

Houndslake Country Club

WHERE RELATIONSHIPS ARE BUILT AND STRENGTHENED. *Come Join the Fun!!*



Message from the Owner:

Houndslake Country Club turns 50 this year! It is a significant milestone that few companies accomplish, and this makes us very proud. Our 50th Anniversary is a celebration of Houndslake's legacy, its historical journey, who we are today, and our exciting future ahead. The future of our club is extremely positive. I promise that in the years ahead, we will deliver high-quality facilities, excellent value, and high-quality, golf, dining, and social experiences. Reflecting on our past successes, we would like to acknowledge and express many thanks to our valued members for their trust, support, and continued commitment to the club and its values.

To our employees, old and new, thank you for the hard work you put in each day. Your efforts allow us to meet our club goals while adhering to our mission. We believe in integrity, friendly service, and continuous improvement to enrich the lives of the entire Houndslake family.

By building and strengthening countless relationships in this community, the club has been and remains an important part of Aiken's rich history. We plan to honor this heritage with a year-long celebration. We are currently finalizing an Anniversary Gala in the spring, a golf tournament, trivia contests, and much more.

Happy 50th Year Houndslake! And here's to another wonderful 50 years! May they be as exciting and as rewarding as the first.

Sincerely,

Daniel



Houndslakea new way of life.

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Golf Course, Housing Units

Plans Announced for Aiken Complex

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A \$5 million real estate development, including an 18-hole championship golf course, 50 condominiums, a 72-unit apartment complex and 150 single family lots, was announced today by Robert E. Poland, president of Southwest Aiken Development Corporation.

The golf course, designed by the internationally known golf architect Joseph L. Lee, who planned the Disney World course, is to be located on a 150-acre tract adjacent to the Aiken city limits. It is bordered by Pine Log Road and the new southeast bypass.

Co-developer with Poland is Robert E. Jones, Denver businessman. The overall area of the property is 1,500 acres.

The golf course, to be called Houndslake, is located in an area of rolling hills covered with tall pines and hardwoods. Numerous springs flow through the area and two lakes—one of them 19 acres—will be built.

A club house, eight tennis courts and a swimming pool are to be constructed during the initial stage of development. The par-72 course, 6,500 yards long, will be fully equipped with a completely automatic sprinkler system.

The course will be the first phase of a totally new architecturally-controlled community by the same name. Already in existence in the area are the residential communities of Funchase and Dexter Park.

Funchase is a 300-acre community with lots ranging between two and four acres. The area features a community horse ring, swimming pool and private

trails.

Dexter Park is a subdivision inside the Aiken city limits consisting of some 100 lots. Currently under construction nearby is Dexter Farm, a 75-unit apartment complex on Silver Bluff Road, designed by Alexander and Moorman of Aiken.

Surrounding the Houndslake course will be approximately 150 single family lots. Other areas overlooking the course are planned for condominiums and townhouses.

Future plans call for a resort hotel, golf villas, areas for churches, schools, a shopping center and a research and development park.

The Houndslake property was originally a part of Hitecock Woods, an 8,000-acre tract of virgin pine forest extending from Aiken to Warrenton.

Poland is serving as president and general manager of the corporation. Jones is vice-president and treasurer, and Leonard A. Yarn of Aiken will be head of sales. Plans for the area is

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William R. Robison of Aiken.

A native Columbian, Poland was graduated from the University of South Carolina Law School, after earning a degree in business administration from the University. He served 10 years as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, coming to Aiken in 1951. Since that time he has been involved in real estate investments and development. Among the subdivisions he has developed are Dunham Oaks and Woodfield.

Poland is chairman of the Aiken County Higher Education Commission, member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Aiken Rotary Club. He is past president of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the United Way and the Aiken Businessmen's Club. He is married to the former Annelle Keesler.

Jones is a native of New Jersey and was educated at Yale. He is married to the former Mary Anne McCrory of Augusta, whose brother, J. L. McCrory, is a resident of Aiken.

Currently president and general manager of University Hills World Travel Inc., travel agency with three branches in southeast Denver, Jones was formerly president and general manager of Cummins Engine Co., with branches in Denver and Grand Junction, Colo., Casper, Wyo., Billings, Mont., and Rapid City, S.D.

In Denver he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Brown Palace Club, Denver Country Club and University Hills Rotary Club. Jones has been in Aiken for the past several days in preparation for the Houndslake announcement.

Yarn, an Aiken native, is a graduate of Aiken High School and Clemson University. After serving as golf professional at Thorndike Country Club in Jacksonville, he returned to Aiken to be golf pro at Highland Park. In recent months he has been in the real estate business. He is married to the former Kay Kennedy of Aiken. Yarn is a member of the First Baptist Church and the Aiken Rotary Club.

New Golf Course

Houndslake Is Challenge

The secret of good golf course design is "challenge by degree," says Joe Lee, internationally noted as one of the world's master golf architects.

Lee is the architect for Houndslake, the new 18-hole championship course under construction between Pine Log Road and the southwest bypass, adjacent to Aiken's city limits.

The natural contours of the gently rolling hills on the Houndslake property lend themselves to just such design, Lee's associate, Rocky Roquemore, points out. "We want to challenge every individual player and make him think. We like to make a course enjoyable for the par shooter."

Without sacrificing the challenge for the par shooter, the Houndslake course, 190 acres of the 1,600-acre area, will include two spring-fed lakes, of pines and hardwoods, 10 acres. Completion date is set for September 1974.

Houndslake will be an outstanding course and will compare favorably with the best in the South, in the opinion of the architects who have built such courses as the three Walt Disney courses; Shaanah, Lucaya and King's Inn on Grand Bahama; Great Harbor Cay and the South Ocean course on the Out Islands; Turtle Creek and Bonaventure in Florida; and a new nine-hole addition at Sea Island (Joe Lee proudly sports a Mickey Mouse wrist watch presented to him by the Walt Disney Company).

"We design a course," Lee explains, "so, if it's your club and you invite a guest to play, you have no special advantage over him. Everything is visible. No hidden traps, or hidden water, or severe undulations of the green that don't show from the hitting area."

"Oh, naturally, if you play the course all the time," he continues, "you have a certain advantage, but in a properly designed course, like Houndslake, all hazards are self-evident."

"We offer a variety of pin placements," Roquemore adds. "For example, we would have a real championship pin position, well guarded by traps. Then on the other hand, there would be an easier pin position. At the lake, for instance the player is rewarded if he carries water, while a safer route would be offered for the less experienced player around the lake. The entire Houndslake course, in fact, will have a built-in capability of making it a good test for the scratch player."

Houndslake will give the player "plenty of opportunities to decide whether he wants to fish or to cut bait," Roquemore laughingly suggests.

Houndslake will be interesting, too, because of the direction of play. Some courses, Roquemore explains, have a "dog-leg left, followed by a dog-leg left, and so on," but the new Aiken course will have special balance and variety. "Emphasis will be equally divided between demands for power and finesse, with special premiums for accuracy outweighing those for strength."

Lee and Roquemore say each hole will be individually challenging, but they single out the fifth hole and the stretch holes of 16, 17 and 18 as the most distinctive.

The fifth hole presents a development potential rarely found in a golf course tract, Lee points out. The teeing area more than 75 feet above the driving point provides a tremendous challenge.

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ous vista not only of hundreds of acres of pine and hardwood forests, but the entire playing area of the hole, including strategically placed grassy bunkers some 500 yards away.

The twisting fairway bends first to the right around a large natural lake, then sharply left into a green possessing a variety of pin placements, each with a different challenge, the golf architect explains.

"The player must plan ahead even before hitting his tee shot. The ambitious player not only needs a long drive, but must accurately position it in order to maximize the 300-yard water carry necessary to get one in two shots. Otherwise, he may find his power may even make his safe shot around the lake more difficult than that of a shorter hitter, though both would be faced with the same simple wedge approach from the dry side," according to Lee.

"The 'greatness' of a golf course many times is determined by its finishing stretch, Lee and his associate agree. "Houndslake will need to apologize to no one," declares Lee, adding: "Playing to par of 5, 3 and 4 respectively, the 19th, 17th and 18th holes will as a unit determine the outcome of many, if not most, matches. From the 19th tee, the hole unfolds its entire 330 yards—the course's longest hole—displaying awe and challenge second to none."

Elevated some 100 feet above the green, the two-planned landing areas define well the intended line of play, he explains. The bold player not only must recognize the required high soft shot required to hold this almost insular green, but also must realize that all but near perfectly executed shots will be severely punished by ten acres of devouring lake.

"Devotion, a par-three hole with many faces, plays across a portion of the same lake," Roquemore takes up the discussion. "The unusually shaped tee, parts of which run perpendicular to the line of play, can considerably alter the approach angle coupled with precise pin placements. The hole may today ask for a fade and tomorrow a draw before relinquishing a birdie."

Lee explains that length alone would make the hole fairly difficult hole, but "the well guarded green above the landing area will accept only a high lobbed drive, a mid to long iron. The fairway (as gently) points out, "from the lakeside to an area 225-340 yards

then rises quickly to the green. This steeper slope inhibits the player who relies on strength alone. Not only is his roll cut considerably on an ordinary long drive, but he will find himself faced with an uphill lie—a shot difficult to apply accurate backspin. Shorter hitters will still achieve their normal distance and have a much flatter lie."

There will be times when the Houndslake golfer will think he's "king of the mountain," but then he will find out it's not quite that simple, both golf architects admit.

Golf is an air game, except on the green, and they premise that Houndslake will give every player a delicate challenge. But it won't be too difficult for the lady golfer, they add. For example, there is no place on the course where the lady would be forced to carry water.

The par-72 course will be 6,500 yards long, with a fully automatic sprinkler system. It will not be necessary to alter the rolling terrain greatly, the course planners say, and the natural beauty of the grove of pines and hardwoods will be protected. Specimen dogwoods and other trees and shrubs will be moved to the clubhouse area. Along with the clubhouse, a pro shop, eight tennis courts and a swimming pool are also planned during initial development.

Joe Lee, who designed Houndslake, was given his choice of a site within the 1,600 acre tract for the new Aiken course, being built by Southwest Aiken Development Corporation.

Lee, well known in golfing circles, took over course planning where the late Dietz Wilson left off, completing the Best Course at the Professional Golfers Association of America club in Lake Park, Fla., and building the North and South courses there. He is a mid-mannered, self-proclaimed 56-year-old Floridian, with a string of designing credits. His firm is located at Boynton Beach, Fla.

Lee's associate, Rocky Roquemore, is a native of Lakeland, Ga. A slim, handsome young man, with a tan belt and his profession, he says he got into golf architecture "through the evolutionary process." His father owns several courses and he "just kept on learning."

City of Aiken



"Long before DeSoto crossed the Savannah in search of gold and was welcomed by the Indian Princess Cofitachiqui in her domain a few miles to the south of Aiken, the rolling, wooded acres of Houndslake afforded a mecca for the Creek Indians who populated the region. Houndslake now affords a permanent mecca for many people from many places.

Many of the reasons are the same...beautiful pines and hardwoods, interspersed with dogwood, holly, kalmia and wild azalea... freshwater springs, now captured in four picturesque lakes...a mild, agreeable climate year-round, plus interesting changing seasons."

Quote Retrieved from Houndslake Archives

Hal Peck Pub
(Upper Level)
Tuesday - Friday
11a-2p

Open to
members and
their guests,
golfers, and
Houndslake
Neighborhood
residents

LUNCH MENU

Open to members and their guests Tuesday—Friday 11am—2pm

STARTERS

Crispy Fried Chicken Wings
Served with celery and your choice of ranch or bleu cheese)
6 For 9 12 for 14
Southern breaded or plain fried (no breading)
Ask your server for our sauce selection

Cheese Quesadilla
Half 6 Full 10
Add chicken 2 or shrimp 5
Flour tortillas stuffed with shredded cheeses and diced peppers and onions, served with sour cream and salsa

Shotgun Shrimp
6 golden fried shrimp tossed in a light and spicy sauce on a bed of greens 12

Parmesan Pub Fries
A plate full of Golden French Fries tossed in White Truffle Oil and Parmesan Cheese with your choice of dipping sauce
Perfect size for sharing! 14

Crab Bites
Perfectly prepared twin crab cakes served with your choice of dipping sauce 12

SALADS

Strawberry Poppy Seed Salad
Mixed greens topped with fresh strawberries, mandarin oranges, pecans and Poppy Seed Dressing 11
Add chicken 2, shrimp 5 or salmon 7

Steak Salad
Sautéed Beef Tenderloin atop a Large House Salad. Finished with Red Wine Demi Glace and shredded Mozzarella Cheese 15

Taco Salad
Shredded iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cheddar jack cheese and seasoned ground beef served in a jalapeno cheddar tortilla bowl 12

Hickory Apple Salad
Hickory smoked bacon, sweet apples, cheddar cheese, sunflower kernels and mixed greens tossed in our signature Apple Vinaigrette 11
Add chicken 2, shrimp 5 or salmon 7

All salads served with your choice of house-made Ranch, house-made Apple Vinaigrette, Creamy Italian, Bleu Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette or Poppy Seed Dressing

LUNCH ENTREES

Pot Roast
Slow Roasted CAB Pot Roast served over fingerling potatoes with gravy accompanied by Chef's Choice Vegetable 16

Pasta Your Way
Fresh pasta in your choice of Alfredo or Cajun Alfredo Sauce. Served with grilled bread 14
Add to any pasta: chicken 2, shrimp 5, salmon 7

Shrimp and Grits
Perfectly prepared cheddar cheese grits topped with creamy creole andouille shrimp sauce 15

Chicken Tenders Plate
Houndslake Famous Fried Chicken Tenders served with your choice of regular side and choice of sauce: honey mustard, ranch or hot honey 12

Catfish Plate
Catfish filet with your choice of cocktail or tartar sauce and your choice of regular side
Prepared your choice of grilled, blackened or fried 12

Shrimp Plate
Eight shrimp served with your choice of cocktail or tartar sauce and your choice of regular side
Prepared your choice of grilled, blackened or fried 14

BURGER MENU
All Houndslake Burgers come with crisp lettuce, fresh sliced tomato, sliced red onion and a pickle

The Houndslake CAB Burger
Make it a double for 18
Our Houndslake Signature CAB Burger is an 8oz tri-blend patty with chuck steak, short rib and brisket served your way with your choice of cheese and side 14

The Houndslake Angus Burger
Make it a double for 15.50
5oz juicy Angus burger served your way with your choice of cheese and side 12

CHOOSE YOUR CHEESE:
American, Cheddar, Swiss or Bleu Cheese

FINISH IT OFF WITH ONE OF OUR FREE ADD ONS:
jalapenos, sautéed onions, pickles, BBQ sauce

OR
PREMIUM ADD-ONS 1 EACH:
bacon, chili, fried egg, mushrooms, slaw

*Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

HANDHELDS
Served with your choice of regular side

The Country Club
Sliced ham, turkey and crispy bacon stacked and served on toasted bread with iceberg lettuce, sliced tomato, American Cheese on toasted bread with mayonnaise 12

Corned Beef Reuben
Sliced Cornd Beef, Swiss Cheese, our special dressing and delicious kraut on rye bread grilled to perfection 12

Turkey Rachel
Sliced Turkey, Swiss Cheese, our special dressing and delicious kraut on rye bread grilled to perfection 12

SOUPS
Cup of Chili served with crackers 5
Bowl of Chili served with crackers 7
Half Sandwich (Turkey or Ham with Cheese) & Cup of Soup 10
Ask your server for our Soup of the Day Selection

Regular Sides A La Carte 3.5

French Fries
Sidewinder Fries
Fried Okra
Pub Chips
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw

Premium Sides A La Carte 5

Small House Salad
Onion Rings
Sweet Potato Fries
Fresh Cut Fruit

Desserts 5
Ask your server for today's selection

Follow us on Facebook for updates and events and visit us at houndslakecc.com to plan your next meeting or social gathering #getonthepath

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NOW SERVING LUNCH OPTIONS ON AND OFF THE COURSE!!

HOUSE BURGER \$12
100% Angus Beef Burger with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle with choice of cheese

THE HOUND DOG \$6
All Beef Hot Dog topped with onions
Add the following for .50 each: Chili, Cheese, Slaw or Kraut

CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH \$8
Pulled fresh from the bone and served on white or wheat bread

EGG SALAD SANDWICH \$7
House-made egg salad served on white or wheat bread

BBQ SANDWICH \$8
Pulled Pork BBQ served on a fresh bun

BLT \$7
Crispy Bacon, Sliced tomato and Crispy Lettuce Served on Toasted Bread

PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICH \$7
House-made Pimento spread served on white or wheat bread

All handhelds served with your choice of chips or side of cole slaw

DRAFT BEER
ULTRA \$4 STELLA \$5
SAVANNAH RIVER IPA \$5
SHOCK TOP \$5

DOMESTIC (CAN) \$3
MICH ULTRA, COORS
LIGHT, MILLER LITE,
YUENGLING, PBR

IMPORT (CAN) \$3.75
SAVANNAH RIVER, MODELO,
MODELO ORO

WHITE CLAW HARD SELTZER \$3.75
ASSORTED FLAVORS

Fountain Soda/Coffee \$2 Bottle Soda \$2
Bottle Water \$1.50 Powerade \$3
Candy \$2.50 Chips \$1
Honey Bun \$2 Planter's Peanuts \$1.50
Muffins \$2.50 Lance Crackers \$1
Protein Bars \$2 Beef Jerky \$4

Grill Room
(Lower Level at The Turn)
Thursday - Saturday 11a-5p

****Hours for our Grill Room subject to change without notice due to weather and activity****

**Fast service, friendly
faces and ice cold beer
on tap!**

Ladies' Night

1/3

Italian Feast

- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Caprese Salad
- Italian Sausage Soup
- Chicken Marsala with Fettuccini
- Roasted Asparagus Spears
- Spaghetti and Meatballs
- Roasted Vegetables
- Garlic Italian Bread



Ladies' Night

1/10

Oriental Express

- Salad Bar with Beet Salad
- Egg Rolls
- Egg Drop Soup
- Almond Chicken
- Beef and Broccoli
- Fried Rice
- Vegetable Lo Mein
- Stir Fried Chinese Medley



Ladies' Night

1/17

Southern Comfort

- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Carrot Raisin Salad
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Homestyle Meatloaf
- Crispy Fried Chicken
- Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Black-Eyed Peas
- Sauteed Squash
- Country Cornbread

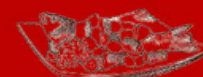


Ladies' Night

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Sea Lovers

- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Tuna Salad
- Lobster Bisque
- Fried Grouper Fingers
- Baked Tilapia
- Sauteed Shrimp
- Creamy Cole Slaw
- Steamed Broccoli
- Gouda Macaroni and Cheese
- Cheddar Bay Biscuits



Ladies' Night

1/31

Winter Solstice

- Seasonal Salad Bar
- Waldorf Salad
- Hearty Beef Soup
- Country Fried Steak
- Baked Chicken
- Creamy Gnocchi
- Broccoli Casserole
- Carolina Rice and Gravy
- Vegetable Medley
- Country Cornbread



Masters 2024

Members, you may start to see social advertisements for Houndslake's Masters 2024 packages. We want to inform you that as members, you will not be affected by these prices during that week.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the club to gain additional income for the purpose of those funds being dedicated to improvements of Houndslake Country Club.



G o l f H a p p e n i n g s

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

3 IN 1 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SCRAMBLE

Walt Busbee
Darney Drinnon

ALT. SHOT

Jerry Clements
Jim McMillen

BEST BALL

Bill Dallis
Dale Kendrick

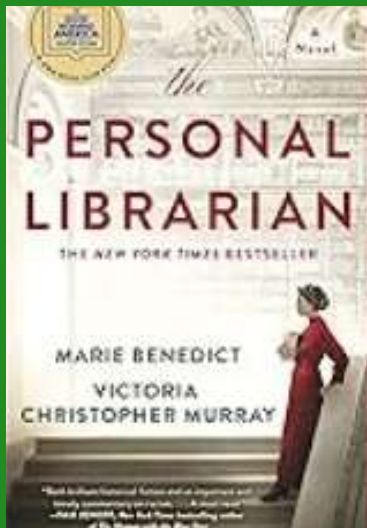
TOTAL

1ST - BILL DALLIS
DALE KENDRICK
2ND - JERRY CLEMENTS
JIM MCMILLEN

C l u b U p g r a d e s



B o o k C l u b N e w s



We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and read lots of juicy books!

Email us with your recommendations and to reserve your place as we host our first Book Club Meeting of 2024 on Thursday, January 25th at 11:30. christinab@houndslakecc.com

G a r d e n C l u b N e w s

The Houndslake Garden Club held its Christmas luncheon December 15. A social hour was held before the meeting with piano music by Deacon Kathleen Cartledge, music director at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Each member received a lovely handmade ornament at the luncheon as a favor.

Our next meeting will be January 19, 2024 at 10:30am in the Azalea Room at Houndslake where we will learn about honey bees. Our guest speaker, Stacey Siler, has been raising bees on her farm for many years. She will tell us how she raises them, why they are so important to our ecosystem, and what we can do to keep them alive and thriving. Guests are welcome to attend.

January is usually a quiet month for gardeners but there are still some things you can do to prepare for spring:

- Get a soil test in January so you will have time to amend the soil if needed before spring
- Provide food and water for the birds. Replace old seed with a fresh supply as needed.
- Check the mulch around sensitive perennials and add more if needed
- Browse seed catalogs to get ideas for spring gardens

PS: The garden club has a bookcase filled with gardening books and magazines in the ladies locker room, in the sitting area, which can be borrowed . Feel free to contribute any you may have that you would like to share with others!

January Employee of the Month

Marsha is a well loved staple here at Houndslake since January 2012! Her willingness to step in and assist in any area she sees a need without skipping a beat is amazing! She has developed long standing relationships with staff and members over her 12 year tenure. If you see Marsha this month hug her, thank her and tell her **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!**



Welcome New Members

Henry Otto & Mary Hayden

Eldred & Connie Mitchell

William & Mary Lou Livingston

Donald & Rosalie Richardson

Save The Date

Tuesday, February 13th

Paladin Productions Presents:

DOWN FROM UP THE RIVER

Details and Show Times TBA!

Prime Rib and Shrimp!

January 27th

Details Coming Soon!

