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Bald Mountain Golf Course.

Courtesy: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure.



83rd NALG National Championship

June 18-21, 2018

Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure, NC



Nestled around Lake Lure and with the backdrop of the Great Smoky Mountains, Rumbling Bald Resort at Lake Lure has two championship golf courses: Bald Mountain and Apple Valley.

Apple Valley: Stretching across the Resort property, the course designed by Dan Maples opened in 1986 and has been dubbed one of the most beautiful mountain courses around by Golf Digest's "Places to Play".

Bald Mountain: Designed by William B. Lewis and built in 1968, Bald Mountain Golf Course was the first created at Rumbling Bald. This challenging course is complemented by gorgeous mountain views and the towering rock faced cliffs for which it was named. With its well-guarded greens and tight fairways, golfers must be precise with their drives and approach shots.

(Courtesy: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure)

Guests will enjoy numerous activities around the lake, such as canoeing, kayaking, pontoon rentals, and a scenic narrated tour of the lake that includes historical information about the lake and region.

Tuesday of that week, guests have the opportunity to visit the Biltmore Estate in Asheville.

This resort was the site of the film "Dirty Dancing" with Patrick Swayze. Here is a link to the amenities map: <https://www.rumblingbald.com/amenities/map>.

Read on for more details...



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
83rd Annual NALG Championship
Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure, NC
 112 Mountains Blvd, Lake Lure, NC 28746
 June 18-21, 2018



Golfer Name: _____ Age: _____ Handicap: _____ Index: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Shirt Size _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____ Guest Cell Phone: _____

_____ Golfer Email Address: _____ Guest Email: _____

(Guest email and phone info requested in order to better coordinate the Guest Activities for the Tournament.)

Please select the Division in which you wish to compete:

- ____ NALG Championship Division 6400 yards - Not Flighted
- ____ NALG Open Division 6000 yards - Flighted after 36 Holes
- ____ NALG Senior Division (Age 55+) 6000 yards - Flighted after 36 Holes
- ____ NALG Masters Division (Age 70+) 5100 yards - Flighted after 36 Holes
- ____ NALG Ladies Championship 4600 yards - Not Flighted

Participant Package: Four green fees with cart, daily range balls, golf shirt, tournament prizes, daily closest to the pin prize, Welcome Dinner on Sunday evening, and Awards Luncheon on Thursday afternoon.

Item	Each	Number	Cost
Entry Fee	\$450	1	\$ 450
NALG Membership Fee <i>(If not current)</i>	\$ 25		
Hole Sponsorship	\$ 75		
SPOUSE / GUEST ACTIVITIES			
Spouse / Guest ticket(s) for Welcome Dinner – Sunday	\$ 36		
Spouse / Guest ticket(s) for Awards Luncheon – Thursday	\$ 33		
Tuesday Spouse/Guest Event – Biltmore Estate in Asheville Includes entry to house (self-guided tour), gardens (with sculptures by Dale Chihuly), and Antler Hill Village & Winery. <i>“Chihuly at Biltmore represents the first art exhibition in Biltmore’s historic gardens, and the first garden exhibition of Dale Chihuly’s works in North Carolina.”</i>	\$ 45		
Guest Golf – Wednesday Morning at 8:30am (shotgun start)	\$ 50		
TOTAL COST			\$

Please mail this form, along with your check payable to NALG for the total cost, to:

Frank Hunter, 189 Black Angus Court, Lexington, NC 27295

Address questions to:

Frank Hunter, Tournament Director, at Margaret@WOWPersonalVacations.com or 336-787-3254.



83rd NALG National Championship Information
Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure, NC
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Courtesy: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure

Housing:

Rumbling Bald Resort offers studios, 2-bedroom condos, and houses. The various options for lodging may be viewed on the Rumbling Bald lodging website:
<http://www.rumblingbaldlodging.com/>

To Make Your Reservation: Guests will call Lori Overstreet at (828) 694-3050 on an individual basis to book their lodging and receive the group discount.

Check-In: Guest rooms will be available for check-in after 4:00 PM.

Check-Out: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure has a checkout time of 10:00 AM. Late checkout is at the discretion of the front desk staff.

Group Guest Rates (plus taxes and fees):

- Studios: Apple Valley: \$120 per night
- 2-Bedroom Condos : Fairway Villa, Stonecrest, Bent Creek, or Trout Stream: \$220 per night
- Quail Cove Condos: Price Varies
- Houses: Price Varies

***Unit numbers are not guaranteed. If a unit has to be moved, Rumbling Bald will move the guest to a unit of same or higher value.

Registration:

Saturday and Sunday 6/16 and 6/17 from 12-4pm at the lobby of the Check-In Building/Legends of the Lake Restaurant (across the street from the Bald Mountain Pro Shop).

Welcome Dinner:

Sunday night 6/17 at the Lakeview Terrace, adjacent to Legends on the Lake Restaurant; a spouse/guest ticket is \$36.

Awards Luncheon:

Thursday afternoon 6/21 at Lakeview Terrace. A spouse/guest ticket is \$33.

Ladies/Guests Event:



Courtesy: <http://www.biltmore.com/visit/plan-your-visit>

Tuesday morning 6/19: enjoy the world famous Biltmore Estate, built by George Vanderbilt. The 250-room French Renaissance chateau was completed in 1895 after six years of construction. It contains over four acres of floor space, including 35 bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces. After a self-guided tour of the house, stroll through the acres of gardens designed by the legendary Frederick Law Olmsted (famed for New York's Central Park). While we are there, a special exhibition of the vibrantly colored glass sculptures by Dale Chihuly will be displayed in the gardens, the first exhibition of his work in North Carolina. Your admission ticket also includes access to the Antler Hill Village and Winery. The house/gardens and winery are 5 miles apart, so carpooling with your friends seems the most convenient option. Cost of group

admission is \$45 per person.

Practice Rounds: \$49 at Rumbling Bald for the week prior to the tourney. Pro Shop: (828) 694-3042 for either course.

Airports:

Charlotte – 1hr 40 min to 2 hours, depending on route and traffic

Greenville/Spartanburg – 1 hour to 1 hr 15 min

Asheville – 1 hour

Restaurants Nearby:

Luna Del Sol – 143 Whitney Blvd & Below Apple Valley Mkt, Lake Lure, NC 28746

Point of View – 454 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC 28746

Larkins on the Lake – 1020 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC 28746

La Strada at Lake Lure – 2693 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC 28746

Lake Lure Inn and Spa – 2771 Memorial Hwy, Lake Lure, NC 28746

Groceries: Ingle's is about 15 minutes away – 276 NC-9, Lake Lure, NC 28746



Apple Valley Golf Course. Courtesy: Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure

**World Association of Left-Handed Golfers
25th World Championship
Melbourne, Australia**

The 25th WALG World Championship was held in Melbourne, Australia from October 23-27, 2017 on their world famous sand belt courses. The 72-hole Championship saw 214 left-handed golfers participating from 17 countries.

John Boulton, from Western Australia (far right in photo), reigned supreme as Champion with rounds of 74, 67, 69 and a closing 72 for a five-under total of 282. He finished 20 strokes clear of the runner-up, Jason Leary from New Zealand with 302 with Queensland's Drew Herbert in third place with 308.



The other Division winners included (right to left in photo):
 Senior: Joe Brogdon USA 325
 Super Senior: Geoffrey Ingram NZ 337
 Ladies: Johanna Wyllie Australia 323
 (Shown with WALG Chairman Richard Davison, NZ)

Additional results from the tournament, listing the top 3 winners of each flight, may be found on the WALG website: <http://www.walg.org/tournament-results/> . Five of the United States players are included in those results:

DIVISION	FLIGHT	PLACE	NAME	SCORE
Open	4	3	Taaque Tesfayohannes	372
Senior	2	1	Steve Steele	359
Senior	5	1	Dennis Brinker	390
Super Senior	1	3	Frank Hunter	362
Super Senior	3	2	Ted McGraw	398



L to R: Ted McGraw, Dennis Brinker, Joe Brogdon, Steve Steele, Frank Hunter, Taaque Tesfayohannes

The next WALG World Championship will be held May 20-24, 2019 in Willingen, Germany (north of Frankfurt).

"With the Sauerland Stern Hotel as the main hotel, we have found a hotel that is superbly equipped to take care of all participating golfers and their entourage. From this location, daily shuttle buses will depart to the golf courses and the excursions. We have also planned an exciting supporting program. We are certain Willingen will leave you with fond memories!"

Josef Langenberger
 President, NALG-Germany

Future Championships:
 August 16-20, 2020 Paris, France
 Spring 2022 China



Jim Pfrogner, Sarasota, FL – got his twelfth hole-in-one on December 27, 2017 at the Champions Golf Course at Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota, hole #12, 152 yards with an 6 iron.

We want to know about your hole-in-one!
Send the details to Margaret Hunter at
Margaret@WOWPersonalVacations.com.

Print this page for your fellow lefty golfers so they too can join the NALG!

Join the “Southpaws” – supporting left-handed golfers since 1934.

Annual membership fee for the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers is only \$ 25 / year.

Newsletter is sent every 3 months with news of State, National, and World lefty events.

Tournaments can be all Lefty or Lefty & Partner (lefty or righty partner, depending on the tournament).

National and World Tournaments generally include 5 Divisions:
Championship, Open, Senior, Super Seniors/Masters, and Ladies.

Check out the websites: <http://www.nalg.org/> and <http://www.walg.org/>

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of
LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL**

Lefty Name _____ Birthdate _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____

Province _____ Zip / Postal Code _____

Phone () _____ Hcp. _____

EMAIL Address _____

Dues: \$25.00

Send to: NALG ~ 358 Whitman Way • Freeport, FL 32439 • 850-835-2380



Obituaries

**Ken Ahrens**

Kenneth Ralph Ahrens, 93 years young, known as Poppy to those who loved him the most, was called home to heaven on Friday, January 5th. He was preceded on his journey by his son, Jeffrey Scott Ahrens, and he leaves behind innumerable friends and family who will long remember his positive outlook and inimitable spirit, among them are his wife of 67 years, Lois Rita Ahrens; his daughter Christine Ahrens and her husband Richard Poole; his son Ken J. Ahrens and his wife Kay; his daughter-in-law Donna Ahrens; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Join the family members for visitation at 9:00am, with funeral services at 10:00am at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 13001 Katy Freeway on Friday, January 12th. In lieu of sending flowers, the family invites you to honor Poppy's life by taking a walk in the sunshine, sharing a joke with a friend or making a hole-in-one! Poppy loved living - he loved life. He taught us to live life to the fullest, always give it our best, and be kind to others. Poppy taught us all that Love is really what it's all about. His memory will endure in our hearts forever, and we are thankful he rests in peace with our Lord.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.memorialoaksfunerals.com

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Kenneth-Ahrens&lc=2673&pid=187758551&mid=7711924#>

**Brodie Baker**

After a valiant sixteen year battle with cancer, Brodie Burl Baker, Jr. passed away on September 24, 2017 at the age of 78. Brodie was born on February 20, 1939 in Wendell, NC to the late Brodie Burl Baker, Sr. and Jessie Liles Baker. He played football, basketball, and baseball at Wendell High School. At Guilford College, he played football and baseball from 1957 to 1961. As a baseball highlight, on August 21, 1959 he pitched both halves of a doubleheader against Western Carolina College winning both games, consequently being named the "Iron Man" by the Greensboro News & Record. He was inducted into the Guilford College Hall of Fame in 1995. After graduating from college, Brodie began working for Security Life and Trust Company in Winston Salem where he remained for seven years. This was followed by eighteen years at Hanes Hosiery before opening his own business, Industrial Handling Systems, which he owned from 1988 to 2001. He was also a member and trustee of Winston Salem Friends Meeting.

Joining Bermuda Run Country Club, as a founding member in 1971, allowed him to pursue his love of golf. His game improved to a degree that allowed him to successfully compete on local, national and international levels. For many years Brodie played at the Wendell Country Club in the Mossey Faison Golf Tournament competing against his sons and relatives. It was serious business for all involved, but a lot of fun. As a senior competitor, he qualified three times for the USGA Senior Amateur, each time advancing to match play and automatically qualifying for the British Senior Amateur in which he competed twice. In 2007 he won the US Senior Left-handed Championship, and the following year the World Senior Left-handed Championship in New Zealand. Nationally, he won the 54th North-South Senior Championship in 2005 and the US Overall Left-handed Championships in 2008 and 2009. He also won the Bermuda Run Senior Championship several times and numerous CPGA and Carolinas Golf Association Senior and Super Senior Tournaments.

Greater than his love of golf was his love of family. When he was not seen practicing at the range or teeing it up on the course, he was likely attending a family event or watching one of his grandsons play ball. He fondly offered up advice to his grandsons in a phrase he often recited - "Be Specific and Explicit," evolving into a fun-loving Baker family motto. His family was a loving source of comfort and support, encouraging him to look forward to the next golf challenge. Brodie enjoyed the simple things in life, always appreciating the many friendships, and experiences that life offered him.

Brodie is survived by his wife of 56 years, Caroline Primm Baker of Bermuda Run; his sons, Kevin M. Baker and wife Melissa of Advance and Dr. Brian K. Baker and wife Marci of Advance; three grandchildren, Heather, Brandon and Joshua; and one great-grandson, Conor; sisters, Merrilyn B. Allen and Joy B. Davis both of Wendell; brother, Ollie Baker of Wendell; and a host of very special nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Warren Allen and Leary Davis; and sister-in-law, Doris M. Baker.

Brodie Baker - continued

A service to celebrate Brodie's life will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Winston Salem Friends Meeting, 3151 Reynolda Road, Winston Salem, NC 27106. The family will receive relatives and friends in the fellowship hall following the memorial service.

At Brodie's request, his body was donated to Anatomical Resource Clinical Training Center at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

The family request flowers be omitted and contributions be made to Winston Salem Friends Meeting, or to Leary and Joy Davis Leadership Scholarship at Campbell University School of Law, c/o of David Bohm, 225 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 or to a charity of your choice.

The Baker family would like to thank Dr. Ronald L. Davis for his friendship and expertise in Urological Oncology. They would also like to thank the ICU Care Team at the Comprehensive Cancer Center for their professionalism and loving concern during his time in their care.

Condolences to the family may be sent to www.poolefuneral.com under Obituaries.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/Brodie-Baker-obituary?pid=186895941&view=guestbook>

**Bob Luper**

Robert "Bobby" Walter Luper, Jr, age 76, passed away December 6th at his home in Hardy, VA. Bob was born in Grayson County to Robert and Martha Wells Luper on May 17, 1941. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Louise Luper Fitzgerald and brother-in-law Buster Fitzgerald. He is survived by his daughters Julie (Arnold), and Kim (Joel), grandchildren Lindsey (Doug), Carley, Alex (Caroline), Amber, and Evan, great granddaughter Lydia, his sister Sue (Eddie) Luper Ellis, several nieces and nephews, and life companion Gayle Sutherland.

Bob graduated from Fries High school in 1961, as a star basketball player, where he was later inducted into the Fries High School Sports Hall of Fame. He then entered the US Army and served in Alaska. He was very proud of his service to our country. After the military he joined his Uncle Joe Luper in Michigan to learn the plumbing trade. Within a few years he became a Licensed Master Plumber and established his own business, Luper Plumbing, in Tecumseh MI, where he retired in 2011. He was a member of the Tecumseh Country Club for over 30 years, where he had once served as President. Bob was an avid golfer and a dedicated member of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers (NALG). He achieved many awards, including many state championships and placed 4th in the World Association of Left-Handed Golfers tournament in Australia in 1988.

Per Robert's wishes arrangements were made for immediate cremation. Services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to:

- American Diabetes Association <http://www.diabetes.org/?referrer=https://www.google.com>
- The First Tee of Roanoke Valley 3707 Densmore Rd NW Roanoke, VA 24017 www.thefirstteeroanokevalley.org

The First Tee is an international youth development organization introducing the game of golf and its inherent values to young people. http://www.oakeys.com/obitlink?obit_id=2045770

**Phil Parker**

Phil Parker, 62, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House. He was a lifetime resident of Jonesboro. Phil was an avid golfer, a recent inductee to the Arkansas Athletic Association Hall of Fame and a golf coach and volleyball coach. As a coach, his teams won 14 state championships, and competed in numerous state playoffs. He was highly regarded and loved as an amazing educator. Phil was also a basketball referee in Northeast Arkansas for many years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. His parents, Buddy and Annie Lee Parker preceded him in death.

He is survived by brother, Scott Parker (Linda) of Hot Springs; sister, Sarah McLain (Gary) of Stark City, Missouri; niece, Abby Osborn (Colter); nephews, Trevor Davis, Colton Davis, Andy Parker, Taylor Parker (Jonna); great nephews, Isaac Parker, Caiden Osborn and Cyler Osborn.

A memorial service will be 11:00 Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Emerson Memorial Chapel with Mitch Ford officiating and Emerson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Burial will be private. Honorary pallbearers are Warner and Cat Calhoun, David Daniel, Dave Gooden, Jim DeVasier, Jim Ellis, Cathy Baker, Roy Hill, Marcus Patillo, Stephen Cox, John Frankel, Lee Brun, Joe Harlin, Darrell Burris, Steve Griffith, Mark Griffith, Brett Overman, Jerry and Pam Muckensturm, Dave Dailey, Rick Holman, Kristi Dobbins, Kristy Reed and Gwyn Jowers. Visitation will be from 10:00 until service time.

For lasting memorials, please consider the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House, 1148 E. Matthews, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, Tennessee, 38105; or a charity of your choice.

To sign an online registry, go to www.emersonfuneralhome.com.
<http://www.emersonfuneralhome.com/obituary/phil-parker>

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- June 18-21, 2018
83rd NALG National Championship - Rumbling Bald Resort on Lake Lure, NC. Entry and additional information included in this newsletter. For more details, please contact Frank Hunter at Margaret@WOWPersonalVacations.com or 336-787-3254.

- July 21-22, 2018
64th Annual Ohio State Left-Handers Golf Tournament – Indian Ridge Golf Club, Oxford, OH. \$160.00 entry includes: 2 days of golf, cart, range balls, banquet Saturday evening with raffle prizes, cookout after Sunday's round. For more information, please contact Andy Willis (President of the Cincinnati Lefties) at springer95th@aol.com or (513) 383-2372.

- May 20-24, 2019
26th World Association of Left-Handed Golfers (WALG) World Left-Handed Championship - Willingen, Germany (north of Frankfurt). Pricing and registration will begin in summer 2018 via a separate website. More information will be published in the newsletter as it becomes available.

If the Tournament Chairmen of the various state tournaments would contact Margaret Hunter at Margaret@WOWPersonalVacations.com, we would be pleased to include their tournament information in the newsletter.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance as of October 1, 2017
 \$16,592.57

Income

Income – \$450.00

Expense

Expense – \$59.92

Ending balance as of Dec. 31, 2017
 \$16,982.65