

September 2016

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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Out of the Rough

The bad news is autumn doesn't come until the 22nd day of the month. The good news is September 1st marks the start of meteorological fall. It's been a long, hot, dry summer so I'm going with the meteorological calendar on this one. I'm ready for all the wonderful things that accompany fall; cooler soil temperatures, lower humidity, football and even a little time away from the golf course.

Our golf schedule called for an early aerification this year. Had I waited any longer we ran the risk of creating the following scenarios:

- (1) Playing the Malarkey Cup and St. Charles Cup on aerified greens
- (2) Aerifying on the 1st available date after those events (10/10/16) and risking not getting the greens healed before winter
- (3) Being forced into using less aggressive procedures and settling on a process that would be less beneficial to the health of our greens

Given those options I chose to aerify the greens on August 15th. While this is a bit early for us it is actually the preferred time of year for many clubs. The process went off without a hitch as we were able to be very aggressive with our removal process. We used 5/8" tines on the most aggressive setting. This equates to roughly a 13% surface area disruption. Combined with other aerification procedures throughout the year we exceed USGA recommendations. We also test our greens annually for several properties and this aerification procedure was well within the recommendations of that test. With temperatures in the mid-90s we decided not to get too carried away with sand as that is the part that can be most damaging. We did however get a number of the holes filled and were able to topdress quite heavily in the days following the cleanup procedures



This summer's extreme drought has taken its toll on several Leyland Cypress around the course. These areas are being evaluated and a plan will be put in place to address areas where removal is necessary.

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) 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

August sunshine and occasional rain provided a great looking course and lots of opportunities for the ladies to take advantage of it. For those who have sent children back to school, think about some golf in the next few weeks. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday play continue through October and the Sunday Wine and Nine may just continue all year round ... well, at least the wine part.

The Kistler Tournament is down to the last few matches. The finals and luncheon will be held on Sept. 8. You can sign up for lunch even if you don't play in the 9 hole event that day. Look for a sign-up sheet in the locker room.

Congratulations to several winners at the Valleybrook Diamonds and Dough event: Rachel Karimian, Sue Kilpatrick, Naomi Lindsay, and Amy Russell came in first in the D flight; Joanie Cooper, Linda David, Pat Herring and Jean St. Charles came in second in the D flight, Chee Allen, Sylvia Friedl, Bonnie Hamilton, and DeeDee Raulston placed third in the C flight. Nancy Hora won the closest to the pin. Joanie Cooper won the longest drive. And Sue Kilpatrick definitely walked off with the best door prize!

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

Summer is coming to an end and the upcoming weather looks to be fantastic. I hope to see several of you enjoying the wonderful Fall weather on the mountain.

The ladies started off the month of August by crowning their Club Champion. They proved to be great competitors who know how to get the ball in the hole. Karen Burns defended her back-to-back championships with another win under her belt. Her competitors made it very difficult on her on the way to the Championship. She managed to beat a hard charging Debbie Durham by one shot. Michelle purchase finished 3rd just a few shot behind.

The Challenge Cup is rapidly approaching, but there is still time to qualify. Players can qualify in several different handicap divisions up until Friday, September 16th. Players can qualify any day of the week as long as they are playing with another qualifier. The team will be determined shortly after the qualifying concludes to compete at Black Creek on October 22-23.

The Signal Mountain Junior Golf League is beginning right around the corner and we are still accepting sign-ups. If you are unfamiliar about the league, it is a very laid back league that focuses on getting juniors out on the golf course. Participants will have practice once a week and one to two on-course rounds per week. Matches will consist of 3-4 players playing a select shot format for 34 holes. Matches will be on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign your child up or would like to volunteer to coach a team. Do not feel that you need to be an experienced golfer to coach a team.

Upcoming Events:

September 5- Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finale

September 11- Parent-Child

September 16- Last Day to Qualify for Challenge Cup

September 17-18- Malarkey Cup

September 24-25- St. Charles Cup

October 1- Superintendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale

October 22-23- Challenge Cup @ Black Creek

October 26- One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest

October 27- Ladies Closing Day





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Everything Social

Labor Day and the end of summer mean saying farewell to the Pool until next year! Little rain and an outstanding Ollie's Pool staff and lifeguards made for a spectacular summer. Thanks for all for the great job—Memorial Day will be here before you know it!

Our focus in Food & Beverage going into the fall months will continue to be on family entertainment. Tuesday Family Night and Thursday Night dinner specials have been very popular. Because of the positive response to Family Bingo Night, we will be hosting another one in October.

Fall means Football!! We would love to host your football parties or provide food for those who prefer to have them at home! Let the cooler weather begin!

Thanks for all your support this summer.
James Fletcher

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

Welcome To:

Marcie Beasley (Full), Nurse Practitioner at Tennessee Oncology, and husband Shane, an engineer with TVA, and children Charles (9) and Henry (7). Recommending members Lana Peppers and Kacey Smith

Josh Gadd (Junior), Territory Manager Food Broker with US Foods, and wife Allison and children Kate (3) and Hunter (1 ½). Recommending members Arch Trimble and Mike LeVan

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, September 15 at SMGCC

September Selection:
Last Ride to Graceland by Kim Wright

Thursday, October 20 at SMGCC

October Selection:
To Be Announced

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

Labor Day, Monday, Sept 5th

Poolside BBQ and Family Games. Join us for BBQ including Burgers & Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Jamaican Jerk Chicken and Dirty Rice, Cold Salads, and an assortment of homemade desserts including Rum Raisin Cake. Drink specials throughout the day. \$15 adults/\$8 children under 12.

Pool opens at 10:00 a.m. Cookout from 12:30-7:00 p.m.

Games begin at 3:00 p.m. Pool closes at 8:00.

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 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	3
4 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	5 Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finale	6 Club Closed	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 Last Day to Qualify for Challenge Cup	17 Malarkey Cup
18 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 Malarkey Cup	19	20 Family Night	21	22	23 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	24 St. Charles Cup
25 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99 St. Charles Cup	26	27 Family Night	28	29	30 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Superintendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale
2 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	3	4 Family Night	5	6	7 Chef's Specials Couples Golf	8
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30 Breakfast Buffet \$8.99	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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