

November 2018

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

Thanks to all who voted for the candidates of your choice for the 2019 board, and a special thanks to those who attended the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee did a fantastic job in candidate selection. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners which are listed in below.

We've had changes in staff within the past month. Jessica Davis, Clubhouse Manager, and Darice McDowell, assistant in the business office, are no longer employed at our club. I thank both Jessica and Darice for their work, and best wishes to each in the future.

Going forward in the clubhouse, we have the following as interim managers: Robert Schoolfield as interim Bar Manager, and Joseph Mendenhall as interim Food Service Manager. Both Robert and Joe are committed to improving the service in our food and beverage areas. Christy Rose is our new business office assistant. Please get to know each of these valuable employees and thank them for their efforts.

With the holiday's just around the corner, we'll have many opportunities to enjoy the club. Please make reservations if you desire to have Thanksgiving Dinner at the club. The menu is in the newsletter.

As an added amenity, we're introducing "Take & Bake" - which should be named Order Up, Pick Up, & Warm Up because no baking is required!

This is for those who either/or:

- 1) Have family and friends coming to your house
- 2) Traveling and want to take Thanksgiving dinner to your hosts.

Let SMGCC kitchen staff do all the work. The menu and order form is in the newsletter.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING and

See you at your club,

Jeff

Election Results

Vice President, Rob Pearse

Secretary, David Marks

Treasurer, Andrew Ruffner

Director, David Cates

Director, Arch Trimble IV

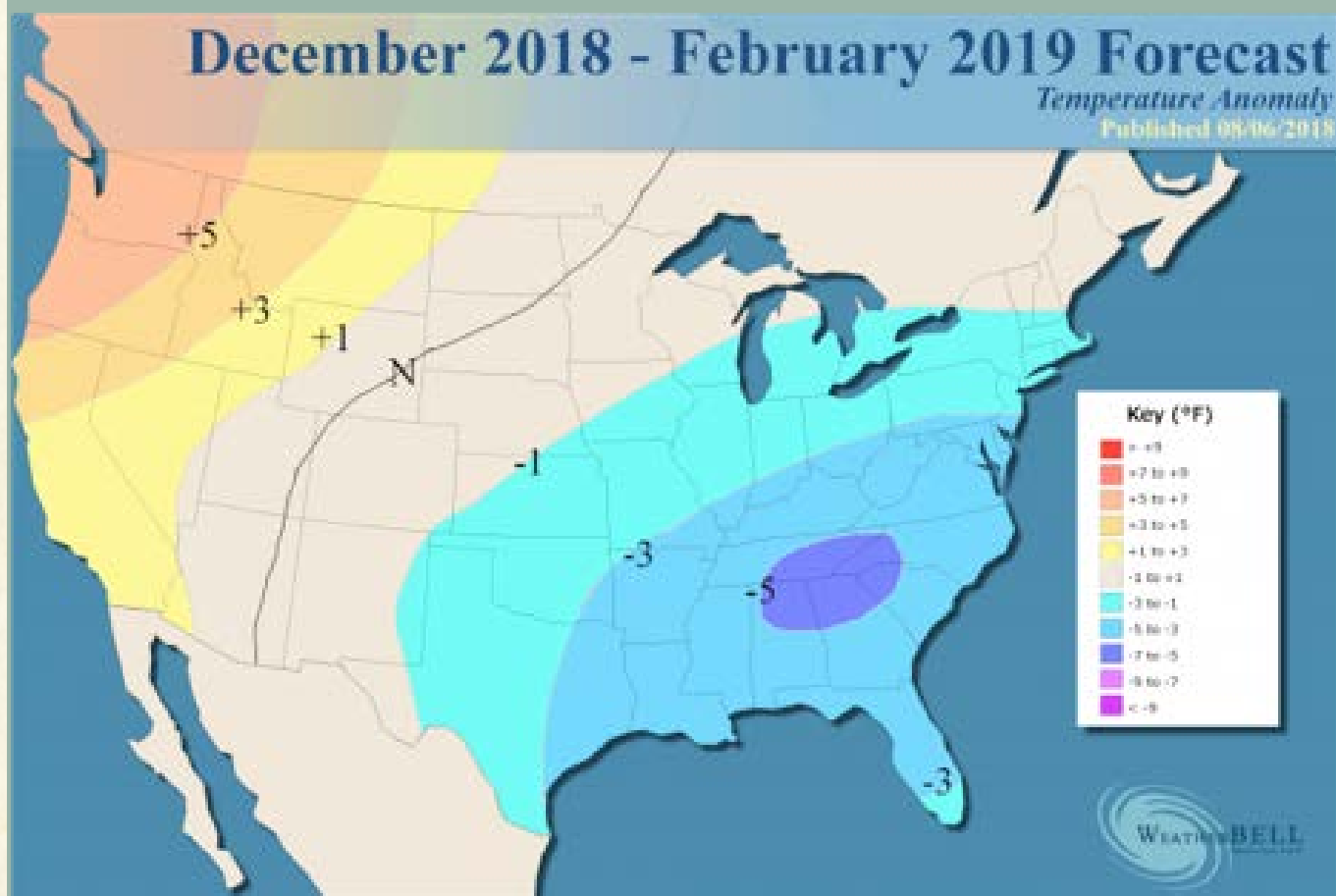
Director, Pixie Lanham, SMLGA President

Out of the Rough

The 2018 Tournament Season is behind us... and what an interesting season it has been. The team and I are very thankful for your participation in golf and we look forward to kicking the 2019 schedule off with the Mountain Mule before too long. As leaves begin to fall, please be patient with our leaf collection program. It's not uncommon for us to spend several hours collecting leaves on a single hole or two each day. Changing winds and soft conditions are a key factor in how this type of work is scheduled.

Weather and the 2018-2019 winter outlook will be the topic of conversation for this month's newsletter. There are many services out there that look at global weather patterns. WeatherBELL has been very accurate this year, so for the purpose of this article I will be using data from weatherbell.com.

First let's look at the temperature forecast. As you can see below, we are forecast for the -5 degrees below average temperature range. This is significant and if accurate, will result in significant closures due to lingering frost or frozen conditions on the course. Winter kill of turfgrass is a common issue for us here on the mountain. It's the loss of warm season turfgrass due to cold temperature exposure. Knowing this forecast for some time now, we have increased the heights of cut on our turf to create more root development and to create an insulating blanket over our soil to protect the roots. I want to thank Mike Mauney for his work in helping us acquire more blankets to put around our greens this winter. This would not have been affordable without his help.





The picture below shows just how effective this insulating material is. What was under cover last winter lived, while the turf just outside the cover died from winter kill.



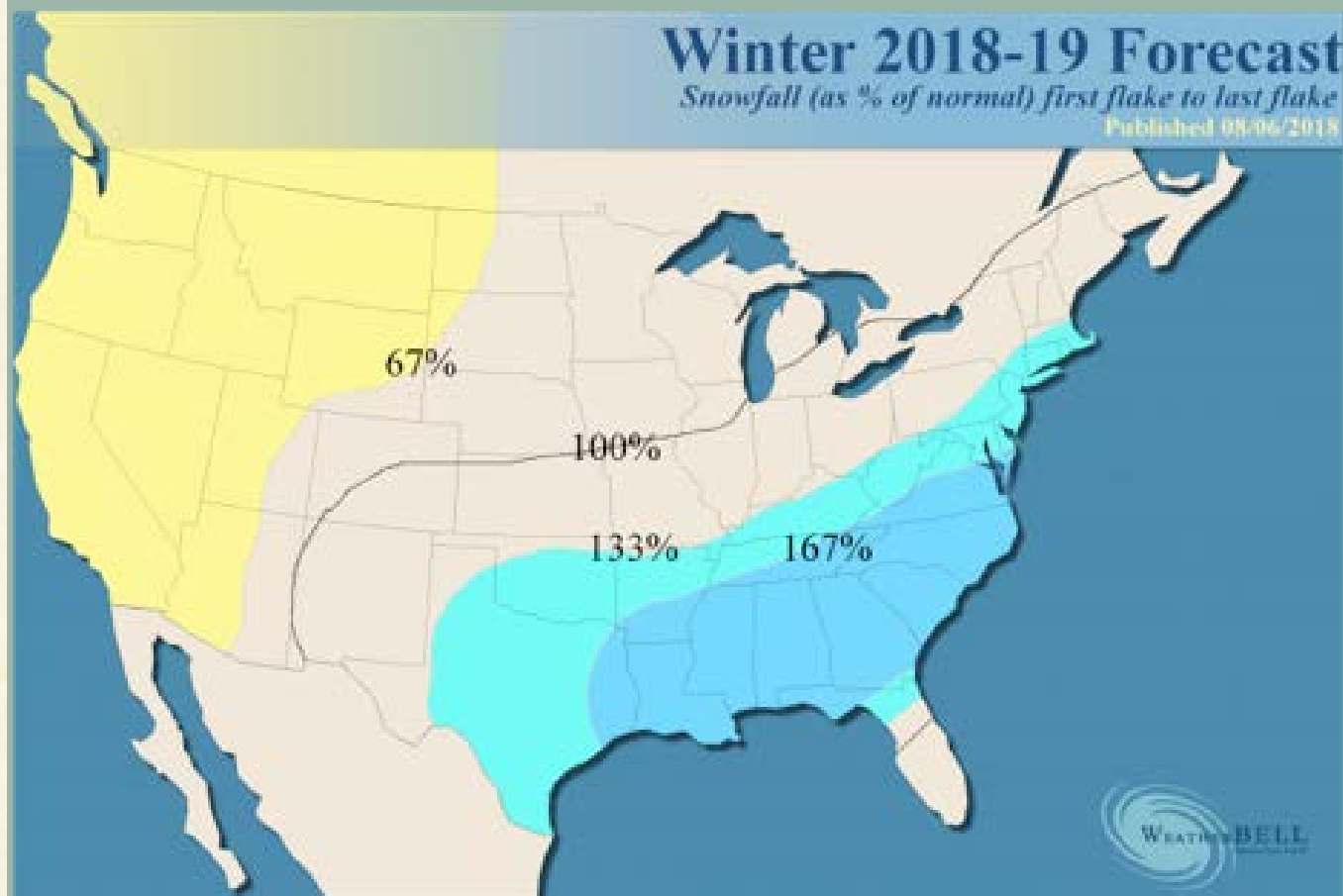
Now let's discuss what could be our saving grace. Looking at the map below, you can see that we are forecast to receive up to 167% of our average precipitation. If this is the case, not only will it be a phenomenal year for sledding, but that snow fall would provide additional insulation for our turf.

To summarize, if the temperature map holds, let's hope the precipitation map holds as well!

Happy fall to each of you and thanks for another outstanding golf season. Please follow the Department's Twitter account @SMGCCCTURF for updates on what the team is doing to prep the course for play each day.

See you on the course!

Pat



Golf News

Mark your calendar for the Annual Golf Shop Christmas Party. The party will be held on Friday, December 7th from 6:00 to 8:30. We will have light hors d'oeuvres and beverages for consumption along with some great discounts on merchandise. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase some last minute gifts for everyone on your list. The shop will be offering free wrapping on all purchases. REMEMBER: All credit book earnings for the year expire on December 31st. This Christmas Party is a great way to use up any credit book earnings you have accrued throughout the year. Please contact the golf shop to inquire as to how much you still have left to spend. If you have any particularly picky people on your list this year, remember that the club does offer gift cards for both merchandise and food and drink.



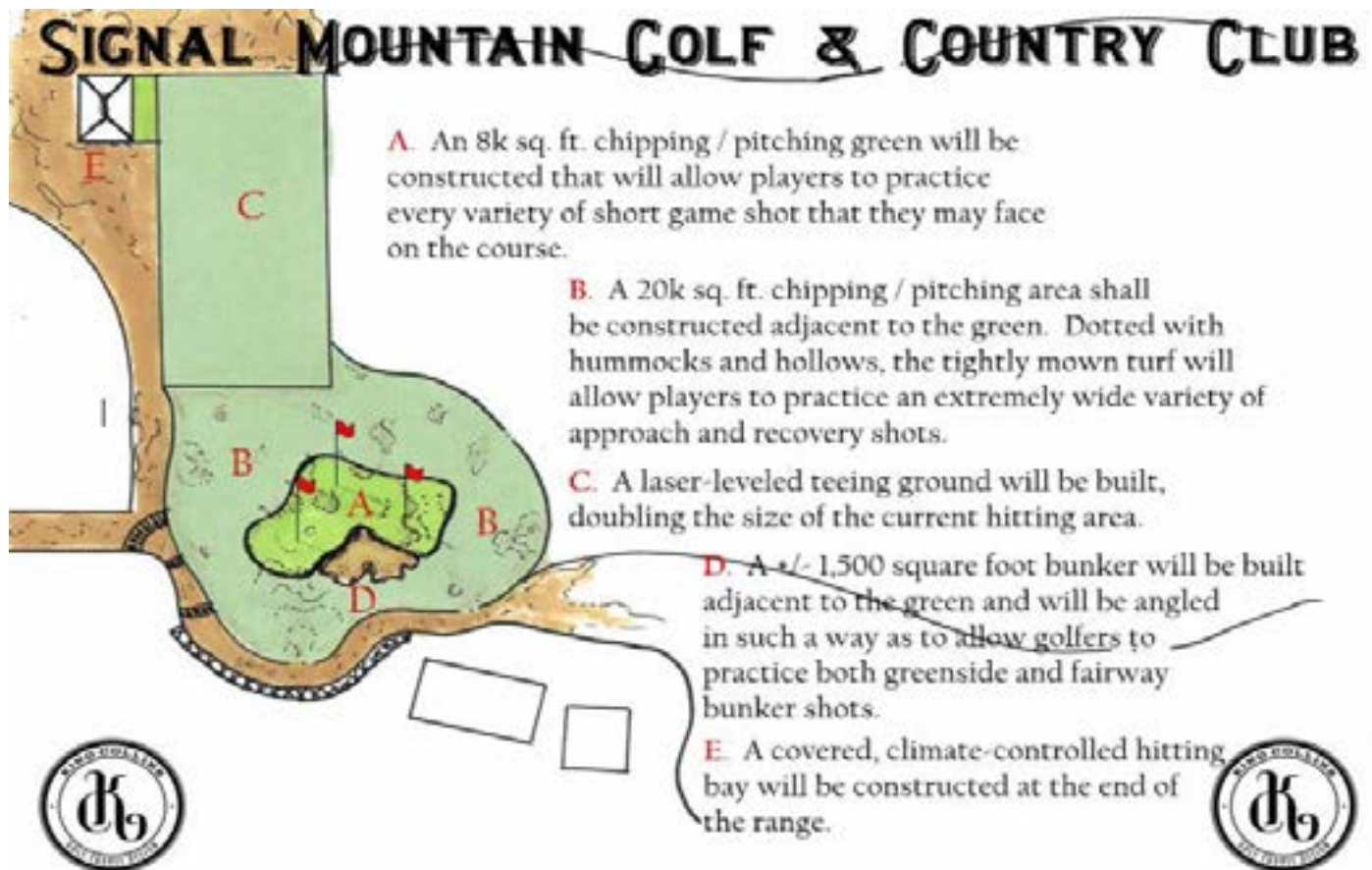
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Golf News



St. Charles Practice Facility

at



Phase 1: A, B, C, D - Budget = \$165,000

Phase 2: E - Budget = \$35,000

Total Budget = \$200,000



Contact Rob Pearse for your pledge of support

423-280-7885

robpearsefas@mindspring.com

SMLGA News

October was a busy month for the Ladies Golf Association with several events that closed out the 2018 golfing season. Many thanks to our outgoing president, Deedee Raulston, and all the other officers. It was a great year, and everyone is looking forward to 2019. New officers for 2019 are as follows:

President - Pixie Lanham

Vice President - Chee Chee Allen

Secretary - Lynne Marks

Treasurer - Susan Stuart

The annual Shootout Tournament was held on October 18th. Sylvia Friedl, the defending champion, is the 2018 Shootout Winner! Bonnie Hamilton finished as the runner-up. Congratulations, ladies!

October 25th was the Closing Day Select Shot Tournament, Luncheon and General Meeting. Naomi Lindsey's team with Jean St.Charles, Maddie Williams & Carol Floyd tied with Bonnie Hamilton's team with Pat Herring, Dennie Taylor and Doris Chambers for 1st Place. The ladies once again dressed in costumes for the event, and Maryellen Cook won "Best Costume". The entry fees/additional donations were donated this year to the Signal Mountain Social Services, and the amount raised totaled \$725. Great job, ladies... even more than last year! In addition, the Ladies Golf Association pledged \$500 to the St. Charles Practice Facility.

Debbie Durham won the prize for "Most Birdies" and Naomi Lindsey finished 2nd. "Most Improved Player" this year was Debbie Durham and "Most Attendance Award" went to Lynne Marks.

All ladies of the club are invited to join the Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association. Lynne Marks is organizing Tuesday and Thursday play during the winter at 10 AM. Call or text her if you would like to play. And remember to join the ladies in the Main Bar for lunch and games on rainy and cold Thursdays. Mail your 2019 membership dues of \$40 to Susan Stuart, 22 Cool Springs Road.

SMLGA News



Beautiful, but chilly day in October for the SMLGA Annual Shootout



Congratulations to Sylvia Friedl, the winner of the 2018 Shootout, and to Bonnie Hamilton, the runner-up!



Maryellen Cook dressed as the “Happy Clown” won the prize for best costume... not sure how she played golf in those shoes!

“Glow Golf” on October 6th was fun for all!



All Things Social

The month of October began with 47 players participating in 9 holes of golf under the stars. A scorecard playoff for "Glow Golf", sponsored by Greg and Amy Russell, resulted in the following.

1st place team - Collins & Collins, Davis & Davis

2nd place team - Helle & Helle, Karimian & Karimian

3rd place team - Cash, Cullum, Blake & Blake,

4th place team - Durham, Patterson, Lindsey & Lindsey

If you have never experienced striking a glowing golf ball under a full moon, you will want to sign up early when we bring this event back next spring. Thank you to all the teams who mastered cart driving 101 in the dark and participated.

The final cornhole tournament of the year had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Cornhole will also return next year. A tournament will be scheduled in the spring/summer months and again at the beginning of fall.

Our last Trivia night for this year had 12 teams (94 players) competing for prizes. Taking home first place was the "Thought This Was Speed Dating" team of Chris and Elizabeth Collins, Dax and Anna Branam, Blake and Jessie Lewis and guests Phillip and Emily Lehman. Second place was won by the "Spider Monkeys 1" team of David and Lynne Marks, Alan and Jenny Kelley, Andy Cash, Will Morrison, Chase Thomas and David Marks, Jr. Our thanks to Andy Tucker and his family for continuing to make this event a fun filled evening for all the participants. Due to several special events occurring at the club during the months of November and December, Trivia Night will begin again in January.

November will bring back Family Bingo on Sunday afternoon, November 18. Mark your calendar and call to reserve a spot for you and your family. Join us at 4: 30 to try your luck at the game. St. Nick will visit the club again this year on Sunday afternoon, December 9th. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

See you at the club!

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, November 15th
6 PM in the President's Room
November Selection: ***Varina: A Novel*** by Charles Frazier

Tuesday, December 11th,
Christmas Party
6 pm at the home of Liz Hedges
610 Ohio Avenue
Please bring an appetizer or dessert of your choice to share and a \$20 gift wrapped "FANCY" in Christmas cheer for the gift exchange. All Book Club members are invited to Liz's to celebrate the season!

And if you are making your Christmas Wish List... Where'd You Go, Bernadette: A Novel by Maria Semple is our January 2019 book selection.

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.



Reminder: While we encourage our juniors to come to the Club, dependents 16 years and older are allowed in the bar and bar deck only while accompanied by an adult member. Minors are not allowed in the Men's Card Room. (SMGCC Club Rules April 2018) These rules are posted on the club's website at smgcc.org



2018 Thanksgiving Day

Soup and Salad
Carved Oven Roasted Ham & Turkey
Cranberry Relish
Dressing & Gravy
Green Beans Almondine

Yellow Squash Casserole
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes with Pecans
Dinner Rolls
Assorted Pies

11am - 4pm

\$21.95 Adults · \$9.95 ages 6-12 · \$3.95 ages 3-5

Reservations Required.

Reservations must be made by November 16th.

Cancellations must be made by November 18th or account will be charged.

SMGCC will close at 4pm on Thanksgiving Day.





Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

Thanksgiving 2018 Take and Bake Order Form

Member # _____ Member Name _____

Ordering

Ordering starts November 1st. All orders must be in by 7pm on Friday November 16th.

Call: (423) 886-5767 ext. 3 **Email:** kpowers@smgcc.org

Pick-Up

Pick-up is Wednesday November 21st between 12pm and 8pm. **NO PICK-UPS ON THANKSGIVING DAY** Orders not picked up will be charged to members accounts.

Quantity

_____ Whole Turkey 12lb average serves 10-12 people. **\$45**

_____ 4lb Honey & Brown Sugar Glazed Ham serves 10-12 people. **\$40**

Feeds 10-12 People

Per Serving @ \$2/serving

_____ Mashed Potatoes **\$22**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ Glazed Sweet Potatoes topped w/ Candied Pecans **\$22**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ 2qts of Gravy for 12 people **\$6 a quart**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ Traditional Dressing **\$22**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ Green Bean Almondine **\$22**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ Yellow Squash Casserole **\$22**

_____ Servings @ **\$2 ea**

_____ Cranberry Relish 16oz serves 8-10 **\$8**

_____ Dinner Rolls **\$6 a Dozen**

Pies

_____ Pumpkin--- \$12/ea

_____ Apple---\$15/ea

_____ Pecan---\$15/ea

TOTAL FOR ORDER \$ _____

*****9.25% sales tax will be added to order. Gratuity at your discretion*****

Seasons Greetings

Each year the Club solicits donations from the membership for its Employees Christmas Bonus Fund. The funds are distributed to all employees in early December. Please indicate the amount you wish to contribute. We hope you will take this opportunity to express your appreciation to all employees, especially those who work behind the scenes to make this a club enjoyable for its members. Yes, I will contribute the following amount to the fund:

\$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other _____

Payment method:

Bill my account _____ Check enclosed _____

Auto Draft _____ Credit Card _____

Member Name _____ Member # _____

If you prefer sending your pledge via email:

kpowers@smgcc.org or crose@smgcc.org

Do You Know?

Instead of an employee, this month's "Do You Know" features several of our young golfers who are quickly making a name for themselves.

The SMMHS boy's golf team won the State Tournament for the Small School Division. Four of the team members' parents are members of SMGCC. They are Benjamin Burns, Wesley Potera, Ben Seay, and Foster Wood. You'll see these guys on the course practically every day, rain or shine. All will be back next year to defend.



As for the girls, the team missed getting into State by a single stroke. However, Lindsey Hollis was SECOND in the individual competition for the girl's State champion. Lindsey works for Paul Helle in her spare time.

Congratulations to all these fine you golfers and future members.
You are great ambassadors for SMGCC.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thanksgiving Take & Bake orders begin	2 Chef's Dinner Specials	3
4 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	5 Club Closed	6 Family Night Kids Eat Free	7	8 Private Dinner Meeting 6pm President's Room	9 Chef's Dinner Specials	10
11 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	12 Club Closed	13 Family Night Kids Eat Free	14	15 Book Club 6pm	16 Chef's Dinner Specials Thanksgiving Take & Bake order deadline Thanksgiving Buffet Reservation Deadline	17
18 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Family Bingo 4:30pm Cancellation deadline for Thanksgiving Buffet	19 Club Closed	20 Family Night Kids Eat Free	21 Take & Bake Pickup 12pm – 8pm	22 Thanksgiving Buffet 11am – 4pm Club Closes @ 4pm	23 Chef's Dinner Specials	24
25 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	26 Club Closed	27 Family Night Kids Eat Free	28	29	30 Chef's Dinner Specials	

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	3 Club Closed	4 Family Night Kids Eat Free	5	6 Private Party Grille	7 Chef's Dinner Specials Golf Shop Christmas Party 6:30pm	8 Dinner Club 6:15pm Ballroom
9 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm St. Nick's Visit	10 Club Closed	11 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club Christmas Party 6pm Private Party 5:30pm Ballroom	12 Private Dinner Meeting President's Room	13 Private Party 6pm Ballroom	14 Chef's Dinner Specials	15
16 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	17 Club Closed	18 Family Night Kids Eat Free	19	20	21 Chef's Dinner Specials	22 Private Party 6pm Ballroom
23 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm 30 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	24 Club Closed 31 New Year's Eve Dinner 5-9pm Reservations Required	25 Club Closed	26	27	28 Chef's Dinner Specials	29



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

Pro Shop & Tee Times
Press: 1

Head Golf Pro, Paul Helle
Press: 2

To-Go Orders & Reservations
Press: 3

Main Bar
Press: 4

Men's Card Room
Press: 5

Business Office
Press: 6

Controller & Office Manger
Press: 7

Course Superintendent, Pat Rose
Press: 8

Food & Beverage Manager
Press: 9

Administrative Fax
(423) 886-2879

Golf Shop Hours
Tuesday - Sunday
7:30am - 6:30pm

Range
Tuesday - Sunday
8am - Dusk

Signal Grill
Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 8pm
Sunday: Closed

Dining Room
Tuesday & Wednesday: 5pm - 8pm
Thursday - Saturday: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Main Bar
Tuesday: 5pm - 8pm
Thursday: 11am - 9pm
Wed, Fri. & Sat: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Men's Card Room
Tuesday - Sunday: 8am - 9pm

Pool (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Tuesday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 9pm
Sunday 12:30pm - 8pm

Reservations & Party Inquiries
kpowers@smgcc.org

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