

February 2018

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

We had to pay for the warm December with a very cold January. Best part, January is over. Warmer weather is on the way. Only 64 days to the Masters! Before the Masters, our annual men's golf kick-off, The Mountain Mule, is scheduled for March 3rd. Ladies' opening day is April 12th. Get your clubs out, wipe off the dust and get ready to enjoy the upcoming golf season. The full tournament and event schedule is in this newsletter. Be sure to take advantage of the tournament package.

Last Friday night, 152 (from young to not so young) had a fun evening on our first Trivia Night. From experience and comments, it was a roaring success. A BIG "Thank You" to Andy Tucker and his wife, Tara, for bringing this event to the club. Thanks also to Mary Elizabeth, Chef Bob, and their staffs for having the clubhouse looking great and the delicious buffet.

Committees have been formed and have held positive meetings. Namely: **Social committee**, chaired by Naomi Lindsey. You'll find a list of upcoming club events in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to participate in all you can. **House Committee**, chaired by Suzanne Caplenor. Working with Mary Elizabeth, this committee will implement new ideas and procedures that make the eating areas more attractive, and your dining experience a delight. **Planning and Finance Committee**, chaired by Mike LeVan. Charged with determining critical needs to house and pool areas. Prioritizing the needs in order of most critical. Estimate cost of each, and promote ways to pay through capital fund account. Other committees will be named in next month's newsletter.

A new section is appearing in this newsletter. It's called: DO YOU KNOW? I feel it is important for members to know and recognize the club employees, and their backgrounds, interests, talents, etc. I hope you'll enjoy this section, and get to know club employees.

See you at our club,
Jeff



WINTER 2018 GOLF MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL!
JOIN THOUGH 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

Out of the Rough

Course Report February 2018

Cold weather settled these past few weeks and the team was forced indoors. The shop time has allowed us to be very productive with a couple projects that we have been planning for 2018. New benches and tee markers are being built for the course and some much needed cleanup has taken place around our buildings.

Taking inspiration from the bench we found on the internet (pictured below at a cost of \$680) we began crafting our own version with materials taken from the course over the years.



Our version (below) is coming along nicely. The goal is to have 20 benches built and ready for the course by April. For now the benches will remain indoors where they can continue to dry. They will receive a stain and waterproof sealant before making their way onto the course this spring. These benches are designed to be fairly light and mobile. Unlike the old benches, these can be placed near tees to maximize their usage and enjoyment.



A topic on all of our minds right now is winterkill and how much we might see on our fairways and approaches. There is no exact formula for predicting this type of damage but I'll fill you in on what we know so far. Samples were taken from several injury prone areas of the course during the second week of January. These samples (pictured below) were brought indoors and placed under a lamp to stimulate growth. After about 3 weeks of 68-70 temperatures most of the Zoysiagrass samples have greened up. The only sample that has not produced any green leaf tissue is the sample taken from the left front of the approach on hole 1. Those of you who have been around a few years know this is an area that has been resodded a few times over the years due to the large Oak tree to the right of the cart path.



The samples are somewhat encouraging but understand that these plugs were not subjected to the arctic blast we had mid-month and we still have quite a lot of winter to go. To be clear, you should expect some damage this spring. The Zoysiagrass appears to be doing well but the Bermudagrass is a different story. Bermudagrass is a warm season turf, native to Africa and is not adapted to the arctic weather we have experienced this winter. North facing slopes and heavily shaded areas like the back 9 fairways will be the most susceptible to damage.

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.

<http://www.smgcc.org/Golf/Course-Tour>



Golf News

The Tournament Program has been released and hoping to get another large contingency of participants. The Tournament Program is one of the best deals in all of Chattanooga. For only \$200, you can prepay for 13 tournaments that would cost you \$430 if you paid for each individually. The fee can be split billed over two billing cycles if you would like. We also have a discounted Program Fee for the Ladies. The Ladies program fee is \$75. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign up.

The remainder of the Tournament Schedule has also been completed. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the 2018 Tournament Schedule magnet. These are a great reference to keep handy to see what is going on at the club. I would especially like to thank David O'Neal, Haven Burns, Dean Hogue and Craftique Manufacturing for generously donating the magnets.

There is still time to purchase your 2018 Prepaid Guest Rounds. From now through February 28th all golf members may once again pre-purchase 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.

Now that we are closing in on the golf season, it is very important to check-in with the golf shop before going to play. This is imperative for many different reasons. Checking in helps the Club accurately keep track of our rounds throughout the year. More importantly, this lets us convey any course conditions and maintenance work happening on the course. This keeps the course in its best condition as well as keeping our maintenance staff safe.





2018 SMGCC Tournament Schedule

March 3	Mountain Mule
March 31	Super Skins / Shootout #1
April 7 or 8	Master's Blind Draw
April 12	Ladies Opening Day
April 25	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
April 28	Putting Tournament
May 5-6	Member-Member
May 18-20	Signal Mountain Invitational
May 25	Couples Golf Begins
May 28	Memorial Day Scramble/Shootout #2
June 9	Match Play Brackets Released
June 10	Couples Championship
June 16	Super Dogfight / Shootout #3
June 23-24	Ladies Club Championship
June 27	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
Jun 29-Jul 1	Men's Club Championship (Championship Flight)
Jun 30-Jul 1	Men's Club Championship / President's Cup
July 4	Flag Day / Shootout #4
July 20-22	Mountaineer
August 11	Super Skins / Shootout #5
Aug 14 & 16	Pixie Lanham Better-Best Tournament
Aug 18-19	Haskew Cup at Black Creek Club
Sep 3	Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finale
Sep 8-9	St. Charles Cup
Sep 15-16	Malarkey Cup
Sep 18	Kistler Cup Begins
Sep 23	Parent-Child
Sep 26	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
October 20	Superintendent's Revenge
October 24	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
October 25	Ladies Closing Day

*Tournament Program Event *LGA Event

For Tournament Formats, Start Times, Cost, and to Sign-Up
please visit www.smgcc.org



**Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club
2018 Tournament Program**

Tournament Program Fee: \$200

Ladies Program Fee: \$75

***Fee can be Split Billed**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price Included In Tournament Program</u>	<u>Non-Program Entry Fee</u>
March 3	Mountain Mule	\$20	\$35
April 25	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$20	\$40
May 5-6	Spring Member-Member	\$20	\$50
May 28	Memorial Day Scramble	\$5	\$20
June 9	Match Play Brackets Released	\$5	\$25
June 27	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$20	\$40
July 4	Flag Day	\$5	\$20
June 23-24	Ladies Club Championship	\$25	\$40
June 30-July 1	Men's Club Championship & President's Cup	\$50	\$80
September 3	Labor Day Tournament	\$5	\$20
September 26	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$20	\$40
October 20	Tough Day	\$10	\$30
October 24	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$40</u>
		Total: \$200	\$430

SMLGA News

Ladies, there is some exciting news! The Upstairs Bar at the SMGCC will now be open for lunch on Thursday through Saturday from 11am to 5pm for ADULT MEMBERS ONLY. Call your friends and meet for a glass of wine and lunch, a late afternoon cup of coffee or tea, a game of bridge or dominos, or join your husband for lunch. This is a welcomed change that we have asked for... an inviting place for ladies to gather at the club during the afternoon. So make your plans now and enjoy our club at lunchtime, especially when it's too cold to play golf. And on those occasional warm and sunny days in February and March, plan on playing 9 holes of golf and enjoy a late lunch upstairs!

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 Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for January 2018.

Welcome To:

Ellis Gardner (Full), Realtor with ReMax,
and wife Kathy.

Denis Reilly (Full), CEO of Kenco Logistics,
and wife Brenda.



SMLGA News





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Clubhouse Happenings

I am so excited to start sharing more about the fun events we have planned for the coming year! Trivia Night was our first big event of the year and it was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone that attended and to those that brought guests/potential members. Start gathering your team and join us again for trivia on February 23rd. Don't delay making reservations—this was a sold out event! There will be a fun taco bar for dinner, drink specials, and a delicious themed dessert available as well. Look out for another email with more information!

Valentine's Day is almost here and we will be featuring a special three-course pre-fixe menu for two that evening! A special cocktail menu will also be featured. Bring your significant other for a quiet dinner for two or gather friends for a fun group Valentine's dinner—the President's Room is still available.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations for our St. Patrick's Day Party! This is a party you will not want to miss! We will have a live band playing, fun beverage specials, and an Irish dinner buffet! Tickets are \$30++ and include entry, dinner, and a drink ticket! This is another great event to bring friends from outside of club!

The Main Bar will now be open for lunch Thursday through Saturday from 11am to 4pm for adults only. Call your friends and meet for a glass of wine and lunch, bring a client for a business meeting, or meet friends for a game of bridge. We are doing this on a trial basis to see if there is enough interest to continue permanently so come out for lunch and show your support!

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions regarding upcoming events or to set up your own event! You can also email me at maryelizabeth@smgcc.org to make reservations or with any questions.

See you at the Club!
Mary Elizabeth Wheeler

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, February 15th
6 pm in the President's Room
February Selection:
Tisha: The Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaskan Wilderness by Robert Specht

Thursday, March 15th
6 pm in the President's Room
March Selection:
The English Wife: A Novel by Lauren Willig

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



All Things Social

If you missed Trivia night in January, you missed a fun evening. Let's ensure that you attend all the events over the next few months. We are working on another Trivia night in February so please check the information cards on the tables. This month you can bring your significant other out for a delightful valentines dinner on the 14th. Rest up, dance lessons begin March 8, occur again on the the 22nd, April 12 and the 26, followed by a dinner dance on the April 28. (You must make reservations for Valentine's Day dinner and make them now for dance lessons and St. Patty Day party). Yes, that's right you don't want to miss the St. Patty Day party, March 17, live music, Irish food, beverage specials, etc. April 14 will feature our first cornhole tournament. Make sure you and your family are part of the events happening at your club.

Do You Know?



Robert Schoolfield

2008 graduate of Central High School,
and recently received an Environmental Sciences degree from Chattanooga State.

Robert began at our club in March 2016 as server and bartender in grill areas.

Carter and Jo Anne Schoolfield, long-time residents of Signal Mountain,
are Robert's grandparents.

Robert is an aspiring artist. He was selected by the Nashville Arts Magazine, along with some 12 other artists, to display his work at the Custom House Museum in Clarksville, TN. January 3-30. Judges chose Robert's painting entitled "The Layers of Up and Down" to be Best of Show. An article of his accomplishment appears in January issue of Nashville Arts Magazine.

You can find the article at: www.nashvillearts.com.

You can view Robert's work on his web site: www.schoolfieldart.com

Congratulations Robert, and best of luck in your pursuit in becoming a recognized artist.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Chef's Dinner Specials	3
4 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	5 Club Closed	6 Family Night Kids Eat Free	7	8	9 Chef's Dinner Specials	10
11 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	12 Club Closed	13 Family Night Kids Eat Free	14 Valentine's Day Dinner (Reservations Encouraged)	15 Book Club 6pm	16 Chef's Dinner Specials	17
18 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	19 Club Closed	20 Family Night Kids Eat Free	21	22	23 Chef's Dinner Specials Trivia Night (Reservations Encouraged)	24
25 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	26 Club Closed	27 Family Night Kids Eat Free	28 Last Day to Purchase Pre-Paid Guest Rounds			

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Chef's Dinner Specials	3 Mountain Mule
4 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	5 Club Closed	6 Family Night Kids Eat Free	7	8 Dance Lessons (Reservations Required)	9 Chef's Dinner Specials	10
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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: 11am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

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