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A Publication of Cherokee National Golf and Recreation Club

December 2022 Newsletter

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Cherokee National
Annual Meeting Notice
Monday, December 5, 2022
7:00pm Clubhouse

- Approve 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Committee Reports
- Review Annual Financial Statement & 2023 Budget
- Officers & Three (3) directors shall be elected

2022 Cherokee National Board of Directors

Officers

President – Steve Wood
Vice President- Josh Smith
Treasurer – Wade Hardin
Secretary – Trudy Hood

Directors

Term Ending 2022

B.J. Smith
Charles Chitty
Billy Briggs

Term Ending 2023

Charles Hartzog
Brad Wilkins
Billy Clarkson

Term Ending 2024

Dr. Eric Blanton
Jayson Blanton
Will Coggins

2023 Nominating Committee Results

The following have been nominated for 2023 Cherokee National Board of Directors and officers. The following was posted at the clubhouse 6 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting on December 5th at 7:00 pm.

President	Josh Smith
Vice President	Mike Watson
Treasurer	Wade Hardin
Secretary	Trudy Hood

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Director Terms Ending 2025

Justin Adler
Craig Sobol
Greg Coopridner

Nominating Committee members:

Cody Sossamon, Chairman
Marcus Allison
Mark Hood
Carlisle Hamrick
David Parker
John Wall
Chris Parker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Wood

First, I would like to thank the club for allowing me to serve as President, it has been an honor. Thank you to all the board members for their hard work, it certainly made my job much easier. We accomplished a lot this year and I won't go into all of that, those details are included in each committee report. We expect to gross over \$1M this year for the first time ever. We are thankful for that, since inflation and the increase in expenses made that income necessary for the club to operate at the level that our members have become accustomed to. Thank you for your continued support of our club and ask that you continue to support us as we navigate through these difficult economic times. Your support will be required for the club to continue to improve. Thank you again for being loyal to the club.

2023 Membership Dues – No Dues Increase for 2023

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES are due January 15, 2023

- *Regular Member Annual Dues – 12 X \$125 month = \$1500*
- *Junior Member Annual Dues – 12 X \$95 month = \$1140*
- *Senior Member Annual Dues – See Member Handbook*
- Late fee \$25 per month – **PAST DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2023**
- If you wish to switch from Annual to Monthly Draft come to golf shop with voided check and completed draft form (available on our website)

MONTHLY DUES DRAFTEES – NO ACTION REQUIRED

Annual Unlimited Range Ball Plan Fees are due March 31, 2023

Annual (April thru March) Unlimited Range Ball Plan - \$200

Annual Locker Fees are due March 31, 2023

Locker Fees (April – March) - \$78

If you are interested in a locker, please call the Pro Shop to be put on the waiting list.

Annual GHIN Handicap Fees Dues March 31, 2023

GHIN Handicap Fees - \$25 If paid late - \$30

Accompanied Guest Fees for 2023

January 1 thru March 11 (OFF- SEASON) - \$50 weekday / \$50 weekend & holiday

March 12 thru October 31 (IN-SEASON) - \$50 weekday / \$65 weekend

November 1 thru December 31 (OFF-SEASON) \$50 weekday / \$50 weekend & holiday

- 9 holes (1/2 - 18-hole price)
- Green Fees may be changed without notice
- Local Guest (within 25 miles or surrounding counties) may play Cherokee National (2) times in 2023
- Non-Local Guest (outside 26 miles) may play Cherokee National (8) times in 2023

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Members Golf Outings Tournaments

- Contact Danny Agapion to schedule your 2023 Golf Outing or Tournament
- Friday & Saturday Tournament Rate, including Cart & Green Fee & Range balls - **\$45**

Social Hall Rental

- Members - \$750
- Events Sponsored by Members - \$1000

Swimming Pool

- Accompanied Guest Fees Per Day - \$10
- Local Guest (within 25 miles or surrounding counties) may swim (2) times in 2023
- Non-Local Guest (outside 26 miles) may swim (8) times in 2023
- Pool Parties \$135 Please see Danny to schedule
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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By Josh Smith, Chairman

Committee Members: Mitchel Humphries, Lee Smith, Tim Crocker, Lewis Huskey

The membership at Cherokee National has grown from 438 to 466 members in 2022. Despite dues increase and a difficult economy, we were able to keep our membership and gain new members. This is testimony to the value of your Cherokee National membership. The membership cap is 480 and we may see a waiting list in 2023, for the first time in decades. Cherokee National was established in 1963. As we celebrate 60 years, we strive to continue to improve. Please consider volunteering for a committee, such as membership, by contacting a committee chairman.

As we approach our membership limit, the Board may increase the initiation fee back to previous levels. If you know someone that is considering joining, please encourage them to do so soon.

Lastly, a few membership policy reminders:

- Full memberships include spouse and children who are all the following: age 20 and under, unmarried, and permanently living at home with their parents. All other children of members require their own membership. An exception is unmarried full time students older than 20, still living with parents. Grace periods apply after graduation (see policies).
- Personal carts are required to pay cart fees (minimum 9-hole rate for 1-9 holes)
- Membership dues that are paid annually are due on Jan 15 and past due on Feb 1. Late fees apply. Please assist the club by paying annual dues on time. Free summer range balls for annual payees have been discontinued by the Board.
- 2023 dues will remain at 2022 levels
- Please see our latest policies at www.cherokeernationalgolfclub.com under "Membership"

POOL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Eric Blanton, Chairman

Pool repairs and maintenance requests were made under budget for the year. Pool Leak Solutions did not find as many issues as we had anticipated so we were able to save some money on pool repairs.

I would like to thank Danny Agapion and Cody Transou for their work with the daily pool maintenance and pool house. We would also like to thank the lifeguards for their help. Special thanks to Kaitlyn Mathis and Molly Transou for managing the day-to-day operations, they did an outstanding job!

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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

By B.J. Smith, Chairman

I would like to thank our committee of Danny Agapion, Will Coggins, and Lee Smith for their work on member club tournaments. I would also like to thank Danny, Paul and their staff for their hard work on the Outside Tournaments which generated a record high of nearly \$36,000 in Cart & Green Fees. I have completed my three-year term as a board member and tournament chair and would like to say it has been an honor and privilege to represent the club I grew up at and care so much about.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2022 CHAMPIONS

Spring Four Ball: Andy Painter & Mark Hood
Labor Day Champions: Chris Cobb & Colin Cobb
Men's Club Champion 39 & under: Brandon Coggins
Men's Mid Club Champion 40 – 54: Jason West
Senior Club Champion 55 – 64: Dalon Queen
Senior Club Champion 65 – 69: Frankie McCraw
Super Senior Club Champion 70 & over: Bobby Ellis
Junior Boys Club Champion: AJ Bolin
Sub-Junior: Ben Smith
Pee Wee Club Champion: Davin Kozic
Sub Pee Wee Club Champion: Rilen Kozic
Cherokee County Champion: Cody Transou
Cherokee County Runner- Up Brandan Coggins
Cherokee County Champion 40 – 54: Michael Wilson
Cherokee County Senior 55 - 64: Dalon Queen
Cherokee County Senior 65 – 69: Rick Carter
Cherokee County Super Senior 70 & over: Bobby Ellis
Transou Junior Boys: Jay Smith, Florence
Transou Junior Girls: Teryn Dalton, York

***2023 Tournament Schedule
to be finalized in January
Please visit our website for updates
See preliminary schedule below***

GREEN COMMITTEE REPORT

By Charles Hartzog, Chairman and Todd Roberson, Golf Course Superintendent

I would like to thank committee members: Charles Hamrick, Billy Briggs, David Parker, Charles Banks, Mike Watson, Curt Humphries, Craig Sobol, Josh Smith, Billy Clarkson, and Johnny Leazer. As a committee we would also like to thank Todd Roberson, Golf Course Superintendent and Stan Anthony, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, and the rest of the maintenance staff for their dedication and hard work! Our golf course remained in great shape all season long.

Special projects this past year included Fraise mowing the range tee to level it out and we used sprigs from that mostly on the right side of the fairway on #8 and on #6 just across the pond which is a Pee Wee tee box.

The bridge on #3 was in danger of collapsing after years of use, it was raised and supported by a crew that specializes in that kind of work.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Brad Wilkins, Chairman

Thank you to the finance committee members, Jim Inman, Kelly Phillips, Jimmy Randolph, Andy Painter, & Wade Hardin.

Inflation. We see it and feel it all around us. Chemicals have been the big one that hit this year. That line item alone was \$17,000 over an already increased budget for 2022. Most other items are up this year as well.

In 2022, the club was able to pay for the last portion of pool repairs, the bridge repair on #3, replaced one of the HVAC units at the clubhouse, and pump repairs without touching our savings. These are issues that seem to arise every year & are difficult to budget in advance.

We are continuing to increase our Capital Savings so that we can fund the sprinkler head replacement, men's restroom remodel, & other planned improvements.

Fortunately, we were able to pass the 2023 budget with no dues increase. However, to increase revenue and balance the budget, cart fees will be raised to \$10 per nine holes.

Our committee looks to keep our costs as low as possible. If, after reviewing the 2023 budget, you have any suggestions, send them to me, we will be happy to review any valid ideas.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Billy Briggs, Chairman and Danny Agapion, PGA

We would like to thank our house committee: Trudy Hood, Glenda Hartzog and Trebbi Hardin. Without their support and hard work, we would have not accomplished all that we did.

This past winter we completed the painting of the downstairs.

We were able to trade in our 64 gas carts for 60 new 2023 E-Z-GO Electric Elite with lithium batteries. A special thanks goes to BJ Smith for leading the negotiations with E-Z-GO. Another special thanks goes to Mitchell Humphries for wiring the Cart Shed for electric carts.

We also installed new video cameras inside and outside of the clubhouse and various other locations on the property.

Several Board members helped obtain our Beer license through the State of South Carolina, which we now have.

Soon to come will be a newly remodeled Men's Bathroom downstairs and we would like to thank, in advance, the committee and volunteer contractor and member Leslie Bright for leading this project. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience, but we feel this project is well overdue and should be completed in about 60 days. Men, please use the upstairs restroom while we are under construction. We will also open the pool bathrooms when we can, and the on-course bathrooms are always available for use.

Thanks to last year's house chairman, Mike Smith (aka Buckshot), for donating the fence to protect our existing heat and air units. Also, thanks to Billy Briggs for installing.

During the summer, our big unit in the Golf Shop went and required replacement. We would like to thank Childers Heating & Air for installing the new 7.5-ton unit and the excellent price.

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You may have noticed the 12 sets of black iron patio furniture. It was sand blasted and painted and looks like new. This process should extend the use for years to come.

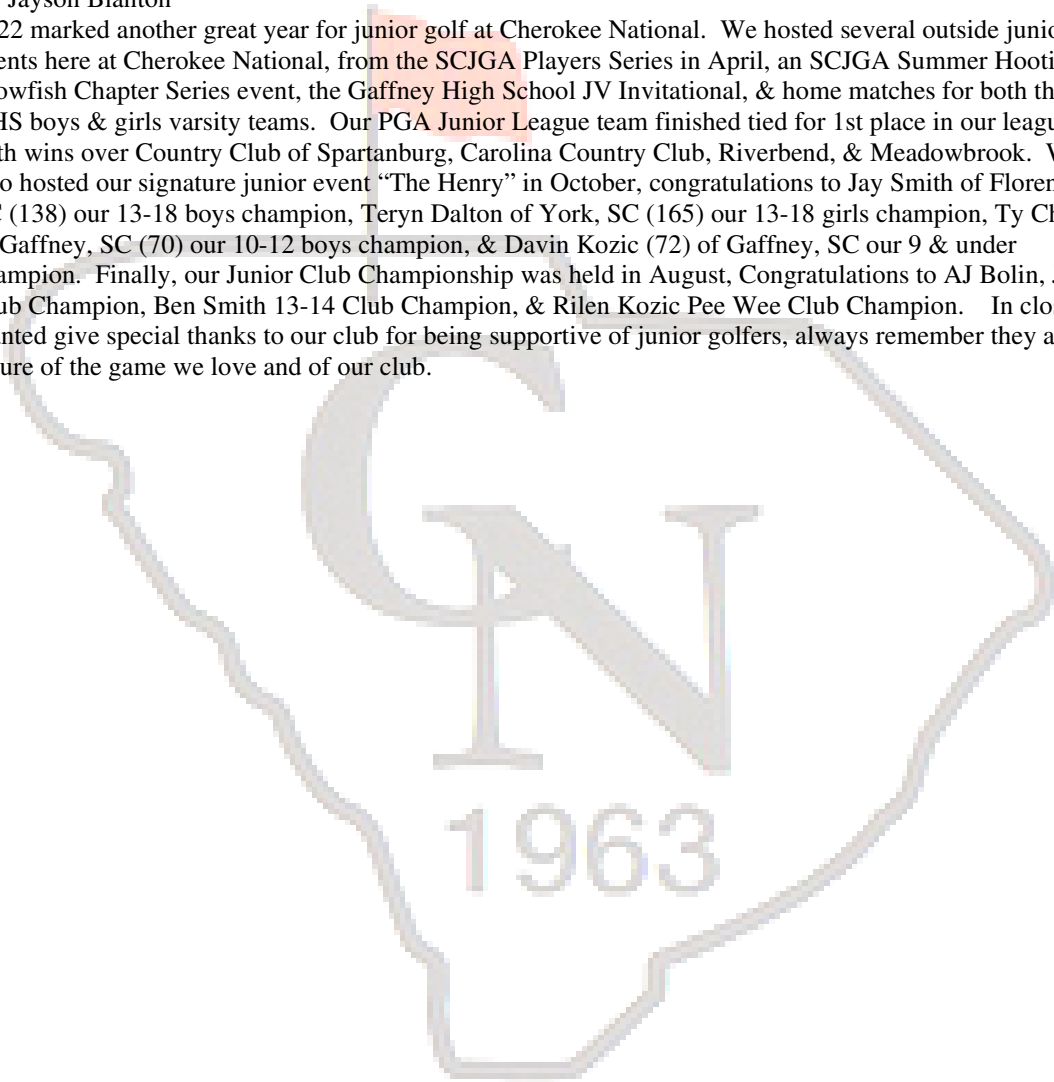
Lastly, we are updating and buying a new point of sale system and will be going thru some training and learning, so please be patient with our staff. Plans are to go live January 1st.

To say the least, the house committee has accomplished a lot the last 2 years.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

By Jayson Blanton

2022 marked another great year for junior golf at Cherokee National. We hosted several outside junior events here at Cherokee National, from the SCJGA Players Series in April, an SCJGA Summer Hootie & Blowfish Chapter Series event, the Gaffney High School JV Invitational, & home matches for both the GHS boys & girls varsity teams. Our PGA Junior League team finished tied for 1st place in our league, with wins over Country Club of Spartanburg, Carolina Country Club, Riverbend, & Meadowbrook. We also hosted our signature junior event "The Henry" in October, congratulations to Jay Smith of Florence, SC (138) our 13-18 boys champion, Teryn Dalton of York, SC (165) our 13-18 girls champion, Ty Childers of Gaffney, SC (70) our 10-12 boys champion, & Davin Kozic (72) of Gaffney, SC our 9 & under champion. Finally, our Junior Club Championship was held in August, Congratulations to AJ Bolin, Junior Club Champion, Ben Smith 13-14 Club Champion, & Rilen Kozic Pee Wee Club Champion. In closing, I wanted give special thanks to our club for being supportive of junior golfers, always remember they are the future of the game we love and of our club.



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PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE - CHEROKEE NATIONAL TEAM

By Danny Agapion, PGA Professional

The PGA Junior League is a national program organized by The PGA of America. I have been a proud PGA Member since 1989 and I believe this is one of the best programs the PGA has to offer. The PGA Junior League is team competition between area golf clubs formed by 8- to 13-year-old junior golfers' boys and girls. I would also like to thank the parents for their support. We have some talented kids which makes it even that much more fun to coach them. I love all of them and enjoy being around them.

The format we play is 9 holes of match play of 2-man captains' choice - against the other area clubs. The last two years our record is 11-1 against CC of Spartanburg, Carolina CC, Woodfin, The Creek, Riverbend, and Meadowbrook. We had 4 of the All Stars in 2021 and 2 All Stars last season - Ty Childers & Trevor Blanton.

Cherokee National Team

Ty Childers, Brody Robertson, Harley Wood, Trevor Blanton, Trenton Blanton, Collin Allison, Parker Adler, Caleb Green, and Mason Moss. Most all these guys will return to our team next summer.

Hall of Fame Dinner 2023 Date to Be Determined

Club Text Alerts

To receive text updates and club news, follow these instructions below or ask a staff member to help you sign up: TEXT "18holes" to 864-615-1816. Do not put a space between 18 and holes. That's it! This is our best way to communicate and keep you informed with quick, short messages.

Other Club Contacts

www.cherokeernationalgolfclub.com for members handbook, draft forms, prospective member packet, tournament schedule and more

Facebook – [cherokeernationalgolfers](https://www.facebook.com/cherokeernationalgolfers)

Telephone: 864-489-9417

Mailing Address: Cherokee National Golf & Recreation Club
P.O. Box 11
Gaffney, SC 29342

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Pros Golf Shop, Inc 2022 Annual Christmas Sale Price Sheet (in-stock)

Apparel (not including Shoes, Hats, Socks)

Adidas Apparel.....40% off Retail

Ahead Apparel.....40% off Retail

Foot-Joy Appare.....40% off Retail

MV Sport.....20% off Retail

Scales.....40% off Retail

UnderArmour.....40% off Retail

Golf Hats (buy 1)20% off Retail

Golf Hats (buy 2)30% off Retail

Foot-Joy Golf Shoes.....see discounted price

Golf Bags

PING, Titleist, Jones.....10% off Retail

Special Orders welcome (Prices TBD)

Thank You & Happy Holidays!