

October 2016

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

It's hard for me to believe its already October. We had a great summer at the club and I would like to thank the entire staff for their outstanding service and dedication to our membership.

Our annual membership meeting will be held October 20 at 6:30 PM in the ballroom. I encourage everyone to attend as we review the club's business over the past year. If you are unable to attend the meeting, early voting will begin October 15 in the Pro Shop.

Special thanks goes out to David Cates for heading up the Nominating Committee. The slate of candidates is listed in this newsletter and posted at the clubhouse. Much appreciation goes out to all that agreed to run and dedicate their time to SMGCC.

See you at the club.

Mike LeVan

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

Welcome To:

Matt Griswold (Non-Resident Social), Executive Search Consultant with Stanton Chase, and wife Tweedie. Recommending members Karen Jennings and Vestal Allen

Annual Membership Meeting October 20th at 6:30pm in the ballroom Ballot for Officer Election

President Mike LeVan (2nd Year of term)

Officers - Vote for 1

Vice President Woody Hamilton

Treasurer Shawn Devine

Secretary Kirk Burns Roger Field

Directors - Vote for 2

Mark Ellis
David Marks
Rob Pearse
Michael Schleger



Out of the Rough

Cool weather has finally arrived! Warm season turfgrass growth is slowing down and the team is beginning to transition to project work. The course remains very dry and unfortunately October is historically our driest month. Let's hope for some much needed rain. Below are a few things we will be focused on before we have to turn our full attention to leaf collection.

- We have a few trees around the course that didn't fare too well in the drought. Those will be removed as soon as possible.
- Several irrigation repairs are necessary. Most notably on the 4th, 5th, 12th and 18th.
- Several areas of the rough will be seeded with ryegrass. This will not take place until the forecast looks somewhat moist for a week straight as most of our rough is not irrigated.
- The range tees will be overseeded with ryegrass the week of October 3rd. During this time practice will be restricted to mats only.
- In the 3rd week of October we will address the dead Leyland Cypress along Timberlinks.

This summer was certainly one for the record books. Chattanooga set a record for days over 90 degrees, set many records for hottest individual days and have been in Extreme Drought status for the majority of the growing season. This is serious weather and it comes with consequences. You may recall the summer of 2010 being miserable for all courses in the Chattanooga area. It even forced a few closures. The summer of 2010 was only 1/2 degree warmer than 2016. Given that and looking back now at 2016, I have to say I've been very pleased with the conditions of the course when considering the hand Mother Nature dealt us. Thanks for all the support I've received from so many of you this season.

As a reminder, when leaf season starts it consumes almost every minute of our teams labor. Please be patient during this time as it usually takes us about 8-10 weeks to fully collect and remove fall's glory from the golf course. The picture below is an indication of what we are often faced with each fall morning.



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. If you aren't following the Department's Twitter account ([@SMGCCTURF](https://twitter.com/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

The month of September could not have been any more inviting to golfers ... lots of sunshine, great course conditions. I know Pat Rose would have liked more rain, but it certainly has been a great month to play and lots of ladies took advantage of it.

The Kistler Tournament final came down to Dennie Taylor and Debbie Durham on September 8th. Congratulations to Debbie Durham for the consistently good play in the tournament which led her to the championship. Lucia Chastain beat Maddie Williams for first place in the Consolation Match.

Forty-four women from the region joined as Saints and Sinners for the Ninth Annual St. Charles Cup, September 24-25. Thanks to Mike and Chris St. Charles for serving as the two teams' coaches. The SMGCC staff and volunteers did a wonderful job from the Pro Shop to the Dining Room to the Grounds. Rosalie Basten and Karen Burns worked hard to make it happen and their planning certainly paid off. We're all so proud to have Jean St. Charles as our member and friend ... and worthy competitor! Congratulations to the Saints for winning this year's trophy. Next year's event will return to the Chattanooga Golf and Country Club.

The ladies annual shoot-out is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th. It's \$5.00 to enter. The sign-up sheet is in the ladies lounge.

The final day for our league play is Thursday, October 27th. The day's play will be a 9 hole event with tees moved to places you wouldn't expect. There will be a prize for the best costume (though dressing up is optional). There will be a luncheon afterward. Please sign up for the luncheon in the ladies' lounge, and remember you don't have to play to attend the lunch. The Closing Day Luncheon also concludes with our SMLGA business meeting and election of officers.

STARTING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH STARTING TIME FOR TUESDAY AND THURSDAY RETURNS TO 10:00 AM.



The Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association held their Kistler Tournament Finals and Awards Luncheon on September 8th. Debbie Durham is the new Kistler Champion and Dennie Taylor is the runner-up. Lucia Chastain won the Consolation Bracket and Maddie Williams was the runner-up. Congratulations, ladies!



SMLGA News

Golf News

The fall season has finally set in and we have experienced some wonderful weather. The golf course is looking better than ever. The greens are coming in nicely after the early aeration. We hope to see you all using the golf course as much as possible.

Malarkey Cup

The event first took place nine years ago and has been a great success ever since. Jeff Caplenor has been instrumental in putting this event together each year. This year's teams were once again captained by Jeff Caplenor (Gold Team) and Bobby Morrison III (Green Team). The Gold Team got out to an early lead during the Four-Ball matches and lead after the morning session 8-4. The Foursomes matches that afternoon progressed just like the morning Four Ball Matches. The Gold Team matched their morning totals and finished Day 1 with a 16-8 lead. The Green Team made up a few points early in the Singles Matches on Sunday, but the deficit was just too much to overcome. The weather moved in Sunday Afternoon and provided the golf course with some much needed rain but washed out several matches still on the course. The gold team had accumulated enough points before the rain set in to claim the Cup. The remaining matches still on the course were halved to give the Gold Team a 29-19 win. It was once again another great event. If you have never played in this event, you should block off your calendar next year. Don't miss out on the great fun.

Challenge Cup

Several members battled for over a month to try and make this year's Challenge Cup Team. They will be battling Black Creek at BCGC October 22-23. Congratulate this year's Team:

Jimmy McGarry	Gordon Hulgan	Kyle Wittler	Matt Beckham	John Stagmaier
Robert Divine	Andrew Romanek	Rob Pearse	Greg Cullum	Casey Turner
Arch Trimble	Roger Field	Jay Cooper	Dave Lambeck	Joe Brown
Chris Collins	David O'Neal	Mike Wood	Wayne Palmer	Frank Hollowell
Ray Boaz Jr.	Dickie Brown	John Friedl	Gerald LeVan	Nubby Napolitano
Jeff Caplenor				

Upcoming Events

October 22-23- Challenge Cup @ Black Creek
October 26- One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest
October 27- Ladies Closing Day
December 9th- Golf Shop Christmas Party/Roulette Sale





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Everything Social

Fall is here!!!—and with it comes cooler temperatures!! We can definitely use that—as Chattanooga was listed as #2 in the five places in the US where summer was most unbearable! Please come enjoy the patio and bar deck with the beautiful fall weather!

Our family Bingo night is Saturday, October 22nd at 6 pm. Please come enjoy a fun game night with your entire family! Wings, Pizza, Chicken Fingers, and Salad Bar will be served to all. \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12

Thanksgiving is right around the corner!! Make plans to join us for Thanksgiving Day Brunch on November 24th from 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. \$22.95 for Adults. \$10.95 for children 5-12. \$5.95 for children under 5. Reservations are required—the cutoff date is Sunday, November 20. Any cancellations require a 48 hour notice—full price will be charged for any no-shows or cancellations after the 48 hour deadline.

Also, watch your weekly blasts for details on a hosted Scotch Tasting sometime this fall, as well as a Wine & Food Engagement hosted by a local vineyard. We will also be having one of our popular Chef's Table Dinners in the coming months.

Any questions please feel free to contact me at:
(423) 886-5767 x242 work
(708) 910-8490 cell

Thank you!

James Fletcher

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, October 20th at
SMGCC

October Selection:

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant

Thursday, November 17th at
SMGCC

November Selection:

The Cove by Catherine Coulter

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.

Thursday

Oct 6th Meatloaf Night, Oct 13th Pasta Station & Salad Bar,
Oct 20th Catfish / Shrimp Night, Oct 27th Hamburger Night
\$10++ for adults and \$6++ for children under 12
Beverages are not included. Reservations Required!

Friday

Chef's Specials

Saturday

Breakfast 8am - 11am

Sunday

Breakfast Buffet

Specials



October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Superintendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale
2 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	3	4 Family Night Kids Eat Free	5 Wakerley Design Presentation 6:30pm Ballroom	6 Meatloaf Night	7 Chef's Dinner Specials Couples Golf	8 Dinner Club
9 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	10 Columbus Day	11 Family Night Kids Eat Free	12	13 Pasta Station	14 Chef's Dinner Specials Couples Golf	15
16 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 National Bosses Day	17	18 Family Night Kids Eat Free	19	20 Annual Meeting 6:30pm Catfish/Shrimp	21 Chef's Dinner Specials Final Couples Golf	22 Challenge Cup @ Black Creek
23 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	24	25 Family Night Kids Eat Free	26 One Day Member – Member / Member - Guest	27 Ladies Closing Day Hamburger Night	28 Chef's Dinner Specials	29 Bingo Night
30 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	31 Halloween			**All Thursday night specials are \$10 adult \$6 kids under 12		

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Family Night Kids Eat Free	2	3 Soup salad and potato bar	4 Chef's Dinner Specials	5
6 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95 Daylight savings time ends	7 Club closed	8 Family Night Kids Eat Free Election day	9	10 Chopped steak With mashed potatoes	11 Chef's Dinner Specials Veterans day	12
13 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	14 Club closed	15 Family Night Kids Eat Free	16	17 Chicken fried chicken	18 Chef's Dinner Specials	19
20 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	21 Club closed	22 Family Night Kids Eat Free	23	24 Thanksgiving day brunch 10 am-3pm	25 Chef's Dinner Specials	26
27 Brunch Buffet 9 AM – 2 PM \$8.95	28 Club closed	29 Family Night Kids Eat Free	30			



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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