

**Belle Meade Country Club Contact Information**

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**Board of Directors:**

December was a great month for Belle Meade Country Club! We hosted more events than we have in a very long time and the bookings keep on coming! We already have private parties booked for the month of January and calls continue for other months throughout the year which leads us to believe that 2012 will be a great year for us.

Based on the support, attendance, and feedback received from members, the New Year's Eve Bash was a huge success. We had over 160 members and guests to attend the event and most stayed to enjoy the traditional breakfast buffet afterward. A special thanks to all that donated their time and resources to help decorate the club for the party.

The board continues to move forward planning a lot of events to keep all members entertained and informed throughout the upcoming year. We will have several events that we have never had before, and some events are directly related to feedback from our members. It seems that Trivia is a very popular event. We will continue Trivia on the third Saturday night of every month beginning January 21, 2012. We are also planning a Member Social to be held quarterly as a way for members to congregate and get to know each other better. The first Member Social is tentatively planned to take place in either February or March so be on the watch for the notice. At the end of February, we will also hold a "Winterball" golf tournament that is a 27-hole par three tournament. More details to come on this event and others.

Out with the old and in with the new! New carpet and chairs will be added in the lower lounge in the month of January. We were able to make these upgrades as a result of our "Fun"raiser for furniture events that were held throughout the past year. We appreciate all of your support for those events and hope that you enjoy the new updates. The "Fun"raiser events proved to be a great way to make improvements to the clubhouse without additional expenses to you. We hope to offer more events like these in the future so we can continue to update.

As you can see, we are getting prepared for a very busy and exciting 2012. We look forward to seeing you at the club and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

With Appreciation,

Van Langham, President

***TRIVIA:** January's date will be Saturday, the 21st. The Family-Y will be there for Child Watch activities for the children. You must reserve in advance so we can plan activities and plan the staffing.*

PRO SHOP NEWS:

We sincerely hope you had a wonderful time bringing in the New Year and wish you and your families peace, prosperity and health in 2012 and beyond! Moving forward, we are excited about greeting our members and 'Welcoming' guests as you all enjoy golfing and the Pro Shop.

Also, we would like to remind everyone that the '2nd' Wednesday of every month, members may invite McDuffie County guests to play at the \$26.00 rate. However, you must accompany your guests.

Further, there still exists the need for other notable reminders: PLEASE adhere to not abusing course etiquette and/or rules. These entail dress code, cart positioning on course, play through, etc. There are still concerns being expressed by members pertaining to these matters. Our course deserves our 'special care' and our golfers deserve every courtesy. We desire ALL to have a pleasurable experience.

Even though winter has officially arrived, please come on out and play! We can be very blessed with moderate temperatures in our beautiful area.

If there is anything at all we may assist you with, please let us know. Again, Happy New Year and many blessings to you and yours.

HAPPY GOLFING!!!

Clark –and– Dana

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT NEWS:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous New Year.

During the next two months, we will be cleaning and polishing our golf carts, prepping our mowers for the coming season and painting cups and tee markers. We will also be trimming trees, spraying winter weeds and hopefully adding area to the yellow tee on #3.

Expectations for the golf course for the 2012 growing season are extremely high. We anticipate significant gains on weed control throughout the course. We will finally have enough turf coverage on the greens to begin aggressive grooming practices. This will include bi-weekly verticutting and light topdressing, spiking, rolling and hand watering.

To have and maintain high quality putting surfaces, nutrition of the soil is the essential foundation. Over the past two seasons, we have made improvements in the soil profiles but we still have some issues to correct. We will be diligent in our quest to make Belle Meade the desired destination for golfers in the CSRA!!

Sincerely,

J B H, G.C.S.