



**Friday, January 17th, 2025 5pm-8pm**

Join us as we celebrate National Italian Cuisine Day

# ITALIAN NIGHT

“CREATE YOUR OWN PASTA DISH”

Create your own pasta entrée in the main dining room as it is cooked to order in front of you by the club chefs and staff.

**Hot Station:**

Lasagna  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Garlic Bread

**Cold Station:**

Seasonal Salad Bar  
Pasta Salad  
Antipasto Salad

**Sauces:**

Pesto, Marinara, Alfredo

**Proteins:**

Shrimp, Chicken, Italian Sausage, Ground Beef

**Add-Ins:**

Black Olives, Banana Peppers, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Onions, Mushrooms, Spinach, Red Pepper Flakes, Parmesan, Feta, Asiago, Roasted Red Peppers, Garlic

**DESSERTS:** Cannoli & Gelato

Special Wine Pairings!

More Information to be Announced!

Members: \$40 Accompanied Guests: \$48

**Reservations are required**

Please Note - The regular a la carte dining menu will not be available this evening.

JANUARY 2025

Ladies' Night Buffets

1/2, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

Houndslake Links Players

1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31

Winter Junior Golf Clinics

1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8

Garden Club Meeting

1/10

Member Event: Italian Night

1/17

Book Club

1/30

**SAVE THE DATE**

April 4, 2025

Houndslake Country Club's  
50th Anniversary Gala

**2025**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## DIRECTORY

Clubhouse 803-648-6805

## EXTENSIONS

Golf Pro Shop 2235

Membership 2227

Billing/Finance 2227

Dining/Pub 4646

Banquets/Events 2230

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Golf Operations:

**Pro Shop  
(Winter Hours)**

Daily until 5pm  
(exception: inclement weather)

Membership/Billing Office:  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Dining Hours:

**Grill Room  
(Winter Hours)**

Friday & Saturday until 4pmish  
(may change based on volume)  
(exception: inclement weather)

**Hal Peck Pub**

Tuesday-Friday 11am-2pm  
Wednesday - Friday 5pm-8pm  
Saturday Happy Hour 3pm-5pm  
Saturday Dinner 5pm-8pm

**Jack-Daniel Dining Room**

Wednesday 5pm-8pm  
Sunday 11am-2pm  
(exception: member events)

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# MEMBERSHIP

**D**o you know someone who is thinking of joining our Houndslake Country Club family? We would love the opportunity to meet them and give them a tour of the club. We are starting off 2025 with a New Year Deal! For a limited time we are waiving the \$250 initiation fee for any new members referred by current members! If you refer a friend to the club, be sure they list you on the application. There might be a little something in it for you as well!

**We offer unmatched value proposition!**

**Championship Golf Course**  
**Olympic Size Swimming Pool**  
**Accessible Driving Range**  
**Indoor/Outdoor Teaching Center**  
**Pickleball**  
**Tennis**  
**Croquet**  
**Bocce Ball**  
**3 Restaurants**  
**Book Club**  
**Dominos Club**  
**Men's Poker Group**  
**Multiple Card Groups**  
**Garden Club**  
**Aqua Hounds Water Aerobics**  
**140 Person Swim Team**  
**Wedding/Banquet/Party Venue**  
**4 Unique Venue Spaces**  
**Largest Permanent Dance Floor in Aiken**  
**Education Lecture Series**  
**Corporate Meeting Spaces**  
**30 Room Hotel Conveniently Located**

Help us/you grow OUR club!

# FROM THE MANAGER

## Happy New Year

*Love is  
in the  
-air-*

And no, I am not referring to Valentine's Day. Engagement season is upon us. Technically engagement season refers to the time of year between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day. This is when most proposals take place and with that being said, now is a great time to think about what you want to **celebrate at the club and book your date!** It's not too early to start thinking about holiday parties too! The **Azalea Room** is the perfect spot to host a small intimate lunch or dinner party. Of course, the **ballroom** is a beautiful spot for larger and extravagant events such as reunions, birthdays, and weddings! If you want to secure your event at the club this year, don't wait to schedule.

### **Let's celebrate everything!!**

Call Christina today to make an appointment or email for details [christinab@houndslakeecc.com](mailto:christinab@houndslakeecc.com)



**We are really excited about the year ahead. We are filling the calendar with many exciting events. Houndslake Country Club is definitely going to be the place to be in 2025 as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Club! Whether you are a long time member or new to the Houndslake experience, we want you to be a part of this historic year. Stay tuned for more details on the exciting events and celebrations that will take place throughout the year!**



At Houndslake Country Club, we're always looking for ways to enhance your experience and bring even more joy to your time with us. That's why we're thrilled to share some exciting news about our Pub!

Starting this month, you'll notice an expanded menu featuring a delightful array of new dishes and drinks. Our culinary team has been hard at work crafting options that reflect both member favorites and fresh, innovative flavors. From elevated comfort food to creative cocktails, these additions were thoughtfully curated with you in mind.

Here's what you can look forward to: **More Variety:** We're introducing new appetizers, entrées, and desserts that cater to a range of tastes. **Seasonal Specials:** Our new menu will highlight dishes inspired by seasonal ingredients, ensuring every visit feels unique.

With the updated menus you will notice updated pricing as well, this is necessary to keep up with the economy and provide great food. We've kept your feedback in mind every step of the way, and we can't wait to hear your thoughts on these updates.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community. Together, we're raising the bar—literally and figuratively!

## Meet John Franklin

We would like to welcome our new Head Greens Superintendent John to Houndslake Country Club! You may have seen him around the course working hard! Below is a little bit about John and a note from him as well.

John is a Class A Superintendent through the Carolinas. He holds an Associate's Degree and has a Horticulture background. He started with Golf Maintenance in 2001 and worked at Savannah Lakes in McCormick. Later in his career he was Superintendent of The Fort Club in 96. It was a small public course that had been neglected. He was brought in to reestablish the maintenance program. He found a high level of support and success through the membership. They knew the course needed to change. It had been neglected for many years They grew in some new greens in the mini renovation and completed 6 new bunkers with capillary concrete liners. Renovations helped them with the pace of play. After the mini renovation to the back 9 they doubled their membership.

**Hello my name is John Franklin III. I have been given the opportunity to join your Club. I will be helping Daniel with Golf Course Maintenance. Daniel and I have discussed what a great place this is. I am excited to come in as your active Superintendent. Daniel explained his vision for this Club. He explained how we can improve and new ideas. We will continue to get better as we go. We will need support from the Membership and staffs to provide a better product. We can accomplish this and accommodate most needs. It will take a team effort, please be understanding of these improvements. We are here to make it better for everyone. Thank you for everyone's patience and understanding moving forward. Also thank you to Daniel and the entire staff for making me feel welcome. I am so Thankful to call here home.**

**Personal life: John 44 years old**

**-Married (18 years Michal Bethany)**

**-3 sons (Hayes 14 Deacon 12 Cainon 6)**

**-Furry Kids (Mini: The Chihuahua) & (Rolo: The pocket Bully)**

**-Hobby's (sports, hunting, fishing, clay/skeet, work, Georgia Bulldogs, Atlanta Braves)**

**God fearing man (Christian)**

**BBQ addiction**



## The Spirit of the Game

**Golf is unlike any other sport; it is played without the supervision of a referee or umpire. Integrity and accountability are the two most important aspects of the game of golf. We wanted to provide subtle reminders when playing at Houndslake Country Club.**

### Reminders:

- **Replace divots in the fairway and ball marks on the greens**
- **No carts allowed on all Par 3's**
- **Keep golf carts 30 feet and push carts 5 feet from the greens at all times**
- **Keep up with the group in front of you. Allotted time to play is no more than two hours and 10 minutes per 9 holes**
- **Please rake all the bunkers**
- **Please follow our dress policy at all times (Golf shirts, soft spike tennis shoes, and golf shorts, skorts, or pants**
- **Please adhere to SC state liquor laws which state NO ALCOHOL may be brought onto the golf course EXCEPT alcohol purchased in the Pro Shop**
- **No outside coolers are permitted on the course (The Pro Shop will provide ice bags for those who need to keep purchased drinks cold)**

# CLUB NEWS

## Country Club Life

Country Clubs are more than just golf. They are also about building relationships and socializing with like-minded individuals. A country club is an excellent choice if you are looking for a place to meet new people and make lasting friendships. Join a current club or we would love to host YOUR group! One privilege of membership is use of our azalea room for social meetings with minimal restrictions as long as there are no conflicts. Call Christina or email [christinab@houndslakeecc.com](mailto:christinab@houndslakeecc.com)



## DECEMBER CARD WINNERS

### 1st Thursday Duplicate Bridge

1st - Betsy Rhinehart  
2nd-Anne Mayenschein & Joan Basile

### Darlin Dozen

Faye Waldrop & Carolyn Tucker  
Anne Mayenschein & Phyllis Ingram

### Hand & Foot

TBL 1-Betty Thomasson  
TBL 2-Nancy Buono & Cathie Diedrich

### Swan Bridge

Anne Mayenschein & Lynn Mullins  
Phyllis Ingram & Kay Lawton

### Hand & Foot

TBL 1-Mary Kline & Melanie Metzler  
TBL 2-Kay Lawton & Faye Waldrop

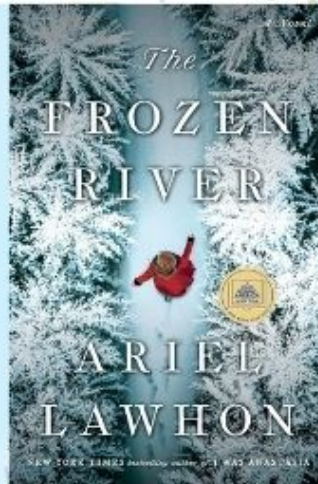
We are proud to host several proud groups at Houndslake Country Club. We have bridge groups for different levels of play, we have other card games as well as dominoes and men's poker!



## BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

### **January Book: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon**

We hope everyone had a happy holiday. We are excited to hear about all of the great books you read! Book Club meets on the last Thursday of the month at 11:30 in the Jack-Daniel Dining Room. Everyone is welcome!



## GARDEN CLUB

Happy New Year!

As we welcome 2025 we want to remind everyone that garden club is open to all of our members! Meetings are typically held on the second Friday of each month in the Azalea room unless there has been an outing scheduled in advance. Please join us!



# WHAT'S COOKIN'

## Meet Sam Fuentes

### We would like to welcome Chef Sam to Houndslake Country Club!

Some of you have had the pleasure of meeting Sam and have already enjoyed lunch or dinner with us recently. If you have not, you are missing out!

So the members can know him a bit better we asked Sam to share a little about himself with us:

Samuel Fuentes Rosario, and I was born in the vibrant town of Loiza, Puerto Rico. Growing up, I was fortunate to be surrounded by a rich tapestry of cultures, rooted in a blend of Hebrew Christian traditions, Taino heritage, and African influences. This diverse background has always been a deep source of pride for me.

At the age of 19, I left Puerto Rico to embark on a journey across the continental United States. During my travels from coast to coast, I immersed myself into the culinary arts, exploring various styles of American cuisine. This experience played a pivotal role in shaping my passion for cooking. Eventually, I returned to Puerto Rico to further my education in culinary arts, where I studied diligently and graduated.

My culinary journey took an exciting turn when I moved to Rota, Spain, where I lived for five years. This time allowed me to delve into the complexity of Mediterranean cuisine and hone my skills in European techniques, further expanding my culinary repertoire.

In addition to my culinary pursuits, I have worn many hats throughout my career. I've worked as a nurse, volunteered as a firefighter, engaged in construction, and practiced metal artwork. Despite all these experiences, nothing brings me more joy than cooking for others and sharing a meal with family and friends.

I am passionate about helping others and giving back to my community, which I consider an essential part of my identity. My faith guides me in all aspects of my life, serving as a foundation for my values and actions.

I strive to embody the message that with faith and passion, we can create and share experiences and nourish the body and the soul.

I am excited to be a part of the Houndslake Family!

## It's 5'o'clock Somewhere...

As many of you may have noticed recently our dinner attendance has **grown significantly!** We are extremely happy to see more of you joining us at the Club for dinner. In the hopes of avoiding long wait times we have made the decision to start dinner at **5:00pm** now. If you have a standing reservation and wish to change it to **5:00** and avoid the rush just call us and let us know or note the change in the online portal! We thank you for choosing us for your dining and appreciate your understanding that we are casual fine dining and not fast food.

### Mark YOUR Calendar!

#### February

- 2/9 Superbowl Scramble
- 2/9 Superbowl Viewing Party  
(tentative based on participation)
- 2/14 Valentine's Dinner

#### March

- 3/7 Glow Golf
- Lecture Dinner - TBA

#### April

- 4/4 Anniversary Gala
- 4/20 Easter Brunch

#### May

- 5/11 Mother's Day Brunch

#### June

- 6/15 Father's Day Brunch

### Lunch

Looking for a hidden gem off the beaten path for a quiet business lunch or afternoon cocktails with friends?

**Come and see us,  
Tuesday - Friday  
11-2**

### Brunch

Why drive downtown for Sunday Brunch? Join us for our chef attended brunch buffet and drink specials **Sundays from 11-2!**

## HAPPY HOUR SATURDAY 3:00pm - 5:00pm

You read that right! Saturdays at Houndslake Country Club just got better! Stop by the Hal Peck Pub on Saturdays from 3pm-5pm for Happy Hour. Drink Specials and a rotating menu of Chef's Selected Tapas Specials will guarantee a fun relaxed time for all! Keep an eye out for emails to come with details each week!

**See you Saturday!!**

# LADIES' NIGHT MENUS

1/2 - WELCOME 2025!

**SEASONAL SALAD TABLE W/  
BLUE CHEESE & CHIPS**  
TOMATO VEGETABLE SOUP  
**CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP**  
CHEF'S FRIED CHICKEN  
**HOT ROAST BEEF AND GRAVY**  
LOADED MASHED POTATO CASSEROLE  
**CONFETTI RICE**  
BLACKEYED PEAS  
**POT LIQUOR COLLARDS**  
BROWN SUGAR CARROTS  
**AMERICAN MACARONI & CHEESE**



Cherry Pie  
OR  
Strawberry Pecan Cobbler a la mode

1/8 - PORTOFINO

**SALAD SELECTION W/ TAHINI CAESAR SALAD**  
COUSCOUS FETA ANTIPASTO BOWL  
**SWEATER WEATHER SOUP KETTLE  
(WEDDING SOUP & TUSCAN MINISTRONE)**  
PESTO GARLIC BREAD al FORNO  
**BAKED CHICKEN W/LEMON, HERBS, & OLIVES**  
SIMMERED HOUSE MADE MEATBALLS -  
SWEET SAUSAGE RAGU  
**MUSHROOM BOLOGNESE PASTA ALFREDO**  
CHAR-GRILLED VEGETABLES BALSAMICO  
**RICOTTA STUFFED ZUCHINI**  
GARLIC ROASTED TOMATOES PARMESAN  
**RICE W/BACON & PEAS**



Tiramisu  
OR  
Cannelloni

1/15 - NEW ENGLAND FARE

**SEASONAL SALAD TABLE W/  
BABY SPINACH**  
DOCKSIDE CHOWDER  
**CHICKEN LEEK BARLEY SOUP**  
CHEDDAR CHEESE BISCUITS  
**CARVED APRICOT GLAZED HAM**  
SCALLOPED APPLES  
**CARAMEL SWEET POTATOES**  
SALMON SHRIMP PATTIES W/  
LEMON PEPPER TARTAR SAUCE  
**CONFETTI RICE**  
BROILED TOMATOES  
**FRIED OKRA**  
GREEN BEANS AMANDINE



Blueberry Pie  
OR  
Boston Cream Pie

1/22 - GULF SHORES FAVES

**WINTER SALAD SECTION**  
SEAFOOD GUMBO  
**BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP**  
HONEY BUTTER CORNBREAD  
**CARROT RAISIN SLAW**  
TENDER DRY RUB BBQ RIBS W/  
TWO SAUCES  
**FRIED COASTAL FLOUNDER  
FILLETS W/REMOULADE**  
MILD CREOLE RICE  
**SQUASH CASSEROLE**  
FRIED GREEN TOMATOES  
**AMERICAN MAC & CHEESE -  
NACHO CHIP BAKE**



Banana Creme Brule  
OR  
Hummingbird Cake

1/29 - PACIFIC RIM

**SEASONAL SALAD TABLE**  
CRISP ASIAN SLAW W/SURIMI  
CRAB -LIME & CILANTRO  
**RED MISO EGG DROP SOUP-  
CRISP LO MEIN NOODLES**  
LENTIL SOUP W/ HAM  
**VEGETABLE EGG ROLLS**  
WHITE BASMATI RICE  
**SWEET & SOUR PINEAPPLE  
PORK**  
CHARGILLED - MARINATED  
CHICKEN BREAST  
**TERIYAKI STIR-FRY VEGGIES**  
OKRA & TOMATOES



Flourless Chocolate Cake  
OR  
Mixed Berry Romanoff

**Dine in or take out 5pm - 8pm**  
**All Adult Members - \$15**  
**Accompanied Guests - \$19**

**Select house wine is included in  
the price of the ladies' night  
buffet for our lady members!**

# “Top 10 Reasons Kids Should Play Golf!”

1. **Develop life-long benefits:** You can make life-long friends and play it forever.
2. **Spend quality time with family:** Family members can be together for several hours. It allows you to spend time with the people you care about the most.
3. **Spending time outdoors:** You get to breathe fresh air and establish healthy exercise habits.
4. **Life skills:** It teaches self-confidence, character, and problem-solving skills that are critical in life.
5. **Anyone can play:** Men, women, and children of all ages and all walks of life come together on a golf course. The diversity found on a golf course opens young golfers to a broader view of the world.
6. **Self Improvement:** Golf challenges golfers for continuous improvement. Players develop habits of self improvement by self-analysis skills, seeking professional instruction, and accepting critique from others.
7. **Etiquette and Values:** Playing golf teaches youth how to behave towards self and others, and imparts values such as honesty, respect, and strength during adversity.
8. **Health:** Golf keeps you active and fit.
9. **Controlling Emotions:** It teaches how to handle achievements and disappointments.
10. **Fun:** Whether playing alone or with others it is always fun and never boring. Golf played as recreation or friendly competition is always enjoyable.

Masters 2025

Members, you may start to see social advertisements for Houndslake's Masters 2025 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.

## Booking Tee-Times Now!



## WANT TO HELP US BECOME MORE GREEN?


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