

August 2017

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

Please join me in welcoming Mary Elizabeth Wheeler as our new clubhouse manager. Mary Elizabeth comes to us locally from St Johns restaurant, with vast experience in banquets, training, and overall restaurant management. Her first priority at SMGCC is to improve service and the overall dining experience for our membership.

I would like to thank the club employees for the outstanding job with this year's Mountaineer Tournament. All the feedback I received was extremely positive. Congratulations to all the winners. Next year's Mountaineer will be held July 20-22, 2018. Go ahead and mark your calendar, as you will not want to miss out on the fun.

See you at the club.

Mike LeVan

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

Welcome To:

Richard D. Spangler, Jr. (Junior), Insurance Broker with Safe Harbor, and wife Ashley.



Out of the Rough

It's hard to believe August is upon us. Let's talk about what is coming up this month and what to expect in terms of course conditions.

Recently we have received several compliments via email and face to face interaction out on the course. I appreciate the positive feedback and would like to thank our staff for their hard work. It's always a big team effort but I want to give a special thank you to our full time staff: Steve Albo (Equipment Manager), Michael Burrows (Assistant Superintendent), Alex Koldys (House Maintenance), Jimbo Hicks (Setup Specialist, Asst. Equipment Manager) and Equipment Operators Mario Vasquez, Alvaro Pauc, Mauricio Morales and Jose Figueroa. These guys have been with us for several years and we wouldn't be successful without their dedication.



Heights of Cut- Heights of cut are being raised this time of year. This will have a noticeable impact on ball roll out distance in the fairway and approach areas of the course. We do this for several reasons. When turf is mowed at or below 1/2" it must be cut very frequently. As reflected in our budget, we lose our part time summer labor as school starts back so it becomes very difficult or even impossible to cut fairways daily. Raising the height allows them to be cut in a healthy manor about 2 times per week. As the days get shorter there is less time available for the plant to go through the process of photosynthesis and produce energy. A longer leaf blade ensures the turf is able to gather as much sunlight as possible. Lastly, we want to enter the dormancy period with a thick canopy of turf. This extends our root development, prevents erosion, enhances traffic tolerance and insulates the soil from the cold winter temperatures.

Growth Regulators will be applied to short cut turf and some areas of the rough. This can often give the turf a slightly bronze tint but it's usually short lived if present at all. We want to slow the top growth of the plant down to help reduce clippings and reduce our mowing frequency.

Aerification- Fall Aerification is scheduled for September 5th. In the event of poor weather, those procedures will be postponed until October 9th. On August 7th, we will perform a simple and routine 1/4" hollow tine venting procedure. This will ensure good soil oxygen levels and proper drainage until they can be aerified in September or October.

Fairways will be slit aerified in the coming weeks. This process is relatively simply, relieves compaction and promotes root growth.

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.

With the seasonal reduction in staff coming, it's more important than ever to sign up to follow our twitter page! 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



Golf News

July was another great month where we all witnessed some wonderful golf. The month ended with one of our biggest events of the year, The Mountaineer. The event, full of great camaraderie and food, also displayed some pretty good golf as well. We had a few one brief weather interruption, but otherwise the event went very well. Pat Rose and his staff had the golf course in some of the best conditions in recent memory. Congratulations to the following winners:

Overall Gross Champion: Andy McDaniel & Jason Lina

Overall Net Champion: Mike Mauney & Jordan Mauney

1st Flight: Richard Spangler & Andrew Holt

2nd Flight: Arch Trimble & Sam Lynch

3rd Flight: Andy Killian & Jared West

4th Flight: Andy Guth & Ron Earl

5th Flight: Mike Levan & Jeff Jackson

6th Flight: Paul Newbourne & David Asaki

I am very excited to announce that the Challenge Cup vs. Black Creek Golf Club is once again scheduled this year. If you have never competed in the event before, it is a great weekend of competition and camaraderie. The Challenge Cup is a Ryder Cup style event where a team from SMGCC competes against a team from BCGC for 54-holes over two days. The event will be held at SMGCC this year on October 7-8. Below are Division Breakdowns and Qualifying Process:

This Year's Divisions:

Divisions: Handicap Divisions (28 player team) – Defined as Handicap June 1st, 2017

<2.9	(4) players (Gold Tees)
3.0 – 5.9	(4) players (Gold Tees)
6.0 – 8.9	(4) players (Gold Tees)
9.0 – 11.9	(4) players (Gold Tees)
12.0+	(2) players (Gold Tees)
Seniors 55+	(4) players (Gold Tees)
Seniors 55+ >6.9	(2) players (Gold Tees)
Super Sr. 65+	(4) players (White Tees) [option to play Foursome Format upon mutual agreement]

Qualification Process: [Challenge Cup XIII - 2017 vs Black Creek at SMGCC]

Billing fee is approximately \$175/player by Host Club for hosting evenings and dinner.

Tournament Dates - 10/7 & 10/8

GHIN Handicap - 6/1/17 to be your official handicap

Qualifying Period - 7/1 – 8/31/17

Qualifying Fee - \$30 per individual

Play (6) Rounds to count (4) Rounds

Qualifying will be based on the Stableford Scoring System

Players must pay the ball down when qualifying

Players can attempt to qualify more than once

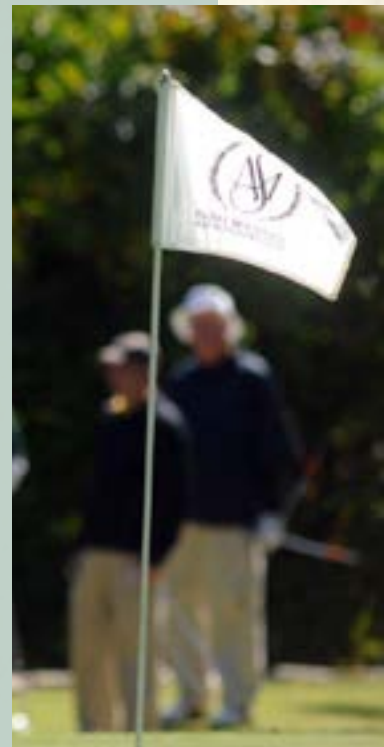
Please notify golf shop before round if you are planning to qualify.

Qualifying Tees –

oGold Tees for all Groups

oWhite Tees for Super Sr. Group

Free Scores for the Invitational and Club Championship Event



SMLGA News

Congratulations to Sylvia Friedl and Deedee Raulston who won third and first places respectively in the 2nd Flight of the Senior Division in the Chattanooga Women's Amateur Tournament. A huge THANK YOU goes to all the ladies who represented SMGCC in the City Tournament Team Play Event. Our teams didn't win, but they were not last!

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, August 10th, is Beat the Pro Day and is always a fun event!

Sunday, August 20th, is the next Nine and Wine Select Shot Event. All ladies of the club are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of golf. Sign up in the Golf Shop by 2:30 pm, and we will tee off at 3 pm. Hopefully, we will play more than one hole this time! However, the rain did not dampen our gathering on the deck for wine and hors d'oeuvres!

Tuesday, August 22nd, and Thursday, August 24th, is the Jean Cates Best/Better Ball Tournament. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Ladies Lounge.

Saturday, September 9th, and Sunday, September 10th, is the St. Charles Cup Played at Chattanooga Golf & Country Club this year. Get your entries in now!

September 12th - 15th is the Kistler Match Play Tournament. This event is open to the first 16 ladies who sign up to play.

Our golf course has never looked better and these upcoming events should be fun for all!

The 11th Annual Malarkey Cup is right around the corner.
Dates are September 23rd and 24th. Mark your calendars.
Letters will go out soon to 2016 participants giving them first opportunity to reserve their spot in this year's competition and festivities.



*Congratulations to Taylor Gardner! She won the 2017 SMGCC Ladies Club Championship on July 30th with a score of 159!
Taylor will be a senior at Signal Mountain High School this fall.
Karen Burns won Low Gross with a score of 164, and Debbie Durham won Low Net with a score of 153.*





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Due to the recent changes in Food & Beverage, please contact the Business Office at ext. 225 or 240 to confirm any planned events you currently have on the Club's Calendar.

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, August 17

August Selection:

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Thursday, September 21

September Selection:

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See

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.



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

Specials



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	7 Club Closed	8 Family Night Kids Eat Free	9	10	11 Chef's Dinner Specials	12 Men's Member/Member
13 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Men's Member/Member	14 Club Closed	15 Family Night Kids Eat Free	16	17 Book Club	18 Chef's Dinner Specials	19 Super Dogfight/ Shootout #5
20 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Ladies Nine & Wine	21 Club Closed	22 Family Night Kids Eat Free Jean Cates Tournament	23	24 Jean Cates Tournament	25 Chef's Dinner Specials Men's Club Championship	26 Men's Club Championship
27 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Men's Club Championship	28 Club Closed	29 Family Night Kids Eat Free	30	31		

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2
3 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	4 Labor Day Tournament/ Shootout Finale	5 Club Closed Greens Aerification	6 Greens Aerification	7 Greens Aerification	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9
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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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