

BELLE MEADE COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

I hope all of you are enjoying the unusual spring like weather! We have had lots of participation this past month at BMCC and look forward to some upcoming events highlighted in the newsletter. Our new newsletter format will hopefully give you an easier way to find out about events at the club.

I am happy to announce that Jennifer Spivey is now on board with us full time and will serve as the Front End Manager and Banquet Coordinator. Jennifer has a lot to offer and I know you will enjoy her service.

Another new addition includes our new carpet and chairs in the lower lounge. The restrooms are currently in the renovation stage and hopefully we will have those updates complete soon.

A lot of the changes that are happening are a result of the large number of volunteers that have stepped up to help make the enhancements possible. There are far too many volunteers to list, but everyone is valued and appreciated. I am

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5	Super Bowl Party
February 7	Zumba with Tina
February 14	Valentine's Day Dinner
February 18	Trivia with Van & Scott
February 25	Winterball Tournament
February 25	MAC Benefit Dinner

astounded at the number of people who have volunteered to help! What a great family we have here at BMCC!

Thank you for your positive encouragement and participation as we continue to make the club more comfortable for you and your guests. As always, if you have a suggestion or concern our committee chairs value your input and participation as well as I do. We look forward to seeing you at BMCC!

With appreciation,

Van Langham, President

Belle Meade Welcomes Jennifer Spivey

I am a 1989 graduate of Thomson High School. My major for eighteen years was being a mother. My kids have been a very large part of my life. I have three children, Garrett 20 yrs, Katelyn 19 yrs, and Jackson 13 yrs. Four years ago I was asked to work the week of Masters in the Grillhouse at Champion Retreat's private golf club. At the end of the week I was asked to stay on as a part time server and I accepted. Over the upcoming year, part time gradually turned into full time. I absolutely fell in love with the industry. The truth is I love people. I like a sponge, soaked up any knowledge of banquets, fine dining, bar-tending, and wine service available and because of the genuine love of the members I have established something greater than a job. I have established diverse relationships that will last a lifetime. I was selected by Tim Curry, your Chef,



*Jennifer Spivey, Front
End Manager and
Banquet Coordinator*

to be a personal server for Gary Player during the 2010 Masters. Since then I have served Mr. Player on several occasions. I have had the pleasure of serving prominent business men locally and from all over the world. Charles Kelley, lead male vocalist, from the popular country music band Lady Antebellum, I have also

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served. Because of my repertoire in the industry I have been asked to work numerous private parties from corporate companies and small private groups. It has been a blast!

Being a native of Thomson, Georgia, it is an honor to be a part of the reconstruction of one of the most prestigious landmarks in McDuffie County. I hold many fond memories of Belle Meade, from Sweet Sixteen Parties to Class Reunions to Social after hour parties hosted by Le Anne Cowart. Everyone always wanted the Belle Meade experience. Belle Meade has opened a new opportunity for me as a manager. What do I have to offer Belle Meade?

Experience would be the most logical answer but service is more than that. It's person ability. I want the pleasure of getting to know each and every one of you and sharing in and orchestrating the timeless celebrations of weddings, anniversaries, holidays, or any other special occasion you hold dear to your heart. My job is to deliver the experience and my goal is to leave a lasting impression and continue to establish relationships that will last a lifetime.

With Gratitude,
Jennifer Spivey

Golf News from the Superintendent

WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR WINTER????...The average 4" soil temperatures for January was 55.2 degrees. These temperatures should be in the 40's.

Although we have a lot of green Bermuda, it is not growing. Most of these areas are in low-cut areas around greens and low, wet areas. We began cleaning the turf of debris in late January preparing to spray. We will begin spraying in roughs and work our way into the lower cuts of turf. Hopefully, we will have a couple of hard frosts in early February.

We also began scalping fairways and roughs in late January to remove weed seed-heads and excessive

leaves from the Bermuda grass. This should give the course a cleaner look and make it more 'playable'.

The "official" groundhog for North America, Punxsutawney Phil, resides at Cobbler's Knob near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. I, for one, am hoping he sees his shadow on February 2nd!

If anyone has any questions about eliminating winter weeds or pre-emergents for their lawns, please come see me or give me a call.

Sincerely,
J B H, G.C.S.

News from the Pro-Shop

How about the beautiful weather we are enjoying at present? Looks and feels like the beginning of "Golf Mania" to us! February is the month of hearts, flowers, candy, and thoughtfulness. You could be spending some time on the course 'together' with your "special" person, whether they play or simply enjoy the time spent with you and the gorgeous days. Better hurry...Jimmy is wishing for more frost!

This month we will be having the 'Winterball' Tournament Saturday February 25th. Make sure to sign up very soon!

Along the lines of "signing up"...it is time to get in on the annual Range Plan for the range balls.

If you would like to participate, please let us know. This is a very economical way to approach yearly use.

Also, we would like to request that everyone put forth more effort into repairing ball marks and divots in an attempt to take extra special care of the greens! The course promises to be better than ever this year. Thank you Jimmy and crew!

We hope you and your families have yet another wonderfully blessed month. Please contact us or come by to receive any Pro Shop assistance that you may require...ALWAYS happy to help.

HAPPY GOLFING!!! Clark and Dana

From the front of the House

It is awesome to be on board with the fine staff at Belle Meade Country Club! With the recently purchased dinnerware and silverware our sleeves are rolled up and we are excited about the months ahead. Don't forget we are still holding our Business Lunches Tuesday through Thursday where we offer you a great place to dine for you and your business associates. On, February 14th we will offer a Valentine Dinner for members and guests which will be held in the Ballroom. We will be introducing Belle Meade's new house wine selection by La Terra and offering the most exquisite fine dining experience in town. Alongside the adults, we have included the children which will have their own Valentine Party in the lower lounge. Seating is limited so make reservations now. The McDuffie Arts Council will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, February 25th. Prior to dinner, Lillie Morris, a local artist and musician, will

be completing her ongoing artwork of the 16th hole in the lower lounge with a silent auction to follow. For next month, don't forget to look for your newsletter. We have a fun filled night planned for St. Patrick's Day with authentic Irish food, music, liquor and beer. Rumor has it that the lower lounge will be transformed into an Irish Pub!

I have enjoyed becoming acquainted with new members and reacquainted with old friends. Megan and I are enthusiastic about taking things to a higher level of service and our goal is to meet the expectations of the members through the art of fine dining. If there is anything we can do to better serve you please let us know.

At Your Service,

Jennifer

February Events in Detail

Zumba-Join us in the ballroom every Tuesday starting on February 7th from 6-7 p.m. for Zumba (except when there are scheduled ballroom events)! The class will be led by Tina Swann. Bring your water bottle and your mat (or beach towel) and get ready to have a great time! Free to members, member-guests only \$5.

Super Bowl Party- The lower lounge will be open Sunday the 5th starting at 6 p.m. for you to cheer on your favorite team. Bring a snack or dish to share!

Valentine's Day Dinner- We are pleased to offer you a great night out with your valentine! Dine and dance to the spectacular jazz band for only \$50 a couple. Chef Tim has prepared a special menu just for the occasion! The Family Y will be on hand for child watch services and fun activities! Cost is only \$8 for the first child and \$2 for each additional child. Dinner and jazz begins at 7 p.m. Reserve now for February 14!

Trivia- Van and Scott will be hosting this month on the 18th! Come and enjoy a great night of friendly competition! The Family Y will not be offering child care services. Please reserve in advance for your trivia table!

Winterball Golf Tournament- Play every hole on the course as a par 3 on February 25! We will start at 11 a.m. with two man teams, playing 27 holes consisting of 9 holes best ball, 9 holes scramble, and 9 holes alternating shot. Only \$40 per person for the tournament. Closest to the pin contest for \$20, which will give you two chances to win! Cash prizes awarded. Guests welcome!

MAC Benefit Dinner- On February 25, come and enjoy the McDuffie Arts Council Benefit Dinner at Belle Meade! In addition to dinner, local artist Lillie Morris will be completing her painting of our 16th green! There will also be several silent auction items on hand! Help support the MAC and have a great time!