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*Choose Starmount Forest*



# *An Introduction to Starmount Forest Country Club*

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in membership at Starmount Forest Country Club. As you look closely at Starmount Forest, you will come to realize what the current members already know – that Starmount Forest is a great place to golf, play tennis, swim, relax and socialize.

Dating back to its beginning in 1930, Starmount has become the distinguished country club of the Greater Greensboro area serving our members' every need. Some of the amenities offered at our club include:

- ◆ Pristine championship 18-hole golf course
- ◆ New short game practice facility
- ◆ Resort style pool including a 25-meter Olympic-style swimming pool with two diving boards, children's splash pad, water slide, adult pool, cabanas, terrace bar with dining area and a fire pit, and complimentary towel service
- ◆ Six hand-groomed, outdoor clay tennis courts
- ◆ Indoor Fitness & Tennis Complex with four premium DecoTurf tennis courts and fitness equipment by TechnoGym, massage room, steam room and sauna
- ◆ Newly-renovated clubhouse featuring traditional menus and seasonal dishes served at Bistro 59



Our friendly, family-oriented atmosphere, wide variety of special events and seasonal activities, fine menu and wine list offers something for everyone.

I look forward to the opportunity to personally acquaint you with the rich traditions and history that our Club has to offer. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions you may have regarding the enclosed information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hirschman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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# *Starmount Forest Staff & Board of Directors*

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# Membership Categories

Starmount Forest Country Club has a variety of membership classifications and categories. They are as follows:

**EXECUTIVE GOLF:** A golfing membership that includes the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. Executive Golf members shall be at least forty (40) years of age.

**PREMIER GOLF:** A golfing membership that includes the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. Premier Golf members shall be at least thirty five (35) years of age but no more than thirty nine (39) years of age.

**SIGNATURE GOLF:** A golfing membership that includes the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. Signature Golf members shall be at least thirty (30) years of age but no more than thirty four (34) years of age.

**ASSOCIATE GOLF:** A golfing membership that includes the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. Associate Golf members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age but no more than twenty nine (29) years of age.

**SOCIAL:** A membership that includes the use of the tennis and fitness facilities, resort style pool, all social and dining events, and a one tee time per quarter golf opportunity.

**GENERATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:** This can apply to a golf membership or a social membership. A golf membership would include the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. A social membership would include the use of the tennis and fitness facilities, pool, and all social and dining events.

Generational members shall be adult children or the parents of current members. This benefit only extends to the category of membership the original member either joined under or upgraded to.

**CORPORATE:** Corporate membership allows companies certain flexibilities that regular golf memberships would not necessarily provide. Corporate membership provides a group discount for initiation fees while all other age-appropriate monthly dues & fees apply. Corporations are permitted to change membership holders when necessary by paying an applicable fee.

**NON-RESIDENT:** A golfing membership that includes the use of all facilities: golf, tennis, pool, driving range and all social and dining activities. A person may be eligible for Non-Resident Membership in the Club if they live outside of Guilford, Rockingham, Alamance, Randolph, Davidson or Forsyth Counties (and who do not maintain a residence, either owned, rented or held in trust, in any such county).

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION CHANGES:** Members will be automatically transferred to the next Membership Category as they age into that category.

Members may upgrade from a social membership to a golfing membership, or downgrade from a golfing membership to a social membership. In order to do so, the Club must receive written notice of intent to change the classification. All change requests are reviewed once a month at the Membership Committee meeting. Changes then must be approved by the Board of Directors before being accepted. The Board meets on the last Thursday of each month. **For this reason, classification changes are not immediate and can take up to 30 days to be approved.**



# *Amenities & Benefits of Starmount Forest*

**GOLF FACILITIES:** The origin of Starmount Forest's golf course dates back to the mid 1920s when Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleeck began their only layout ever designed for the state of North Carolina. The course opened on August 1, 1930 as a par-71, playing 6,630 yards.

Known as a host of the original Greater Greensboro Open (now the Wyndham Championship) into the middle of the 20th century, Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead all won events on these hallowed grounds.

Two re-designs later (those executed in 1971 and 1999), today's facilities include a practice range, three putting greens and a short game practice facility amidst the 18-hole layout that covers more than 155 acres.

From the back tees, the course plays at 6,711 yards with a rating of 72.3. The course transitioned to champions Bermuda greens in 2007 and is known for having one of the best putting surfaces in the area.



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**FITNESS CENTER:** Starmount Forest's fitness center is open seven days a week beginning well before sunrise on most days. The two-story facility is attached to the Club's indoor tennis center and overlooks the tennis courts on one side and the No. 5 green and main clubhouse on the other.

The first level contains a lobby space, sauna, fitness classroom and spin center. The second floor contains a fully-stocked workout facility with circuit training and cardio equipment from Technogym.



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**TENNIS COURTS:** The tennis facilities at Starmount Forest are the best in the Greensboro area. With four indoor courts and six outdoor courts, our members can play year-round without hesitation.

Inside, there are four, well-lit DecoTurf hard courts. Outside, the club boasts six lighted Har-Tru Green Clay Courts, with the most recent expansion to the facility taking place in early 2016. With the expansion of the outdoor facilities, Starmount Forest has become home to USTA events and is a first-choice facility for several organizations.

There is a full service tennis pro shop in the indoor facility and the tennis pro staff offers lessons for various levels of player, covering both skill and conditioning work.





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**RESORT SWIMMING POOL:** A primary piece of recent renovations at Starmount Forest, members enjoy the resort-style swimming pool from Memorial Day through September.

The main swimming pool is a 196,000-gallon, six-lane, 25-meter Olympic short course pool that also serves as home to the Club's youth swimming program, the Starmount Stingrays. In addition, during recent renovations, an adult pool and a shaded toddler "sprayground" have been added to provide accommodations for members of all ages.

The pool area is serviced by wait staff from The Terrace bar & grill, which overlooks the pools. In addition, an air-conditioned poolhouse provides a break from the heat for members and also contains game room for those wanting to play ping pong or foosball.



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**DINING:** Depending on the season, Starmount Forest members enjoy a wide-variety of options. Open year-round, Bistro 59 is the centerpiece of the club's dining offerings. The restaurant is open six days a week and offers weekend brunch, as well as cocktails, lunch and dinner throughout most of the week.

In addition, the clubhouse has two outdoor patio spaces overlooking the No. 10 tee box that are serviced by Bistro 59 staff on days that the weather permits. The lower patio has a gas fire pit for evening activities.

During the pool season, The Terrace at Starmount Forest is an outdoor patio bar that overlooks the pool. Equipped with its own kitchen, The Terrace serves an abbreviated menu to members enjoying an afternoon at the pool, sitting around the bar (which features five flat screen televisions), or alongside the gas fire pit at nightfall.

Our members also receive discounted rates on rentals of our dining rooms and ballroom.



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**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Throughout the year, Starmount Forest staff plan a variety of special evenings and activities for Club members to enjoy.

Some activities are as simple as a “New York Deli Night” menu offering held in Bistro 59. Others are dinner in our ballroom that includes an evening out at the Greensboro Symphony. One of the bigger member events is the annual Easter Brunch, complete with Easter Bunny portraits, petting zoo and Easter Egg hunts.

The highlight of the social calendar, however, comes each June with the annual Men’s Member-Guest Golf Invitational – three days of fun, friendship and golf, capped off with Saturday night’s big Gala party.

## **CLUB CORP MEMBERSHIP:**

Starmount Forest is an alliance member club with ClubCorp. As a result, all Starmount Forest members are enrolled in ClubCorp ClubBenefits. New members have an opportunity to enroll in ClubCorp’s gold level membership for 60 days without enrollment fees. Gold level membership has a membership fee of \$50 per month, a portion of which is paid back to Starmount Forest.

Additional information regarding the ClubCorp program is included in your prospective member packet.



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# History of Starmount Forest Country Club

- ◆ Starmount Forest Country Club was founded by Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Benjamin in 1930.
- ◆ The course was designed by Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleeck, noted golf course architects at that time. It is the only course to ever bear their names in the state of North Carolina.
- ◆ When the golf course opened on August 1, 1930, West Market Boulevard (now West Market Street) had not been extended beyond Sunset Hills and there were very few homes for miles around.
- ◆ Starmount Forest was the inaugural co-host for the first GGO (Greater Greensboro Open) on March 26, 1938. Sam Snead, age 24, won the first tournament by five shots with an 11-under 271. He earned \$1,200 for his efforts.



Starmount Forest was host of at least one round of the PGA Tour stop on 16 occasions from 1938-1960. During that time Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan all were victorious on these hallowed grounds.

And they weren't the first legends to walk Starmount. Prior to that, Henry Picard and Walter Hagen duelled in an 18-hole playoff for the 1932 Carolinas Open title. Hagen had already won five PGA Championship titles before that time, while Picard would go on to win The Masters six years later.



- ◆ The 1947 United States Women's Open was held at Starmount Forest Country Club, just the second year the event was held. Winning \$1,200, Betty Jameson won by six shots with a nine-under 295. The layout for that event measured at 6,414 yards. Par for the tournament was 76.

It was the first time a 72-hole stroke play format was used. The 1946 Women's Open was played in a match play format.

- ◆ The contractor for the original clubhouse construction was D.F. Harwell. In the latter part of the 1930's, a ballroom and golf shop were added, then a kitchen and dining area were provided, and later four tennis courts. In 1956, the swimming pool was added.
- ◆ In May 1956, the clubhouse burned to the ground and everything was lost. Commencement of the present clubhouse, with greatly enlarged facilities, was started immediately after the fire. The new clubhouse opened in the spring of 1957.



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- ◆ In 1970 and 1971, the entire 18-hole championship golf course was renovated under the direction of course architect George Cobb. All tees and greens were rebuilt at that time.
- ◆ The Club was finally purchased by the members in 1984 from the Benjamin family and Starmount Corporation.
- ◆ In 1988, the Club renovated several areas including a new swimming pool, air conditioned snack bar, tennis building, card/game room and golf pro shop on the lower level.
- ◆ In 1994, the Club closed for six months for a major renovation of the kitchen facilities, the entire lower level, locker rooms, meeting facilities, new golf course irrigation system and landscaping in major areas around the clubhouse.
- ◆ In 1999, a total golf course renovation was designed by architect Lester George. At the same time the Turf Center was rebuilt and significant Clubhouse renovations took place. As part of the renovation, 8,000 linear feet of creek banks throughout the course were reconstructed to eliminate course flooding.
- ◆ The Club built four clay tennis courts in 2005 bringing the total number of soft courts to eight. Four of those courts were later deconstructed to make room for the current Indoor facility.
- ◆ The 2007 North Carolina Men's Amateur was held at Starmount Forest Country Club.
- ◆ A brand new, state-of-the-art Indoor Tennis and Fitness Facility was added to the Club in 2008. The indoor tennis facility has four DecoTurf courts for year-round play. The fitness facility has two classrooms for fitness instruction, plus circuit training & cardio equipment on the upper level.
- ◆ Club-wide renovations began in 2015 adding a resort-style pool, short game practice facility, renovated clubhouse and two additional outdoor clay tennis courts.





Membership in Starmount Forest Country Club is by invitation only. Prospective members are required to be sponsored by a Starmount Forest Country Club member in good standing. The Membership Committee and the Board of Directors are happy to assist a candidate by providing a sponsor.

The prospective member is requested to complete the application and member profile and submit them to the Director of Membership/Marketing or the General Manager.

A check including the following must accompany the completed application for membership:

- ◆ Respective Initiation Fee
- ◆ Respective first month's dues
- ◆ Respective first month's capital fees

Upon receipt of the required information, the prospective member's application will be reviewed by the Membership Committee at their monthly meeting. The Committee sends their recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then review and vote upon the application at their monthly meeting. Once a decision is made by the Board, the applicant will be contacted by a staff member at the Club. In addition, all new members will be invited to a New Member Orientation and Reception.