

July 2016

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for July 2016.

Welcome To:

Daniel Barker (Social), Physician with Head and Neck Specialties, and wife Alexandra and children Madeleine (3) and Katherine (1 month). Recommending members Melissa Ann Dobak and Elizabeth Collins

David Barto Jr. (Full), Pediatric Dentist with Barto Pediatric Dentistry, and wife Farrah and children Harper (5) and David (1 1/2). Recommending members Jack Napolitano and Angelo Napolitano

Jeff Culbertson (Social), Voluntary Sales Manager at The Hartford, and wife Jamie and children Thomas (8) and Caroline (3). Recommending members Andrew Neslin and Rob Varner

John Ditmars, Senior VP of Operations at National DCP, and wife Karen and daughter Katie. Recommending members Reed Harman and Melanie Harman

Mike Garvich (Social), Retiree, and wife Beegie. Recommending members Michael Garvich and George Wilkerson

Andrew Guth (Junior), Sales with Roadtec, and wife Kellie and son Austin (6). Recommending members Rob Varner and Mark Ellis

Adam Holland (Social), Attorney, and wife Genimaar and children William (6) and Isabel (4).

Alan Kelley (Social), Real Estate /Landscape Management with Kelkid, LLC, and wife Jenny. Recommending members Braden Selby and David Cates

Todd Kimling (Social), Director of Development at Hutton Companies, and wife Jodie and children Harper (4) and Harrison (3). Recommending members Erin Melhorn and Melissa Dobak

Ben Reese (Junior), attorney with Leitner, Williams, Dooley, Napolitan, PLLC, and wife Kelly and children Mary Blake (9) and McLaine (6). Recommending members David Cates and Woody Hamilton

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Our family wants to personally thank all the Food & Beverage staff at Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club for the wedding reception for Madison and Nicholas. It was absolute perfection from start to finish!! I cannot imagine how it could have been any better in any way. Every one of the 270 people who attended that I have heard from raved about the food, service, etc. Many said it was the best food and reception they have ever experienced! Thanks to all of you from the bottom of our hearts! More members should use the Club for big events— what an outstanding job the staff did! It will be an event that forever remains memorable and special to all of us!

Josh and Katherine Powers

Out of the Rough

I hope everyone is enjoying summer and taking advantage of the beautiful weather we've seen. It has obviously been very dry recently and we'll talk about that further into this article. If you haven't heard the good news, Town of Signal Mountain fireworks will not be on the golf course this year. We are very thankful to all parties involved in that switch.

In the past couple weeks the staff has laid a little more than 15 pallets of sod. Most of this has been used to repair weak areas around greens on the back 9. The last necessary areas will be sodded the 1st week of July. The type of sod we are using is called Tiftuff Bermudagrass. This is a plant that has received a lot of positive reviews in tests over the past few years. In several different trials it outperformed its competition in shade tolerance, cold tolerance and recovery. While there is no "magic" plant to solve our issues, this one provides the best hope I've seen in several years. So far I've been very impressed with its rooting and recovery.

The picture below shows just how poor some of our growing environments really are.

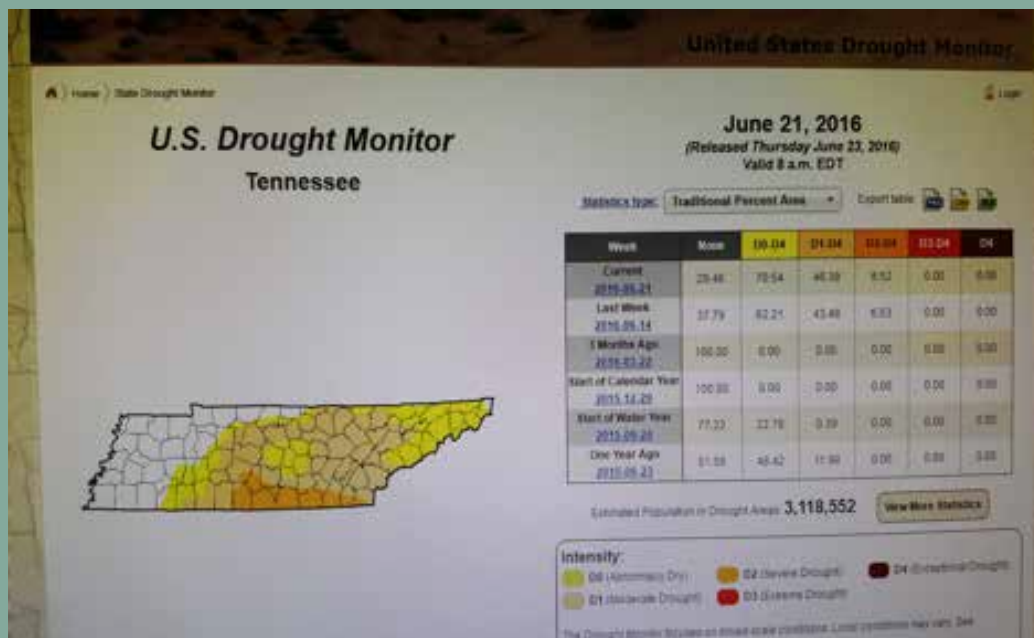




Drought. The National Weather Service defines drought as the following:

“Drought is a deficiency in precipitation over an extended period, usually a season or more, resulting in a water shortage causing adverse impacts on vegetation, animals, and/or people.”

We are in a drought and according to the United States Drought Monitor, we are in a severe one.



The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Map courtesy of NDMC-UNL.

Since March of this year we are 11.11” below average on rainfall here at the Club. Other areas near us will have different data, but that is what has occurred on course. Due to factors such as deterioration, design and plant species, our irrigation system cannot keep up with this great of a shortage in natural rainfall. We are running irrigation to the best of our abilities but we simply haven’t gotten the help we need from Mother Nature. Hopefully this pattern breaks soon.

Lastly I’ve gotten several questions lately asking why we are cutting the fairways so short. We are actually cutting the fairways .050” higher this year than in years past. Additionally, we are not cutting them with the usual frequency due to it being so dry. The result is a fairway that is actually significantly higher in height of cut. The difference is simply that the ground is hard and some areas are not growing at a normal rate due to drought conditions.

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

How can one not enjoy summertime on Signal Mountain? I know this is when families go on vacation, but (in spite of the lack of rain) it IS a wonderful time of year.

The Lavish and Decadent Day at the Beach (ladies' invitational) was a huge success. Our visors and hats go off to DeeDee Raulston and Chee Allen for their inspiration and management of the event. Thanks to Rhita Eichorn and Donna Morrison for turning the ballroom into a beach party, and thank you to Bobbi Lynn Morrison for the flowers she donated. Thanks, also to the Pro Shop and the Food and Beverage Staff. Our full field of guests had a great time.

The Carol Floyd Two-Day Tournament ended in a photo finish with four players tying for first place. A score-card playoff determined Jean Cates the winner, but she has declared that it will be known for the next year as the CAFW Tournament, to include all those who tied: J. Cates, Chee Allen, Carol Floyd, and Maddie Williams). Congratulations to all.

The Ladies Golf Association sponsored a Wine and Nine on Sunday, June 26 that proved to be lots of fun. Amy Russel, Sue Kirkpatrick, Naomi Lindsay, and Pixie Lanham won the event. The Pro Shop has agreed to reserve a 3:00 tee time every Sunday afternoon during the summer for 9 hole ladies' play. Please call each week to register.

The CWGA Ladies' City Championship will be held at our course this year. Team play will be held on July 7. The individual match and stroke play will take place the following week, July 11-14. Signal Mountain will be hosting A, B, and C teams for the event. It's a great opportunity to show off our course and super staff. Please contact Nancy Hora or Anna Cunningham to volunteer if you won't be playing.

The SMGCC Ladies Club Championship is July 30-31. Sign up for that is through the Pro Shop.

The St. Charles Cup registration forms are now available. Only 56 entries will be accepted. The tournament is always fun... look for this Sept. 24-25. You can contact Rosalie Basten for information, rorose1971@gmail.com. This Ryder Cup style event it to honor Jean St. Charles for her accomplishments and contributions to the game of golf on a local and national level. In addition to everything else she's been busy with, Jean managed to shoot her age twice in the last month. Way to go, Jean!



Swim Lessons

Swim lessons available at the SMGCC pool.

\$10.00 per hour

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



Golf News

Summer has finally arrived and I sure hope it brings some rain soon. The tournament season has gotten off to a great start and we were able to crown many major winners this past month.

We started the month off with our Men's Club Championship that produced some excellent golf. Below are the following winners:

2016 Men's Club Champion: Jimmy McGarry

Senior Champion: Joe Brown

Super Senior Champion: Gerald Levan

Championship Flight Winner: Matt Beckham

First Flight Winner: Chris Collins

Second Flight Winner: Doug Conner

We followed the Club Championship with our Ladies Invitational. The Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association once again put on an outstanding event that drew rave reviews from all participants. Our ladies also played some great golf and won several awards.

Overall Champion: Karen Burns

Blue Tee Champion: Rosalie Basten

The President's Cup was a great event to finish off June. Congratulations to the following Winners:

Overall Champion: Bob Linehart

First Flight: Jimmy McGarry

Second Flight: Larry Burns

Third Flight: Jeff Billings

Congratulations to all of our winners in June.

Mountaineer

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club's best tournament of the year:

2016 Mountaineer

Signal Mountain Member-Guest Tournament

July 22nd-July 25th

Open to all Golf Members

Cost is \$550 per Team

The field is limited to 72 teams and is filling up quickly.

Entry Fee Includes: Tee prizes, golf events, beverages and snacks on the course, player's breakfast and lunch daily, opening reception, ladies brunch and pool party, dinner and dance

Upcoming Dates

July 4th- Flag Day

July 7th- Ladies City Team Play

July 11th-14th - Ladies City Match Play

July 22nd-25th- Mountaineer

July 30th-31st- Ladies Club Championship

Golf News





4th of July Weekend Lineup

Friday, July 1

Friday Night Couples Golf is back for Summer--starts at 5:30 p.m. with Shotgun Start. Sign up with the Pro Shop. Dinner included at end of play.

Monday, July 4

Flag Day Tournament. Shootout #4 starts between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Monday, July 4

July 4th Pool Celebration with BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and more. Pool cookout served from 12:00 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. No food from menu will be served at pool--only cookout. \$15 adults and \$8 children. Pool closes at 8:00 p.m.

Regular food service will be served in Grill from 11:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m.

Card Room will be open til 8:00 p.m.

No food service after 3:00 p.m.

There are no fireworks at the Club anymore--they have been moved to Signal Mountain School.

Tuesday, July 5

CLUB CLOSED



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Everything Social

WOW!! No rain means the pool and Ollie's are busy every day and night!! I would like to give a shout-out to the entire pool staff for the superb job they have done. Please thank them when you visit the pool—they deserve it!

Many activities are planned for the summer—be sure to read your weekly e-blasts for all the information.

4th of July is here - and as always, the Club will celebrate with a Poolside BBQ from 12:00-7:30p.m. Please make reservations and join us for food and fun! The Clubhouse will close at 3:00 for all food and beverage service to focus on the Pool Party. No food from menu will be served at Pool—only the cookout menu. Pool closes at 8:00 p.m.

There are some Food & Beverage closures to be aware of for July:

July 21-24—Annual Mountaineer Golf Tournament
Thursday, July 21—Entire Club closes at 3:00 p.m. for Mountaineer
Friday, July 22—Regular Club hours for all members
Saturday, July 23—Entire Club closed to members
Sunday, July 24—Regular Club hours for all members

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

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, July 28, 6 pm at SMGCC

July Selection:
Under the Wide & Starry Sky by Nancy Horan

The July Book Club has been changed to the fourth Thursday due to the Mountaineer Member Guest Tournament that will be going on at the club July 22-24, beginning with a cocktail party on Thursday evening, July 21.

Thursday, August 18, 6 pm at SMGCC

August Selection:
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

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.



Weekly Evening Specials

Monday July 4th

July 4th Pool Celebration with BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Potato Salad, Cucumber Salad, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and more. Pool cookout served from 12:00 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. No food from menu will be served at pool--only cookout. \$15 adults and \$8 children. Pool closes at 8:00 p.m.

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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

Specials



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	2
3 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	4 Flag Day / Shootout #4	5 Club Closed	6	7	8 Chef's Specials Couples Golf Ladies City Team Play	9
10 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	11	12 Family Night	13	14	15 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	16
17 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	18	19 Family Night	20	21 Club Closes at 3pm for Mountaineer	22 Chef's Specials Mountaineer	23 Mountaineer Club Closed
24 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 Mountaineer	25 Mountaineer	26 Family Night	27	28	29 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	30 Ladies Club Championship
31 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 Ladies Club Championship						

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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			



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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