



GEORGIA CMAA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM
CHAPTER EX-OFFICIO
ANDREW ORBISON, CCM**

2026 CHAPTER MOTTO

**Connecting Leaders,
Building Legacy**



- **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES**
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
- **SPOTLIGHTS AND NEW
MEMBER WELCOME**



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ANDREW ORBISON, CCM

As I write my final Peach Review article, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for making the Georgia Chapter CMAA such a special part of my professional journey over the past 16 years. Serving alongside so many outstanding club management professionals has been one of the greatest privileges of my career.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to cast their vote on the recent bylaws amendments. Your participation demonstrates the commitment our members have to the future of our Chapter, and I appreciate your engagement in helping to strengthen our governance for years to come.

On a personal note, this message is a bittersweet one. While my family and I have now fully transitioned back home to Pittsburgh, Georgia will always hold a special place in our hearts. The friendships, mentorship, and professional relationships that I have built through this Chapter have had a tremendous impact on both my career and my life. Although I may no longer call Georgia home, I will always be proud to have been a member of this incredible Chapter and will continue to do so as a non-resident member.

I leave knowing that our Chapter is in excellent hands. Kyle Baxter continues to provide outstanding leadership as he finishes his term as President, and I know Amber Read will do a fantastic job when she takes the helm as Chapter Chair this November. Their passion, along with the dedication of our Board of Directors and committee volunteers, ensures a bright future for the Georgia Chapter.

As summer begins to wind down, I wish each of you a successful finish to your season and hope you can take a well-deserved moment to enjoy it. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Peach Classic on August 17. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate our Chapter, and enjoy a great day together.

Thank you again for the memories, the friendships, and the opportunity to serve this remarkable Chapter. It has truly been an honor.

All the best,

Andrew Orbison, CCM

Ex Officio, Georgia Chapter CMAA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

AUGUST

17

PEACH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM

CHEROKEE COUNTRY CLUB

**665 HIGHTOWER TRAIL,
ATLANTA, GA 30350**

SEPTEMBER

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FIRESIDE CHAT

MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

2-DAY EVENT:

SEPTEMBER

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CLUB SUPERVISORS UNIVERSITY

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

EAST LAKE GOLF CLUB

SEPTEMBER

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CLUB SUPERVISORS UNIVERSITY

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

DRUID HILLS GOLF CLUB

2026 PEACH CLASSIC

THE GACMAA AND HOST CHEROKEE TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB PRESENT

2026 PEACH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

Tournament Proceeds Benefit the GACMAA Scholarship Fund and Autism Speaks of Georgia

AUG 17

Registration Breakfast Shotgun Start Reception	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM 8:30 AM - 10 AM 10 AM 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
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\$275 CMAA Member **\$290** Non-Member

Putt Putt Contest \$10 per putt to win amazing prizes

\$5000 in Raffle Prizes

\$50 Raffle Package
1 Mulligan & 5 Raffle Tickets

\$100 Raffle Package
2 Mulligans & 10 Raffle Tickets

\$3500 Tournament Sponsorship Includes

- > Foursome in Tournament
- > Continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, post round reception
- > Company logo displayed at designated hole and on GACMAA website
- > Company advertisement sent to GACMAA Membership

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2026 PEACH CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

AUG 17

Cocktail Reception

Join us from 2:30pm-6:30pm

An addition for those not playing in the Peach Classic

MUST RSVP AT GACMAA.ORG
COST \$50/PERSON

665 Hightower Trail, Atlanta, GA 3035

The 2026 Peach Classic Golf Tournament will be hosted by
Cherokee Town and Country Club

Raising money for Georgia Chapter Scholarships and Autism Speaks of Georgia
*2026 golf play is currently full.

JOIN THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION AFTER:

[REGISTER FOR RECEPTION HERE](#)

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2026 PEACH CLASSIC SUPPORTER



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2026 GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

August:

- [Willmoore H. Kendall Scholarship](#)
 - August 10, 2026

October:

- [Chris Borders BMI Scholarship](#)
 - October 1, 2026
- [Georgia Student Chapter Scholarships](#)
 - October 1, 2026
- [Warren Arseneaux Honorary Scholarship](#)
 - <https://clubfoundation.org/apply.html#collapseOne>
- [Mead Grady / John Jordan Award](#)
 - October 19, 2026

December:

- [Chapter Workshop Grant](#)
 - December 15, 2026

Other Scholarships with TBD Deadlines [HERE](#)

WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER!



Adam Thomas

Assistant General Manager
Athens Country Club

1. Where were you born?

a. I was born in Columbia, South Carolina.

2. You can vacation anywhere, where would you go and why?

a. Greece is somewhere my wife and I have always wanted to visit, we would love to experience the history, food, and beautiful scenery.

3. What is your favorite sport and why?

a. My favorite sports are football and golf. I'm probably going to be the only Jacksonville Jaguars fan in Athens. I also enjoy watching golf, even though I do not play much anymore.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN CLUB LEADERSHIP

In order to be eligible to sit for the Certified Club Manager (CCM) designation, one must complete **four** Business Management Institute (BMI) courses.

These courses fill quickly and often more than a year in advance, so be sure to join the waitlist as spaces may become available.

Instructions for joining the waitlist **[HERE](#)**.



To learn more and view available BMI courses, view the full list **[here!](#)**

CMAA HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in CMAA's Honor Society is open to all managers who have achieved their Certified Club Manager (**CCM**) designation and have met the following criteria:

- Achievement of 400 credits beyond certification with a minimum of 150 of those credits being CMAA/CMI-endorsed education programs.
- Professional membership with CMAA for a minimum of ten years
- Successful completion of BMI Tactical Leadership or BMI Strategic Leadership

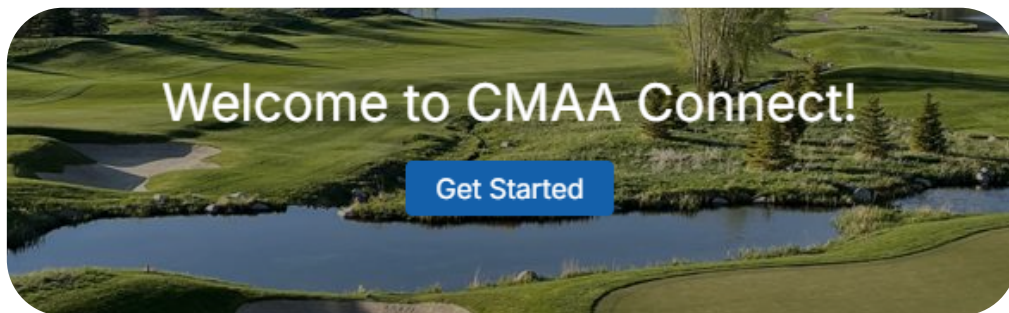


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PROGRAMS HERE**

GET CONNECTED TO YOUR CMAA NETWORK!

Endless possibilities are within reach! Explore the many tools available to spark innovation and solve challenges at your club. By engaging at the State and National levels, you'll gain access to a network of support and limitless resources!

Visit the CMAA Connect Page to connect with other Club professionals!



Connect with your fellow chapter members by clicking below!

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