificent residents of Woodside who prayed so hard for me and continue to support me, and the wonderful team at The Reserve Club who prayed and cheered me on and welcomed me so warmly on my first visit back to the Club! Life is full here in Aiken and within Woodside. I am thankful to get to live it!

- Sandra Brown

We’re thankful for our wonderful family!

- Susan and Gid Parrish

I have tons to be thankful for this year! My son graduated high school and enrolled in Clemson, and I started my own business! That, along with Florida State being relevant in football again, (I was on the 1993 National Championship team at Florida State) life has been very, very good to me.

- Cgil Allensworth
We’re Giving Back!

The Membership blew us all away with their generosity during the Making a Splash Pub Club. We want to continuously make a positive impact on the community we love, so The Reserve Club and Woodside Communities will be hosting several donation drives and fundraisers to benefit multiple organizations.

Golden Harvest Food Bank
For First Friday, November 3rd, we are trying to fill the food bank! Members that bring in 3 or more canned food items, or a cash donation, will be entered into a raffle to win a fall themed basket of goodies organized by Woodside Development.

**Most needed food items:**
- Low sodium canned vegetables
- No sugar added canned fruit
- Canned meats & seafood
- Low sugar jams and jellies
- Whole grain pasta and rice
- Whole grain cereal and oats
- Dried beans, peas, and lentils
- Other nutritious foods (preferably healthy, whole grain, low-sodium and low-sugar products)

Child Advocacy Center of Aiken
During our Holiday Pub Club series, we will be accepting donations for the Child Advocacy of Aiken. The organization is dedicated to providing intervention and treatment for children and families that have experienced trauma. Members that bring donations during Pub Clubs throughout December will receive a special gift, courtesy of Woodside Development.

**CAC Christmas Wishlist:**
- Child, junior, and adult sized clothing items, shoes, and undergarments.
- Diapers, wipes, pull-ups
- Toys, books, gift cards
- Hygiene and household items

See their full Christmas Wishlist on their website www.cacofaiken.org

Toys for Tots
The Club holds an annual Toys for Tots drive to bring holiday spirit to deserving children. Last year, the Membership brought joy to many children though their donations of toys and games. The Club collected so many donations in 2022, the Marine tasked with picking up the donations had to make two trips! This year, the Toys for Tots donation box will be located in the Lobby by Samantha Zabel’s office, beginning in November. Please bring your new, unwrapped toys and games to spread holiday cheer. Let’s see if we can top the amount of donations we received last year!
Here's the recipe for our Spinach and Artichoke Dip, just in time for all of your holiday parties and tailgates. Add some crab or lobster if you are feeling indulgent, and serve with tortilla chips, pita, tollhouse crackers, or your favorite crispy snack!

Ingredients:

- 16 oz Cream Cheese
- 1/4 cup Duke’s Mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Sour Cream
- 1 & 1/4 lb Baby Spinach
- 1 & 1/4 lb Artichokes (chopped)
- 1/2 cup Parmesan Cheese
- 1/2 cup Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 tbsp Lemon Juice
- 2 tsp Hot Sauce
- 2 tsp Garlic Powder
- 2 tsp Onion Powder
- Salt and Pepper to taste

1. Sauté the Spinach until cooked. Drain and allow to cool.
2. Allow the Cream Cheese to soften, then add to stand mixer. Beat Cream Cheese with paddle until smooth.
3. Add Sour Cream, Mayonnaise, Lemon Juice, Hot Sauce, Garlic Powder, Onion Powder, Salt, and Pepper to Cream Cheese, then mix.
4. Squeeze the Spinach to drain the remaining water. Chop the Spinach, then add to mixture.
5. Drain Artichokes and slice thin. Add them to the mixture.
6. Fold Parmesan and Mozzarella into mixture. Add more seasonings as needed.
7. Dip can be served hot or cold. To heat, bake in 350 degree oven until the Dip reaches 165 degrees internally, about 20 minutes. I like to top with mixed cheese before putting it in the oven for that gooey, melty topping!
Fall is in the air! This cocktail is perfect for those who love pumpkin spice and everything nice, or those who want a tasty drink in the cool weather.

**PUMPKIN SPICE OLD FASHIONED**


**INGREDIENTS**
- Orange Slice
- 1/2 oz. Pumpkin Spice Syrup
- 2 dashes Orange Bitters
- 3 oz. Woodford Reserve Bourbon
- Fabbri cherry
- Cinnamon Stick
- Sprinkle of Nutmeg

**DIRECTIONS**
1. Muddle Orange slice, Orange Bitters, and Pumpkin Spice Syrup.
2. Add Bourbon.
3. Stir vigorously.
5. Add Cherry and Nutmeg for garnish.
6. Enjoy!
WHY IS MOBILITY IN GOLF IMPORTANT?

IT GIVES YOU OPTIONS FOR SWING MECHANICS
The swings you can make will always be governed by your physical abilities. So, if your mobility is very poor, you will be limited in the type and range of movement you can make in your swing. Having a basic mobility routine will help you maintain your range of motion in joints that are integral to the golf swing which will be beneficial to your game in the long run.

LONGER BACK SWINGS
Although some professional golfers can create very high club head speeds and hit the ball huge distances with “short” back swings, many average club golfers struggle to generate speed. Longer back swings will help with this. Improved mobility will allow you to make a longer back swing, giving you more time to generate momentum and force in the downswing.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?
Your mobility CAN be improved, but it takes commitment and consistency. As we age, our mobility begins to decline unless we are actively working on it! The team at Village Fitness can help you develop a mobility routine to get you feeling and moving better. A program design of daily corrective exercises written by our training staff, or a series of practitioner assisted stretch sessions might be the key to supercharge your swing. Schedule your free consultation and our team will identify any limitations in your range of motion and develop a personalized plan to improve your game!

WHY IS MOBILITY IN GOLF IMPORTANT?

IT HELPS GENERATE CLUB HEAD SPEED
Having adequate mobility will help you generate club head speed in many ways. Two key benefits of increasing mobility are allowing you to create a longer back swing and improve your separation between your hips and shoulders in transition.

BETTER SEPARATION BETWEEN HIPS & SHOULDERS
This is a part of the "swing sequence" that many amateurs find difficult. Better players often have the ability to turn their hips toward the target while still rotating their torso away from the target. This creates a big stretch across the torso muscles, which when “let go,” results in more torso rotation speed. This is a key difference between elite and amateurs golfers, but is very difficult to achieve if your hips and torso have limited mobility.

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The Most Important Thing in Doubles Tennis

To win tennis matches, you need to take over the net. The net player wins, on average, 84% of the points. The net player is in the hot seat, the point-ending zone. Playing close to the net allows the player to take time and space away from the opposition. The net player can win cheap points by looking for high volleys, weak returns, and being on top of the net. The primary role of the net player is to watch out for weak shots and attack the open court of the opposing team.

The net player should constantly communicate with the server, watch the returner, and look to poach when the opportunity presents itself. The net player should know where both the first and second serve are going, enabling them to plan where to move to before the return is struck.

The net player should take dominant positions on the court, protect the center service line, and not so much protect the side of the court towards the alley. This is the highest part of the net and also the smallest target.

Tennis doubles develop complete players, and you can’t hide away behind the baseline. You must be confident and look to take the game to your opponents.

Andrew Burrow
Director of Racquets

Upcoming Events

Fall/Winter Start Times

Effective Nov. 1

Pickleball Open Play
Mondays - Saturdays
9:30 AM

Sunday Funday Pickleball
Sundays
10:00 AM

Sunday Funday Tennis
Sundays
1:00 PM

Men’s Social Tennis
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
11:00 AM

Ladies’ Social Tennis
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
9:00 AM

Men’s 3.5/4.0 Tennis
Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays
1:00 PM

Ladies Member/Member and Member/Guest

Tennis and Pickleball | Nov. 11
Racquet playing ladies, it’s time to pick your partner for the Tennis and Pickleball Member/Member and Member/Guest! Show off your skills in this tournament to see who will be reigned champion. Cost includes play, lunch, and awards.
The beat goes on as the Greens Maintenance Team is working hard to support the busy autumn event season, while also preparing the property for winter. Bunkers and concrete cart paths have been edged, tee boxes and the practice area have been overseeded, and brush areas are being cut down, just to name a few of the tasks that are underway or have been completed. We have restarted the tree removal process and checked our tarp inventory to protect against the kind of damage we experienced last year during the weeklong cold snap. In addition, we have raised the blades on our fairway mowers to enhance playability during the winter months. We also managed the project to reroute the main irrigation line on the 16th hole on Hollow Creek. We have also replenished the sod farm to ensure that we have replacement sod for emergency purposes.

In October, we completed the renovation of the green/white tee box on #18 of the Reserve Course. Two rock walls have been installed, and you may have noticed the pipes at the base. These pipes are not drainage pipes, but are designed to relieve any pressure buildup that may occur behind the walls. The tee boxes have been moved to the right and enlarged, providing a more direct tee shot, while widening the landing area in the 18th fairway.

Did You Know?
- The Reserve Club has a total of 109 bunkers between the two courses.
- The courses total to 250 acres of turf!

We will be implementing some procedures during the dormant winter season to protect the turf and enhance playability. First, we will be designating two holes per week on each course to “Cart Path Only” in order to reduce wear and tear on the rough. Second, we will be experimenting with on/off stakes on selected holes (supported by the cart GPS system) to manage cart traffic entry and exit points. We will publish additional information as we get closer to implementation.

At the end of November, our staff from Guatemala will be leaving to return home. This group worked extremely hard during their time here, and I very much appreciate their contribution to the team’s success. Due to the success of this program, we will be bringing in a larger team earlier next year.

For more information, be sure to check out the Greens Committee meeting minutes from 10/16/23 on our website.

Tip of the Month
With the winter season approaching, good cart habits are more important than ever. Please be mindful of where you enter and exit the course, utilizing pine straw beds whenever possible.
## 2023 Men’s Member Guest

**Overall Champions:**  
Don Develin & Patrick Kelley

**Augusta National Flight:**  
Leonard Ward & Cameron Ward

**Bethpage Black Flight:**  
Alan Costa & Stephen Visco

**Colonial Flight:**  
Jim Cillo & Scott Lycett

**Diamond Back Flight:**  
Jim Elia & Mike O’Leary

**East Lake Flight:**  
Dan Potter & Scott Potter

**Firestone Flight:**  
Jim Guthier & Fred Guthier

**Grayhawk Flight:**  
Kevin Kelley & Sean Kelley

**Hazeltine Flight:**  
James Mallak & Brandon Mallak

**Inverness Flight:**  
Mike Barr & Garrett Barr

## 2023 RCWGA 18 Member Guest

**Overall Gross Champions:**  
Lucy Stack & Deb Swan

**Overall Net Champions:**  
Tina Houston & Karyn Liljedahl

**Dale Evans Flight:**  
Carrie Dillard & Debbie Yano

**Bandidas Flight:**  
Jo Ann Clayton-Reyna & Jill Fendt

**Jolene Flight:**  
Holly Connelly & Jackie Baum

**Dixie Flight:**  
Linda Johnson & Judy Sanders

**Calamity Jane Flight:**  
Maggi Howard & Lei Gainer

## Women’s Team Match Play

**Overall Champions:**  
Renee Dutton & Carrie Malachin

Runner-Up Team:  
Bobbie Daniel & Karen O’Keefe

## Women’s Individual Match Play

**Overall Champion:**  
Pam Ruthven

## Runner-Up:  
Donna Eaton

## Upcoming Golf Events

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## 2024 Golf Travel Opportunities

### PINEHURST, NC

**MAY 14 - 17**  
Accommodations at the Holly Inn. Rounds of golf at No. 2, No. 4, No. 8, The Cradle, and one course to be announced. Breakfast each morning, dinner each evening. Hosted by John Keller. Details coming soon.

### PEBBLE BEACH, CA

**JUNE 3 - 7**  
The RCMGA turns for home, just concluding the first Major event, The Reserve Classic. The Major included 80 members playing for additional Jim Hudson Cup points and an additional $1,000 in prize money. The Reserve Classic was well received by all members. The group got together for 2023 RCMGA photo and celebrated our major sponsor, Jim Hudson Auto Group of Augusta.

Team scoring and individual scoring was outstanding and extremely tight. Valuable Hudson Cup points again were awarded as the season heads towards its final two events of the season. I urge all our members to go to the RCMGA website and drill down on the 2023 points standings. The new points format, instituted this year, of using the best 6 of 8 events keeps most players still in the hunt for the Jim Hudson Cup Championship. I do want to congratulate the Reserve Cup Major winners, and wish all our members success in the upcoming makeup event, now named Salute to Veterans, scheduled for November 7th. These final two events will be critical in determining our champion.

This is a very exciting time for the RCMGA as we crown a new Champion and prepare for our RCMGA Year End Banquet and Meeting. This event will take place on November 16th, so please be sure to register on ForeTees. The banquet will give us an opportunity to celebrate the 2023 season as well as sharing plans, goals, and happenings for the 2024 season. It truly is amazing how fast the year has flown by. It has been so much fun for myself and my RCMGA board team members, celebrating with all its members the accomplishments this season. Thank you all for being part of the growing success of the RCMGA. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Club and on the golf course.

President's Message:

Find more information about the RCMGA on the Club website.
A wonderful time was had by all at this year’s Member-Guest, the Roundup at The Reserve. Our members and guests enjoyed three days of beautiful weather, great food, and a fun competition with fabulous prizes. The ladies were also treated to a special surprise visit from Sugar Belle, the mini-pony mascot of the Aiken Equine Rescue.

9 - HOLERS

In keeping with the season, RCWGA-9 held their fall Partners & Putts event with a “KNOCK-IT-IN” Oktober Fun Fest theme. After playing a 4-person team scramble, an Oktoberfest Buffet awaited us in the dining room, which included grilled Knockwurst & Sauerkraut as the main entrée.

RCWGA-9 CLOSING MEETING

November 8th

It's hard to believe our season is coming to an end! It's been a great year of fun and friendships on and off the course. Our Niners’ closing meeting will be after our league golf play on Wednesday, November 8th.

18 - HOLERS

Registration is now open for our final tournament of the year, the annual President’s Cup. The two day event is quickly approaching and is one of the members’ favorites, so don’t hesitate to register.