

April 2017

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

After a mild winter the course is beginning to green up and will be in great shape in a few weeks. Thanks to everyone for supporting the dining and club events over the winter months. We are looking forward to an exciting Summer 2017.

On the financial side, I'm pleased to report the club made a modest profit for 2016 and our total debt will be retired in approximately one year. The board continues to work to improve the clubs financial position while making necessary capital improvements. Once our debt is retired, we will be able to review any improvements that may have been delayed over the past few years.

Additionally, posted in this newsletter are the new golf allowances for our social members. These changes bring SMGCC inline with other clubs in our area and clearly define the differences between full and social membership. If there are any questions please contact myself or our membership chairman David Marks.

See you at the club.

Mike LeVan



Out of the Rough

April is upon us and so begins another golf season. I am very excited and in spite of some historically dry weather last year the golf course is breaking dormancy better than I've seen it since the spring of 2013. Let's hope the trend continues!

Greens have been aerified and are healing nicely. We applied a heavy coat of topdressing sand this spring to help correct some deficiencies in the top portion of our greens mix. The topdressing procedures have taken longer than expected due to a constant stream of storms passing over the course in March. Sand topdressing procedures are performed best when dry so we've had to dodge some weather to complete them properly. I appreciate everyone's patience and compliments these last few days and weeks.

Speaking of the weather, we have received 4.54" of rain in March. While this will work out to be slightly below average, we received precipitation on 15 of the 31 days of the month. Whew!!! This has kept the course in a saturated state and lead to countless cart restrictions. Again, I appreciate everyone's understanding that we must first and foremost protect our turf, particularly during times like this when growth and recovery is virtually non-existent.

On March 23rd we had some fairly significant wind damage on the course. We lost 2 pine trees and 1 oak tree in those storms. The removal of each of these trees will enhance the growing environments of the 6th and 10th greens complexes. A 4th tree, that was collateral damage of the fallen oak on the 10th, will be removed as time permits.





A cold snap in the middle of March warranted covering several approach areas with turf blankets to protect newly emerged Bermuda and Zoysia grass. This was a big success as you can see in the picture. The turf on the left was exposed, while the turf on the right was protected. The blankets are certainly an inconvenience for golf but the photo clearly shows its merit.



If you'd like to discuss any of these topics in greater detail feel free to contact me at prose@smgcc.org. I'm always happy to spend some time on the course with members to discuss any concerns you may have.

Please follow the Department's Twitter account [@SMGCCTURF](https://twitter.com/SMGCCTURF) for updates on what the Team is doing to prep the course for play each day.

See you on the course!
Pat

SMLGA News

Ladies Golf Association Opening Day
Thursday, April 13
Breakfast and Welcome Meeting at 9 AM
Select Shot Play following meeting
New Members Welcome!
Please sign up in the ladies lounge by April 11.

Women's Golf Clinic
Wednesday mornings in April at 11 AM
Check with the Golf Shop for additional info.

Please mail your 2017 SMLGA dues of \$40 ASAP to:
Carol Floyd
4625 Conner Creek Drive
Signal Mtn. Tn 37377

Two Lady Invitational at Dalton Golf & Country Club
Friday, May 5
Check the bulletin board in the ladies lounge for more info.



The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for March 2017.

Welcome To:

Cardon Smith (Social), Real Estate Developer with Fletcher Bright, and wife Grace and son Cardon (1 ½).
Recommending members Tom Reynolds and Nick Davis

Shelby Walker (Junior), Director of Bands at Signal Mountain High School, and wife Emily and children Bennett (5)
and Whit (3). Recommending members Harrison McCants and Dax Branam

SMLGA News



Golf News

The weather is continuing to improve and golfers are working on their games. I hope to continue to see a large contingent of golfers as the weather keeps getting better.

The Signal Mountain Invitational is just around the corner. There are so many different ways to become involved in this great event. If you have never competed before, it is a great way to test your abilities against some of the best players in the area. If you don't feel that your game is quite up to par with some of those players, we do have different flights for you to compete in. If your handicap is 10.0 or higher, then you can even compete in the stableford division. This keeps you from having to post your full score and allows you to pick up at double bogey. If you do not want to compete, we are always looking for volunteers and sponsors. We will once again be hosting the Sponsor's Party at the Club this year. If you need any additional information regarding the Signal Mountain Invitational, please contact the golf shop.

The Signal Mountain Invitational caters to many Collegiate Players from around the southeast. A few years ago our members began offering housing for the participants, and we have gotten great responses from participants and hosts. If you would be interested in housing some players for this year's event, please contact the golf shop.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Demo Day. The event will be held on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00-5:00. This year's demo day will include products from Titleist, Callaway, and Ping. This is a wonderful time to test out the latest equipment and find the products that works best for you. This is also a wonderful time to get fitted for new irons, wedges or driver. The Golf Shop Staff will be helping as well as the Tech Reps from the different companies.

Please continue to check your club emails. We will be emailing out upcoming dates and information for our Mom's Night Out Golf Clinic once we nail down the specifics. I hope to have all of this information in the upcoming weeks and out as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

- April 1- Super Skins / Shootout #1
- April 8 or 9- Master's Blind Draw
- April 13- Ladies Opening Day
- April 23- Demo Day
- April 26- One Day Member-Member/Member-Guest
- April 29- Putting Tournament
- May 6-7- Member-Member
- May 19-21- Signal Mountain Invitational





Social Members Golf Policy adopted by BOD 3/22/17

With the golf season upon us, the Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club Board of Directors has thoroughly considered what golf privileges, if any, should apply to Social Members. The Board has researched what other private clubs in our area provide and are confident our policy is in line, if not more generous, than other clubs. Being as we are, first and foremost, a golf club, the following policy has been adopted to go into effect April 1, 2017.

1. Social members are limited to one round per month with a maximum of 6 rounds per year. Regular green fees and cart fees apply. A round is considered to consist of 18 holes per membership and applies to the membership only, and not the number of household members. Social members using this privilege are not required to play with a golf member.
2. Social members may play during the week (Tuesday through Friday) at times available by the Pro Shop and which does not interfere with any club scheduled events.
3. Social members may play on weekends after 2 PM.
4. Social members may not play in any tournaments or events listed on the Club's tournament schedule.
5. Social members are eligible to play as a guest only in member-guest events.
6. Social members may participate in Couples golf. Note that this would count as one round (2 nine-hole rounds).
7. Social members' use of any practice facilities may only occur prior to the above described rounds of golf.
8. Being as social members are not golf members, golf guests are not permitted.



**SMGCC INITIATION FEE REDUCED TO \$3000.00
EFFECTIVE APRIL THRU JUNE 2017**

	FULL	JUNIOR
Non-Refundable Initiation Fee Due with Application	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Additional Initiation Fee Due September 1, 2017	\$1,500.00	\$500.00 <i>Note: \$2000.00 balance is due by age 40; however, if remain a member for at least 24 months balance will be waived.</i>
Monthly Dues	\$340.00	\$275.00
Monthly Food & Bev Minimum	\$50.00	\$50.00
Monthly Assessment(s)	\$69.00	\$51.50
Quarterly Range Fee	\$45.00	\$45.00
Monthly Hole-In-One Fee	\$1.00	\$1.00

Included At No Charge Thru December 31, 2017:

- Two (2) lessons from SMGCC Pro Shop *Must be scheduled in advance to assure staff availability*
- Two (2) guest rounds including cart at no charge *Tournaments not included*

All Fees Except Assessments are Subject to a 9.25% Tax





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Everything Social

Spring is here--which means summer is just around the corner—which means it is almost Pool Season here at the Club. We have already started getting ready for the Memorial Day Weekend opening of the Pool for your enjoyment. In the meantime, come enjoy dining on the patio and upper bar deck to enjoy the seasonal weather.

Make reservations now for the Easter Bunny Brunch Buffet on April 16. Along with the wonderful food for adults and children, the Easter Bunny may have some surprises! Members with reservations will have priority when it comes to seating—so please do not forget to call!

We will be streaming the Master's Tournament Friday, April 7 through Sunday, April 9 in the Main Dining Room. Select food and drink specials will be available.

Please join us in bidding farewell to longtime employee Paul Martin on Friday, April 14 in the Main Dining Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Paul is retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to SMGCC. Drop by to say hello—and goodbye to Paul. Heavy appetizers will be served. Cash bar available.

See you at the Club!
James Fletcher

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, April 20

6 pm

April Selection: *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

Thursday, May 18

6 pm

May Selection:

The Lady in the Van And Other Short Stories by Alan Bennett
Movie and Pizza at the home of Sylvia Friedl at 412 N Palisades

The Book Club meets on the third Thursday of every month in the President's Room, and all the ladies of the club are invited to join the group and stay for dinner afterwards. There are some months when special events are planned, and the information will be posted in the club newsletter.



2017 Life Guards Needed

- Competitive pay
- Flexible work schedule
- Life guard certification required
- Call (423) 886-5767 Ext 249

Dining Specials

Tuesday

Kids eat free in the dining room
with purchase of an adult entrée.

Friday

Chef's Specials

Saturday

Breakfast 8am - 11am

Sunday

Breakfast Buffet

9am - 2pm \$8.95

April 15th Bunny Brunch

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cinnamon Rolls, Regular and Chocolate
Chip Pancakes, Biscuits, Fresh Fruit

Adult \$10 / Child \$6

April 16th Easter Brunch

Egg and Omelet Station, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Brown Casserole,
Carved Ham with Brown Sugar Glaze, Carved Sirloin Roast with
Au Jus and Horsey Sauce, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Red Potatoes,
Chef's Seasonal Vegetable, Salad Bar & Assorted Desserts

Adult \$18.95 / Child \$7.95 / 4 and Under Free

Specials



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Super Skins/Shootout #1
2 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	3 Club Closed	4 Family Night Kids Eat Free	5 Women's Golf Clinic	6	7 Chef's Dinner Specials Masters Live Streamed In Grill	8 Master's Blind Draw Masters Live Streamed In Grill
9 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Master's Blind Draw Masters Live Streamed In Grill	10 Club Closed	11 Family Night Kids Eat Free	12 Women's Golf Clinic	13 Ladies Opening Day	14 Chef's Dinner Specials	15 Easter Bunny Brunch Buffet 8am - 11am \$10 adult \$6 child Balloon artist 8:30-10am Egg Hunt at 9:15am
16 Easter Brunch 9am – 4pm Demo Day	17 Club Closed	18 Family Night Kids Eat Free	19 Women's Golf Clinic	20 Family Buffet Fried Chicken \$12 5pm Book Club	21 Chef's Dinner Specials	22 Putting Tournament
23/30 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 23 rd Demo Day	24 Club Closed	25 Family Night Kids Eat Free	26 One Day Member- Member/Member- Guest Women's Golf Clinic	27	28 Chef's Dinner Specials	29 Putting Tournament

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed	2 Family Night Kids Eat Free	3	4	5 Chef's Dinner Specials	6 Member/Member Kentucky Derby Live Streamed in Grill
7 Brunch Buffet 9AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Member/Member	8 Club Closed	9 Family Night Kids Eat Free	10	11	12 Chef's Dinner Specials	13
14 Mother's Day Brunch 9am – 4pm	15 Club Closed	16 Family Night Kids Eat Free	17	18 Book Club	19 Chef's Dinner Specials Signal Mountain Invitational	20 Signal Mountain Invitational
21 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Signal Mountain Invitational	22 Club Closed	23 Family Night Kids Eat Free	24	25	26 Chef's Dinner Specials Pool Opens	27
28 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	29 Memorial Day Pool Party 12pm – 6pm	30 Club Closed	31			



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

Pro Shop & Tee Times
Ext: 226

To-Go Orders & Reservations
Option: 3

Business Office
Ext: 225

Chef's Office
Ext: 242

Main Bar
Ext: 223

Men's Card Room
Ext: 227
Tuesday - Friday 10am - Dark
Saturday & Sunday 8am - Dark

Club Manager
Ext: 242

Administrative Fax
(423) 886-2879

Golf Shop Hours

Tuesday - Sunday
7:30 am - Dusk

Range

8am - Dusk

Clubhouse Hours

Signal Grill

Tue - Sat: 11am - 8pm
Sunday: Closed

Dining Room

Tue & Wed: 5pm - 8pm
Thu, Fri & Sat: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Main Bar

Tue & Wed: 5pm - 8pm
Thu, Fri & Sat: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

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