

June 2016

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

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## President's Message

It has been a great start to the summer; May was packed with events and golf activities. We had our first Derby party, which is sure to become an annual event. Memorial Day found the pool and golf course both packed with members. As we conclude our spring membership drive I am please to report we have seen nice influx in both social and golf members. Please continue to tell your friends and neighbors about the good things happening at the club.

I would like to thank everyone who parcipitated, volunteered, or sponsored the Signal Mountain Invitational making it once again a tremendous success. Your support allows us to expose our club to top golfers in the Southeast.

Finally, please take note the 2016 Mountaineer will be held July 22-24. The cost this year is \$550 per team with a maximum of 72 team. Members who participated in 2016 have priority sign up until June 15. Don't drag your feet as I expect a full field this year.

See you at the club.

Mike LeVan



## Out of the Rough

Golf season is upon us and so the Turf Department's main focus is to prepare the course for play each day. Non-essential project work gets pushed to the back burner this time of year. Here is a summary of what a typical morning looks like for the team: 11 staff members. 1 person cut greens (4 hours), 1 person roll greens (4.5 hours), 2 people cut fairways (16 hours), 1 person cut approaches (8 hours), 1 person cut rough (40 hours / week), 1 person change hole locations (3.5 hours), 1 person rake bunkers and change coolers (3 hours), 2 people cut tees (8 hours), 1 person water misc. areas (8 hours). That leaves little room for landscape bed work, filling divots, painting, moving ropes and stakes, weed eating, edging cart paths etc. Much of those type assignments are completed in the afternoon hours and are slowed down by the necessity to do them amongst play. When Mother Nature is on our side it all comes together. When we aren't quite so fortunate we can fall a little behind. Your patience is appreciated. The good news is that our new equipment rolls in this month and several of those pieces will greatly improve our efficiency.

A number of questions have come up about turf injury on a few holes including the 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 17th. These are not good growing environments due to the lack of sunlight (especially in the winter months), poor soils and irrigation, traffic, tree root competition, disease, a lack of drainage and various other factors. In some years we skate through winter without much damage but in cold times like we've had the last 3 years it's simply too much to ask of that plant's genetics. If we choose a different plant that has the genetics to survive the cold then we would deal with turf loss in the heart of golf season rather than on the front end of it. The 15th hole is a great example of how success can be achieved when the growing environment is only slightly better. The 15th green sits further inside the property line and as a result there is less shade. The green surrounds on that hole are essentially flawless for the resources we have at our disposal. With summer like temperatures upon us, weak areas are now showing signs of life. Areas that are not on track to recover at an acceptable pace will be sodded by the end of June. At this point in time there will be far less sod work in these areas this year than in the past. That is no small feat considering the challenges involved with growing golf turf in those areas.



While our bentgrass greens are exceptional right now we have to be very careful with them as we go through the next 90 days. Bentgrass is a cool season grass that receives it's optimal growing conditions in October / November and April / May. June, July and August typically provide conditions that the turf wasn't meant to be subjected to. Additionally, the greens are now 18 years old and do not drain as well as they did in the years immediately following construction. Our goal is to provide consistent speeds on a daily basis. That said, uncontrollable factors like rain, heat and humidity can cause us to fall short of that standard from time to time.

If you'd like to discuss any of these topics in greater detail feel free to contact me at [prose@smgcc.org](mailto: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 (@SMGCCTURF) 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

Golf season is officially up and running. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday play have launched. Some ladies are sharpening their skills at the Wednesday morning clinics, some at the clinic on Tuesday evenings. And as an added bonus, ladies evening 9-hole golf starts on Tuesday, June 7 at 5:30. Check with the Pro Shop to register or if you'd like more information.

The Kistler Tournament, the SMLGA match play event, will start this Thursday (Susan Stuart will notify you of tee times if you are signed up to play). This event will culminate with the final match and luncheon on September 8th. You are invited to lunch, even if you don't play in the event.

The field for our Ladies Invitational on June 9 is almost filled. This promises to be a lavish and decadent day at the beach, so grab your shades and come out and play. You can still contact Chee Allen or DeeDee Raulston if you'd like to add your name to the list.

The Carol Floyd Two-Day Tournament is June 22-23. The format will be better-best. Susan Stuart can fill you in on details

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 think about volunteering if you won't be playing.

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

And last but far from least, the St. Charles Cup will be held on our course this year (it alternates being played at the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club and the SMGCC). It is an event that celebrates our great good fortune to have Jean St. Charles as a friend, mentor, and expert resource for all things golf. The tournament is always fun... look for this Sept. 24-25.

Whew. Enough? It's a great time to be a golfer, beginner, hacker, expert. Hope to see you on the course.



## 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

The 80th Signal Mountain Invitational is in the books. The event was once again a great success even though Mother Nature did her part to make the first round a little more difficult. We once again hosted an incredibly strong field of top amateurs from around the Southeast. Pat Rose and his staff did a fantastic job of getting the golf course ready and producing an incredibly tough 6200 yard course. Friday's round produced a few rounds under par with David Zickler leading the event with an early 66 in very wet conditions. Walt Moffitt was in close striking distance with a 68 of his own. Mikey Feher put together the only other opening round score under par with a 69. The rain moved out of here Saturday night and produced a beautiful for the weekend finale. Even with rain all day on Friday, the course remained firm and fast. Zickler and Moffitt followed up their Friday's rounds with an even par 71 on Saturday. Sunday's round began with Zickler having a 2 shot lead over Moffitt, a 5 shot lead over Feher, and a 7 shot lead over Richard Spangler to round out the final foursome. Some nerves got to Zickler early and Moffitt had tied it up going into hole 9. Zickler hit his second shot on the green to 45 feet while Moffitt's second shot ended up in the greenside bunker. Moffitt got out of the bunker but 3-putted for a bogey. Zickler proceeded to make the 45-foot eagle putt to take a 3 shot lead at the turn. Zickler never looked back as he shot 32 on the back 9 to win the 80th Signal Mountain Invitational by 7 shots. A very special thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors for once again making the event run so smoothly.

## **Below are all of the flight winners:**

Championship A: Walt Moffit

Championship B: Wes Farris

Championship C: Greg Bankston

First Flight: John Wise

Stableford Flight: Mike Granato

Senior Champion: Richard Keene

## Upcoming Dates

June 3-5- Men's Club Championship (Championship Flight Only)

June 4-5- Men's Club Championship (All Other Flights)

June 6-8- Junior Golf Camp #1

June 9- Ladies Invitational

June 11- Match Play Tournament Begins

June 12- Spring Couples

June 18- Super Skins / Shootout #3

June 22-23- Carol Floyd Golf Tournament

June 25-26- President's Cup

June 27-29- Junior Golf Camp #2

June 29- One Day Member-Member/Member-Guest

Golf News





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

## Welcome To:

Kelly Burgess (Social), Sales with Teva Neuroscience, and husband Jeremy and children Taylor Ann (12) and Campbell (10). Recommending members Woody Hamilton and Katherine Powers

Steve Coffman (Social) Financial Advisor with Merrill Lynch, and wife Michele and son Carson (9). Recommending members James McGarry and Jeff Caplenor

V.F. Cooper (Social), retired. Recommending members Joan Althaus and Jack Reynolds

Andrew Farrell (Social), Self-employed Consultant, and wife Sherry and children Nancy Charline (6) and Grace (2). Recommending members Anne & Pete Rittenberry and Woody Hamilton

Sherry Fanous (Social), Pharmacist with Signal Mountain Pharmacy, and children Adam and Nadine Shanda (7). Recommending members Braden Selby and David Cates

Kristin Ford (Social), By-Products Specialist with Pincelii & Associates, and husband Will and children Wilder (6), Stina (5), and Jack (3). Recommending members Beth Hamilton and Woody Hamilton

Joshua Grantham (Junior), CEO/Co-Founder of BillKill, LLC, and wife Heather and children Pierce (10), James (8), and Lucille (4 months). Recommending members Casey Robertson and Julie Stowe

Andy Killian (Junior), Veterinarian with Ashland Terrace Animal Hospital, and wife Shelly and child Houston (1 ½). Recommending members Josh Melhorn and Katherine Powers

Blake Lewis (Social), Private Equity with River Associates Investments, LLC, and wife Jessica and children Elizabeth (2) and Sutton (10 months).  
Recommending members Elizabeth Collins and Laurel Powell

Thomas Luthringer (Student), CEO of TPQVO, and wife Teri and children Taylor (17) and Sydney (14). Recommending members Katherine Powers and Woody Hamilton

Jamie McMillan (Junior), Business Analyst with BCBST, and husband Jon and Children Marlo (8) and Dane (7). Recommending members Katherine Powers and Susan Stuart

Daniel Sawrie (Full), Orthodontist, and wife Lucy and children Chloe (7), Luke (6), and Max (5). Recommending members Ron and Lynn Jones and Gene and Mary Catherine Robbins

Thomas "Murray" Sharp (Social), District Sales Manager with Payscape, and wife Emily and children Alice (3) and Lucille (9 months). Recommending members Nick Davis and Lauren Davis

Bobby Streeter (Junior), Project Manager with Strauss Company, and wife Kasey and children Grayson (5), Mylen (3), and Colsen (2 months). Recommending members Joe Brown and Frank Hollowell



It's SUMMERTIME and that means it's time to enjoy time with friends

Join us by the POOL

Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

As we go Country Club Coastal

It's a low country boil with live music

by Ben Honeycutt

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING FRIENDS

Prospective members will dine at a reduced price.

If your friends want to join you on the course or by the pool this summer,  
this is the perfect opportunity to show them the club.

And in the spirit of Father's Day and the U.S. Open

We will be raffling off a \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE to the Pro Shop

Festivities start @ 6:30pm

\$50 Per Couple

Reservations Required

Coastal Attire





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## Everything Social

Summer is here and the Pool and Ollie's are in full swing. Welcome to our summer staff! We have a new Ollie's menu featuring many fresh healthy items and some old favorites. Both the breezeway by Ollie's and the area near the restrooms have been resurfaced with a non-skid surface to prevent slipping. Thanks to Mike Rupe for all his hard work getting the Pool ready for the members to enjoy. Many activities are planned for the summer-so be sure to read your weekly e-blasts for all the information. There are some closures to be aware of for June:

Saturday, June 18—Low Country Boil Pool Party for Members and Prospective Members at 6:30 p.m. Pool will close at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon to prepare for party. All are invited to the party—Reservations required.

Saturday, June 25--Clubhouse and Pool close at 3:00 p.m. for wedding reception for Madison Powers, daughter of Katherine Powers. This will be the largest private function the Club has hosted with 275-300 people attending. Thanks for letting us host this event!

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19—we will have a special Father's Day Menu available throughout the day. Drink specials will be available on the Course!

Reservations—please call:  
423-886-5767 Option 3  
423-886-5767 Ext 242

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

## SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, June 16, 6 pm at the home of Tamara Wood

June Selection:  
***Coal River*** by Ellen Marie Wiseman

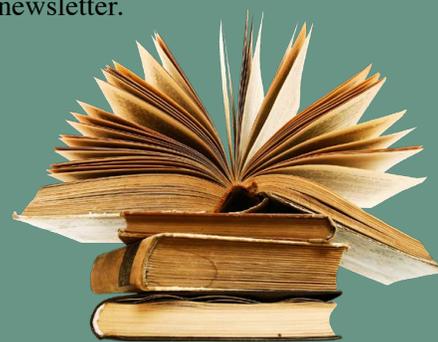
Please bring your beverage of choice, and Tam will be serving a light dinner.

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.

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

## Tuesday

Kids eat free in the dining room  
with purchase of an adult entrée.

## Friday

Chef's Specials

## Saturday

Breakfast 8am - 11am

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Prospective Members at 6:30 p.m. Pool will close at 4:00 p.m.  
that afternoon to prepare for party.

All are invited to the party—Reservations required.

## Sunday

Breakfast Buffet

June 19th - Father's Day -we will have a special Father's Day  
Menu available throughout the day.

Drink specials will be available on the Course!

Reservations—please call:

423-886-5767 Option 3

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Specials



# JUNE 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				Kistler Cup Begins	Chef's Specials  Men's Club Championship	Men's Club Championship
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Breakfast Buffet \$8.99  Men's Club Championship	Junior Golf Camp #1	Family Night  Junior Golf Camp #1	Junior Golf Camp #1	Ladies Invitational	Chef's Specials	Match Play Begins
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Breakfast Buffet \$8.99  Spring Couples		Family Night			Chef's Specials	Low Country Boil  Super Skins / Shootout #3
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day	Super Skins / Shootout #3	Family Night	Carol Floyd Tournament	Carol Floyd Tournament	Chef's Specials	President's Cup  Club/Pool Closing at 3pm for member function
26	27	28	29	30		
Breakfast Buffet \$8.99  President's Cup	Junior Golf Camp #2	Family Night  Junior Golf Camp #2	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem - Guest  Junior Golf Camp #2			

# JULY 2016



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



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

## **Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club**

### **Board of Directors 2016**

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Mike LeVan, President  
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Mary Catherine Robbins, Secretary  
Bobby Morrison, Past-President

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Jean Cates  
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James Fletcher, Food & Beverage  
Katherine Powers, Accounting