

August 2016

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

I would like to thank the club employees for the outstanding job with this year's Mountaineer Tournament. All the feedback I received was that it was one of the best in recent memory with 70 teams participating this year. Congratulations to all the winners. Next year's Mountaineer will be held July 23-25, 2017. Go ahead and mark your calendar, as you will not want to miss out on the fun.

See you at the club.
Mike LeVan





Out of the Rough

August is upon us and with that we begin to change several practices to prepare the course for the change in season. Greens aerification is also on the horizon now so let's jump right in to the details.

As our greens get older they lose performance. The soil doesn't drain as well, roots don't penetrate as deep and the turf doesn't grow with the vigor it once did. Aerification is our single most important tool to not only keep young greens healthy but to prolong the life of aging greens like ours. By removing cores from the green we remove organic matter that builds up over time. This organic matter slows the infiltration of water through the soil profile, makes the surface spongy and harbors insects and diseases. We test our greens' soil profile annually to monitor several factors that may cause greens to fail.

You may have noticed this year we have switched from a solid tine venting procedure to a hollow tine venting procedure. This has all been in an effort to increase oxygen levels in the soil and to remove excessive organic matter. I believe this is helping and look forward to seeing some data to back that up when we perform our next soil test this fall. As of right now, greens aerification will take place in mid to late August. I won't give an exact date at this time because it will be based solely on weather. That said, it should commence sometime between the 15th of August and September 6th. Expect 9 hole closures during this time to facilitate this critically important procedure.

Our greens are tired and some areas are beginning to thin. It's been a long warm summer filled with excellent weather for golf and so the course has seen a great deal of traffic in the past 10 weeks. Prior to June 5, conditions while warm, were very dry. This allowed us to be in total control of our moisture content on greens. The conditions were near perfect. Since June 5, we have received 3.1" of rain. That really isn't too high of a number. What is more impactful is the fact that we had two stretches where it rained 5 days out of 6 and then another stretch where it rained 5 days out of 7. When greens

stay wet bad things happen. Fortunately we have been diligent with venting procedures and for the most part our greens are doing quite well.

The picture below shows how the turf gets bruised around each day's hole location. During hot and wet weather that turf will thin and take several days to recover.



As usual, we have already begun to raise our heights of cut for the winter. This allows us to create more of an insulating layer over the soil before winter. It also allows us to keep more plant matter on top of the soil to help prevent erosion during periods of heavy rain in the winter. Vamont Bermudagrass, which is our primary fairway turf, is easily eroded during the winter due to its course texture and open / sparse canopy. While this won't really change the way the course looks, it will dramatically decrease ball roll on fairways and approaches.

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 they may have. If you aren't following the Department's Twitter account (@SMGCC TURF) you are missing out! It's easy to sign up and get updates on what to expect when you arrive for your tee time.

See you on the course!
Pat

SMLGA News

For ladies who like to golf, July was a great month to be a member of the SMGCC. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday golf are in full swing. Kistler Match Play continues. Ladies night out is going well. We had a great time at Nine and Wine ... the golf was fun but the party was even better! Clear your schedule now for Sunday afternoons at 3:00. Let the Pro Shop know you're playing by Sunday at noon for the next event on August 7.

The CWGA Ladies' City Championship was held at our course this year. Congratulations to all who participated. Team Play format was one low ball. SMGCC's A team (Karen Burns, Anna Cunningham, Debbie Durham, Taylor Gardener) placed second. Our B team (Bonnie Hamilton, Nancy Hora, Michele Purchase, DeeDee Raulston) also placed second. The C Team (Jean Cates, Linda Davis, Sylvia Friedl, Jean St. Charles) took first place in a three-hole, three team sudden death play-off. Individual Match Play was held the following week. SMGCC's Bethany Burns won the City Championship and Taylor Gardner placed second. Jean Cates won the Overall Net Senior Division. Special thanks and congrats go out to Anna Cunningham for organizing the event, Jean St. Charles for serving as intrepid rules official, and to the Pro Shop, Grounds, and Food and Beverage staff for making our club look awesome.

The SMGCC Ladies Club Championship was July 30-31. Our Ladies Club Champion for 2016 is Karen Burns with a two day score of 155, followed by Debbie Durham with 156. DeeDee Raulston won the Championship Net Flight with a two day score of 130. Jean Cates is the Stableford Division Champion with a two day score of 40. Carol Floyd won the Net Stableford with a score of 14. Everyone who played (and several of the ladies who came out to watch and support this event) had a great time.

Good luck to everyone who is traveling and playing on different courses, at invitationals, and family events. Remember, the St. Charles Cup registration forms are now available. The tournament is always fun... look for this Sept. 24-25. Contact Rosalie Basten for information, rorose1971@gmail.com. This Ryder Cup style event is to honor Jean St. Charles for her accomplishments and contributions to the game of golf on a local, state, and national level.



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 brief weather interruptions, but otherwise the event went very well. Congratulations to the following winners:

Overall Gross Champion: Andy McDaniel & Jason Lina

Overall Net Champion: Jeff Jennings & Vance Hodges

1st Flight: Andy McDaniel & Jason Lina	2nd Flight: Woody Hamilton & Barry Hamilton
3rd Flight: Wayne Palmer & Al Black	4th Flight: Harry Cash & Jim Morrison
5th Flight: Mike Levan & Jeff Jackson	6th Flight: Ryan Reeves & Josiah Sims

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 Black Creek this year on October 22-23. Below are Division Breakdowns and Qualifying Process:

This Year's Divisions:

Divisions: Handicap Divisions (26 player team) – Defined as Handicap June 15th, 2016

<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)
Super Sr. 65+	(4) players (White Tees) [option to play Foursome Format upon mutual agreement]

Qualification Process: [Challenge Cup XII - 2016 vs Black Creek at SMGCC]

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

Tournament Dates - 10/22 & 10/23

GHIN Handicap - 6/15/16 to be your official handicap

Qualifying Period - 7/1 - 9/16/16

Qualifying Fee - \$30 per individual

Play (6) Rounds to count (4) Rounds

Qualifying will be based on the Stableford Scoring System

Players may move the ball 1 clublength in their own fairway

Players can attempt to qualify more than once

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

Qualifying Tees –

o Gold Tees for all Groups

o White Tees for Super Sr. Group

Free Scores for the Club Championship Event





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The 2016 Mountaineer Member-Guest Tournament was a huge success!! Thanks to our members and their guests for their participation!! With so many new teams, our staff had their work cut out for them and shined brightly. A special thanks to Chef Bob Hlavka and Morgan Hill for their attention to detail from the food to the set-up and decor. Also thanks to Rebecca Atchley and Mary Catherine Robbins for their help with flowers and organization. And a big shout out to our staff for the GREAT JOB--you outdid yourselves!

The Pool closes Labor Day Weekend--so please get out there and enjoy the remaining days of summer. We will be sad to see our summer staff will be heading back to school--so I ask for your cooperation on days we are short-handed--our goal is to provide you with the excellent service you deserve. Watch for the Labor Day Plans in your weekly blasts!

We still have openings at Pool for Birthday Parties or End-of-Summer Celebrations! Also keep the Ballroom in mind for your party needs. Enjoy these last dog days of summer!

Thanks for your support—see you at the Club!
James Fletcher

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, August 18, 6 pm at
SMGCC

August Selection:

A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Thursday, September 15 at
SMGCC

September Selection:

Last Ride to Graceland by Kim Wright

The Book Club normally 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. Please call the club to make your dinner reservation and tell them you will be dining with the Book Club. There are some months when special events are planned and the information will be posted in the newsletter.



Swim Lessons

Swim lessons available at the SMGCC pool.

\$10.00 per hour

Please contact Katherine Seigler
(Lead Life Guard) at 423-991-8428



Weekly Evening 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

Specials



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Family Night	3	4	5 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	6
7 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	8	9 Family Night	10	11	12 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	13
14 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	15	16 Family Night	17	18	19 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	20 Super Dogfight/ Shootout #5
21 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	22	23 Family Night	24	25	26 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	27
28 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	29	30 Family Night	31			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	3
4 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	5 Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finale	6 Family Night	7	8	9 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	10
11 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 Parent / Child Tournament	12	13 Family Night	14 One Day Member - Member / Member - Guest	15	16 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	17 Malarkey Cup
18 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 Malarkey Cup	19	20 Family Night	21	22	23 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	24
25 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	26	27 Family Night	28	29	30 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	



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 - Wed: 11am - 8pm
Thu - Sat : 11am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Dining Room

Tue - Wed: 11am - 8pm
Thu - Sat : 11am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Main Bar

Tue - Wed: 11am - 8pm
Thu - Sat : 11am - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

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