January 2018

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thanks go out to Mary Catherine Robbins and her elves for getting Santa Claus to take time from his busy schedule to visit SMGCC boys and girls on Dec 10th. A fun time for all!

As 2018 begins, we first thank Mike LeVan and Shawn Devine for their work as president and treasurer last year. Mike will remain on the board as Past President. Congratulations to Harry Cash and Steve Dobson on being re-elected to serve another two years on our Board of Directors.

I am humbled to have the opportunity to follow Mike as President of our club. I look forward to working with the board and staff to make SMGCC a place you are proud to be a member: to socialize with a game of golf, having lunch and/or dinner, enjoying the pool and summer activities, and social events scheduled throughout the year.

2018 marks the 96th year of SMGCC's existence. This is quite an accomplishment for a small town, mountain golf club; especially, when you consider more golf courses have closed than opened since 2006. It is this year's board responsibility to continue with a strong fiscal policy to ensure continued existence. There has been no increase in dues since 2015. In the December board meeting, a nominal increase was passed in establishing the 2018 budget, and will appear in the January statements for certain membership categories.

With a new 20 year lease on the near horizon, combined with paying off the long term debt sometime during the year; we have the opportunity to address much needed issues to clubhouse and pool. A project and finance committee will be a high priority to start 2018. This committee will be charged with presenting a list of projects to improve appearance of our club; as well as, several areas needing repair/updating that go unseen to members.

Finally, congratulations are in order to Jean St. Charles. Mrs. St. Charles recently was named to be the inducted into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame. She will be the 50th inductee into this storied group. A celebration of her achievement is in order. Plans will be made according to Mrs. St. Charles schedule, and will be forthcoming in the near future.

See you at our club, Jeff



WINTER 2018 GOLF MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!

JOIN DURING JANUARY thru MARCH AND PAY NO DUES or ASSESSMENTS UNTIL APRIL 2018! (New Full & Junior Golf Members Only) PLEASE SHARE WITH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS. CONTACT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN DAVID MARKS FOR DETAILS. 423 364 0502 or dhmarks52@gmail.com

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Course Report January 2018

With Christmas fresh on our minds, I want to thank each of you for your generous gifts to the staff and for your contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and enhances the lives of many families. I also want to thank outgoing Board President, Mike Levan, for his leadership these last 2 years. The course continues to improve each year and we couldn't do it without the support of those who volunteer their time to serve the Club.

2018 has arrived with vengeance. Temperatures have plummeted and snow is in the forecast. In preparation for those temperatures, the staff has covered numerous areas around greens that are prone to winter kill. These blankets are unsightly and hinder play but they are very helpful in reducing our risk of turf loss.

I beg you to check in with the golf shop prior to playing the course or using the practice areas. We often have course closures, restroom closures and freeze delays this time of year. Checking in with the golf shop allows you to fully understand the day's conditions of play and prevent injury to the turf.

When weather prevents us from being on the course the team is working hard on several projects that will enhance your experience next spring. New tee markers are being made, new benches are being crafted and the equipment fleet is being fully serviced.

Course restrooms have been closed for several weeks due to freezing conditions. I would like to spread the word that during these times of closure you are welcome to use our restroom facilities located off the 6th fairway. We will open the course restrooms as soon as weather permits.

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 for updates on what the team is doing to prep the course for play each day.

See you on the course! Pat





Please take the time to check out the SMGCC website and view the wonderful Aerial Golf Course Tour. Thank you to Andy Tucker and his nephew for spearheading this project. It is a great resource to use for prospective members. <u>http://www.smgcc.org/Golf/Course-Tour</u>



Golf News

Save Money on Prepaid Guest Rounds!

Do you plan to host golf guests at the club in 2018? If so, you can save up to \$174 with our 2018 Prepaid Guest Program. From now through February 28th all golf members may once again prepurchase up to 6 guest rounds for use during the 2018 calendar year. Prepaid Guest Rounds can be purchased for \$50 each + tax. This is an \$18 savings on normal weekly rates and a \$28 savings on weekend rates. As an added bonus, these rounds will also include cart fees!

- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be purchased through February 28th, 2018.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2018 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after Dec 31st, 2018.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds are subject to the Club's Guest Policy.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds are non-transferrable.

For any questions or to purchase your guest rounds, please contact the Pro Shop at 886-5767 ext. 226.

Bring Your Guests and Only Pay the Outside Temperature!

For the months of January and February, Guests can enjoy a round of golf and only pay what the temperature is outside. Guests can check in up to 30 minutes before their Tee Time and pay the current outside temperature (in Fahrenheit) based on weatherbug.com's Nolan Elementary Weather Station. The temperature rate + tax includes the cart fee. Temperature rates cannot exceed our regular Guest Rates.

2018 Tournament Schedule

Be on the lookout for the release of the 2018 Tournament Schedule. We hope to have the Schedule done by middle of January and released shortly after that.

-Paul Helle



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SMLGA News

Happy New Year to all the ladies, golfers and non-golfers, of the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club! Enjoy your winter wherever you may be.

Dates to add to your 2018 calendar:

April 9 - Ladies Golf Clinics will begin at 11:15 AM. Cost will be \$15 per clinic.

April 12 - Opening Day Breakfast Meeting and 9 Hole Select Shot Tournament with breakfast and the meeting starting at 9 AM. Those who wish may play the back nine afterwards.

May 6 - First "Nine & Wine" of the season at 3 PM. All ladies of the club are invited to play.

Officers for the Ladies Golf Association 2018: President - Deedee Raulston Vice President - Chee Chee Allen Secretary - Lynne Marks Treasurer - Carol Floyd

2018 SMLGA dues of \$40 need to be mailed by March 1st to: Carol Floyd 4625 Conner Creek Drive Signal Mountain, TN 37377

The SMLGA Christmas Luncheon was held on December 19th with a large group in attendance to celebrate the season and give Anna Cunningham a "spicy" send-off to her new home in Huntsville, Alabama. She left the luncheon with a basket full of fresh spices for her new kitchen from her Signal Mountain golfing friends. We look forward to Anna coming back this spring and summer to play a round of golf with us!



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Clubhouse Happenings

Happy New Year to all of our members--2017 has been a great year and I think 2018 will be even better! We have had a great holiday season and are now in the process of planning events for the spring/summer. Keep an eye on your emails-- I will be sending information about new club events as it becomes available.

Our first big event of the year is Trivia Night on Friday, January 19th. We will have an Italian buffet with Chef Bob's famous pizza, pasta, and salad. The buffet will start at 6PM and the game will begin promptly at 7PM. There is no minimum or maximum number of people for teams and this is a family friendly event. There will be prizes for the winning teams. I would like to encourage everyone to bring friends and potential members to this fun event (non-member surcharges will be waived that evening). I am hopeful that this will become a regular event but it does depend on member interest and turn out. Reservations are highly encouraged.

The new year also means a new menu- make sure you stop by and try one of Chef Bob's new dishes! In addition to the new dining menu, we will soon be offering carry-out pizzas!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions regarding private events. We are always excited to host events of any size from luncheons in the Presidents Room to formal dinners in the Ballroom and anything in-between. Email MaryElizabeth@ SMGCC.org for more information.

See you at the Club! Mary Elizabeth Wheeler

The entire staff of SMGCC wish to thank the membership for your contributions to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your generosity is appreciated by everyone. We all look forward to 2018 and seeing you at the Club.

SMGCC Book Club

<u>Thursday, January 18th</u> 6 pm in the President's Room January Selection: *The Book That Matters Most, A Novel* by Ann Hood

<u>Thursday, February 15th</u> 6 pm in the President's Room February Selection: *Tisha* by Robert Specht

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.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Get your team together and come out for SMGCC's first Trivia Night on Friday, January 19th!

Teams can be as many or as few people as you would like and members are encouraged to bring friends & potential members!

We will have an Italian dinner buffet for everyone to enjoy with Chef Bob's pizza, pasta, & salad!

The buffet will begin at 6 PM and trivia will begin at 7 PM! The buffet is \$12 for adults \$6 for kids. You do not have to eat to play! The trivia is free and open to all members (and their guests). There will be prizes for winning teams!

RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!

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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



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2018 promises to be a fun and exciting year at the club. The new social committee consists of Stephanie Devine, Mary Catherine Robbins, Amy Russell, Ashley Spangler and myself. Please check the newsletter each month for upcoming events and functions planned for you and your family. As a committee we would appreciate your input on activities that are of interest to you. Together, let's make it a year to remember.

Naomi Lindsey, Social Committee Chairman

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Tue	2 Family Night Kids Eat Free	9 Family Night Kids Eat Free	16 Family Night Kids Eat Free	23 Family Night Kids Eat Free	30 Family Night Kids Eat Free
Mon	1 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	29 Club Closed
Sun		7 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	14 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.9	21 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	28 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95

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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 Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

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