From the Chairman:

President’s Report

The very warm days of August are behind us, and I for one am anticipating more temperate conditions. It has been noted that there is a concern that our club had considerable outside tournament play during the month of August which limited the access to our golfing members. Golf courses across America walk a financial tightrope to remain viable. To that end, we at Mimosa Hills have been blessed to have such a wonderful course that it attracts significant interest in outside play. Those events have contributed close to $100,000 of revenue to our bottom line and have also added to our membership growth. Rest assured that your Board of Directors and the Tournament Committee are fully aware of your concerns and will continue to judicially monitor the impact of outside play at Mimosa Hills.

So what is happening at our pool? For the first time in over 50 years there is the quiet rustling of leaves and not the joyful noise of children splashing and laughing. It saddens me that this is our current situation. Therefore, I have appointed a special committee to revisit our options of repairing, or replacing and financing a pool at Mimosa. I anticipate Board action and a membership vote within the next 120 days.

Respectfully,

John Sallstrom, President
More work done near Hole 12.
Funded by the Mimosa Hills Preservation Donor Club

The sod has arrived!

Preparing to lay the sod.

New grass coming in!

Work is nearing completion on the new roof of the clubhouse.

Thank you for your patience as the work around the club continues.
Food & Beverage:

Restaurant Hours:
Sat - Wed 11am - 4pm
Thurs & Fri 11am - 4pm

Bar Hours:
Sat - Wed 11am - 6pm
Thurs & Fri 11am - 9pm

Join us for Sunday Brunch!
September 11
11:30 am – 2:00 pm

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS
Sept 24 – Wine Tasting Dinner
$40 per person

Nov 5 – Murder Mystery Dinner
$50 per person

SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS!

September Thursday-Friday Night Dinner Specials

Entrees
(served with (1) side and a trip to our Garden Spot)

- 6 oz. Beef Filet $17.95
- 10 oz. Beef Filet $25.95
- Teriyaki Salmon $17.95

Mustard-Crusted Pork Loin w/Browne Potatoes $15.95

Vegetarian Dish $14.95

Sides
Stuffed Zucchini ~ Mixed Grill
Polenta Cakes ~ Ginger Carrots
Creamed Spinach

Snack Shack Hours
Wed – Sun 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

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From the Pro:

**Golf Events for September**

**Burke County Chamber of Commerce Outing**
Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>
Shotgun Start at 1:00pm

*The golf course and practice facilities will be closed to non-tournament play until approx. 6:30pm. The practice facility will open to members at 1:00pm. The dining room and the bar & grill will be closed for this tournament.*

**Greens Aerification**
September 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>- Tuesday-Friday
Greens aerification will begin on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Expect 9 holes to be closed each day of aerification. 18 holes will open on Saturday.

**Night Golf**
September 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday
Golf will start at approx. 8:00 pm. 9 holes captains choice, make your own team or the pro shop will pair you up. Open to all golf members. Cost is $50 per player, which includes dinner before play. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00pm. Please call the golf shop to sign up.

**Western Piedmont Seniors**
September 26<sup>th</sup>- Monday
Shotgun start at 10:00 am. Open to all Mimosa Hills golf members 55 years of age and older. Cost is $25. *The golf course will be closed until approx. 3:00pm.* The practice facility will open to members at 11:00am.

**Burke County Public Schools Golf Outing**
September 29<sup>th</sup>- Thursday
Shotgun start at 12:30pm. *The golf course will be closed until approx. 6:30pm.* The practice facility will open to members at approx. 1:00pm.

Jimmy Piercy
PGA Head Golf Professional
CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNERS!!

2016 Frank G. Bowers Junior Club Championship

Boys Winner – Logan McNeely
Girls Winner – Haven Worley

Boys 14-15 Winner - Dillon Robinson
2nd place – Carson Witherspoon

Girls 11 & Under Winner – Kaylen Best
Girl 12-13 Winner – Christina Fisher
Boys 11 & Under – Alex Bock

Pro Shop Hours
Mon-Fri 8am-7pm
Sat 8am-6pm
Sun 8am-7pm
Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Club Championship!

Club Champion
Thomas Messenheimer

Senior Champion
Chip Black

Ladies Champion
Brenda Cantrell

Congratulations to the 2016 Joe Cheves Jr. Invitational Winners!

Boys: Trent Phillips of Inman, SC

Girls: Elisa Young of Norcross, GA.
On The Course:

This has been a tough summer. No rain then too much at one time. The high humidity (coupled with heat) is what causes the bentgrass to decline the most. Our greens were showing signs of the stress mid to late August. They are tired and ready for some cooler weather. I remember talking to a golf course superintendent a few years ago from Scottsdale, Ariz. (formerly from Maryland). He said that Scottsdale was the easiest place he ever grew bentgrass. Without humidity your disease pressure is virtually non-existent.

The greens aerification, topdressing and light verti-cutting are scheduled to begin Tuesday Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day. Typically, if all goes as planned, nine holes will be open each day for that week. It is always best to call the pro shop before driving out to see what the status is. Fertilizer will be applied as well to aid in recovery. Overall the greens are ready for the relief after a long summer. The aerating (allowing for much needed oxygen exchange) and lack of mowing for about 5 days helps tremendously. The 3 aerifications (with sand topdressing) per year are necessary to follow USGA recommendations to control organic matter content, especially for bentgrass greens in the southeast. The program was evaluated and backed up by Carolinas Golf Association Agronomist, Bill Anderson, this past spring.

Once the greens are healed up and the roots rebuilding, they will be primed for peak performance for this fall. The healing process, with some good weather, is generally very rapid. It is also important to note that every summer in this area, bentgrass greens will lose 50-80% of their root mass. This is the main reason that as the summer progresses, the greens get softer and more susceptible to ball mark damage. Please take extra care and fix your and other ball marks. Always push down and inwards never lifting upwards with a proper ball mark repair tool.

The rains of August were very good for the bermudagrass seed and sod on holes 12 & 11. After some contractor delays, heavy rains then no rain, the project on hole 12 has come together nicely. The rip rap check dam has saved the new grass and cart path from erosion issues during several heavy rains. We will leave that in place until we feel confident that erosion will not destroy all the efforts. No set date.

Thanks again to all the supporters for the Mimosa Hills Preservation Club! We are in the planning stages for the next wave of improvements. Stay tuned.

Dan Winters, Superintendent
Mimosa Hills Bluebirds  UPDATE by Linda Julien, Mimosa Hills Garden Club

Bluebird monitoring season is now over for the year. All boxes are empty and have been cleaned.

This year we had the most fledglings (new bluebirds) we’ve ever counted. Here are the results I submitted to The Bluebird Society of North Carolina:
- Total nest boxes - 19 (includes 1 at McDowell House)
- Total Bluebird eggs- 164
- Total Bluebird eggs hatched- 140
- Total fledged- 137

One box was used by another kind of bird; 5 eggs, all birds fledged.

FYI: It is not unusual to find one egg unhatched, especially in nests of 5. However, we lost 6 Bluebird babies from one box. I found a snake in the box on 17 after he had gotten the 3 babies. The mother built another nest and there were 3 eggs. They, too, disappeared, so, I’m pretty sure the snake got them too. We will put up a different type box there next year.

The Bluebirds will stay here, even through the winter. They sometimes use the boxes, with as many as 8 birds, during a cold, windy spell. Pine trees also provide decent protection.

In February, once again, members of Mimosa Garden Club will be distributing a corn meal/peanut butter/lard food mixture to help them replace the fat they’ve used up over the winter.

Here’s to another great year!
If you visited the club during the month of August you saw a flurry of activity beginning with the NC Senior 4-Ball tournament to the Frank G. Bowers Junior tournament to the Mimosa Hills Pro Am to the Mimosa Hills Club Championship to the Western Piedmont Seniors and ending with the Joe Cheves Junior Invitational! AND we have had roofers, landscapers, tree guys and a mixture of other maintenance workers on the grounds.

WHEW! It’s been a busy time. But busy is good in the golf club world. It means we are getting the attention of golfers from the amateur level to the professional. This is how we grow our membership and we ARE growing.

Please welcome these new members this month:

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This August has been a very warm one!

Nevertheless, ladies have braved the elements to play golf on Mimosa's beautiful course. On August 2, Diana Anderson had an eagle on #3 while playing with Brenda Cantrell, Tyra Jones, and Margaret Nieters. Great playing Diana.

The Thursday game day results are as follows:

August 4. Team Points
  Winners: Tyra Jones, Susan Merrill, Margaret Nieters
  Special: Brenda Cantrell

August 11. 1 Best Ball Net
  Winners: Diana Anderson, Thelma Conley, Dana Nave
  Special: Brenda Cantrell

August 18. Team Points
  Winners: Thelma Conley, Susan Merrill, Dana Nave
  Special: Tyra Jones

And, congratulations to Brenda Cantrell on being the Ladies Champion at Mimosa Hills Golf Club!

September should bring us many nice golfing days.

See you on the course,
Flo Carter
Upcoming Club Events:

Mimosa Hills
Wine, Dine & Dance
Saturday, September 24
6:00pm - 10:00 pm
$40 per person
(Gratuity & tax not included in price.)
Music provided by DJ Ashleigh

Our Menu for the Evening paired with Selected Wines
- Wild Mushroom Soup
- Roasted Vegetable Salad
- Rice Pilaf
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Shrimp Kabobs with Lemons and Bay Leaves
- Dessert Bar

Reservations are required for this event.
Seating is Limited.
Reserve your seat by calling 828-437-2967.

Saturday, November 5, 2016
6:30 pm
$50 per person
(Gratuity & tax not included in price.)
Help solve the mystery of the Murder at the Country Club!

This is a ticketed event.
Tickets can be purchased at the Mimosa Hills Restaurant Bar & Grill
or
by calling the Mimosa Hills office 828-437-2967.