

May 2018

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

T S Eliot's poem, *The Waste Land*, begins with: "April Is the cruelest month...". This has to be true for Signal Mountain! With spring beginning in March, we get too excited thinking April will bring bright spring days. Instead we get more cold or rainy or both than bright sunny days. Anyway it's over, and April showers will bring May flowers.

Speaking of May flowers, recognition goes to our ladies' golf association for donating the funds to have the logo painted and landscaping around the restrooms on number 7. Also, they are donating flowers for the planters on the patio. Many thanks to you ladies!

April was an exciting time at the club. Some 250 members and guests came for a great Easter brunch. The final Trivia Night for the season was a big success, and the first Cornhole Tournament was as well. Congratulations to the winners of these events.

Sponsored events included IFG's annual Masters Golf party, and the Signal Mountain Community Guild hosting their 49th annual Dogwood Luncheon at the club. Both were well planned and executed by our staff. We received many compliments on the food and service.

For May, we look forward to continuing activities in the clubhouse, especially Mother's Day Brunch on May 13th. If Easter's numbers are an indication, you will need to make reservations early. Other events will be listed in All Things Social article and on the calendar.

Golf events in May include the popular Member/Member Tournament, and the beginning of Couples Golf. The Signal Mountain Invitational is May 18th - 20th. You have time to sign up to play and/or be a sponsor. There will be a sponsor's party on Friday evening, May 18th. We expect many of the top golfers in the area to participate.

Finally, May's big event is Memorial Day and pool opening. The ladies will have first look at the new pool furniture on Friday, May 25th. Please read the following information on pool operation for this year. We look forward to an exciting summer at the pool.

See you at your club,
Jeff

The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for April 2018.

Welcome To:

John Adams (Full), Salesman with ADM, and wife Mary.

David Schlosser (Full), Senior Manager at BCBST, and wife Randi and son Scout (11)

Blake White (Full), Cyber Consultant with Cycore, and wife Savannah and children Henry (12) and Hamilton (7)



Important Announcement to SMGCC Members

As we approach the opening of our pool on Memorial Day weekend along with increased activity that comes with summer, the Board Of Directors and Pool Committee want to remind our members to refresh your understanding of all club rules and in particular pool rules.

We also want to notify you of an important change in pool operation.

Beginning this summer SMGCC will NOT employ lifeguards. This is consistent with other private clubs in our area. Private entities, including clubs, are not required to furnish lifeguards. We will continue to operate in accordance with all required regulatory health and safety requirements including signage, safety equipment and water quality.

Club rules are available on our website, www.smgcc.org, under the Member Central tab. These rules are intended to assure that all members and your guests have safe and enjoyable experiences at your pool.

Board of Directors
Pool Committee



Out of the Rough

Course Report May 2018

March and April weather was depressing. The arrival of May is exciting and I can't wait for the course to green up. Warmer weather is on the doorstep so let's keep our chins up and look forward to the next 3 to 4 months!

A series of heavy rain events began to wash away our foot bridge to the range tees. With the help of our new Bobcat, we were able to pick the bridge up, install a new support structure and then lower the bridge back into place. This saved us a tremendous amount of labor and materials since we didn't have to rebuild the bridge. We will install a new stone walkway on the tee side of the bridge as labor is available this spring.

We are now cutting all playing surfaces with some regularity. As the days lengthen and soil temperatures rise we will begin to use nearly all of our labor hours to keep the golf course mowed and set up for play. It's during this time (May-August) that any non-essential assignments get pushed down the priority list. I ask for your patience with any project work as we aren't budgeted for much more than routine maintenance in the summer months.

As traffic on the course picks up, please be considerate of the Club's Cart Rules. The policy states that carts may not be driven within 30 yards of greens and greenside bunkers. This policy is in place to help sustain healthy turf and reduce the need for expensive fertilizers, chemicals and replacement sod. Following these rules also reduces our need for unsightly ropes and signage. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in cart violations and as a result we will be using ropes and signs more liberally this year. Perhaps these new measures can be temporary once everyone gets the hang of where we should and shouldn't drive golf carts. Lastly, please do not drive carts in tall grass areas. We keep these areas for a variety of reasons which include wildlife habitat. Birds use the areas for nesting and cart traffic will drive them away.

Please follow us on Twitter under the handle [@SMGCCTURF](https://twitter.com/SMGCCTURF). Here you can receive updates and important information like rainfall totals, cart restrictions, course projects and other information that might impact your round of golf or enjoyment of the facilities. If you are one of many members already following us, please ask those in your groups to join as well!

See you on the course!
Pat



Golf News

Signal Mountain Invitational

The 82nd Signal Mountain Invitational is just around the corner. The event will be held May 18th-20th. The Invitational is one of the premier amateur events in the southeast. The tournament always draws a very strong field that typically includes several of our members. I hope this year will be no different. The unique thing about the Invitational is that it appeals to all ranges of golfers. The championship flight will house some of the best amateurs in the area while the Double Bogey Max division will include golfers with a 10.0 handicap or higher. We hope to once again have a great turnout from our membership competing in this great event this year. If you cannot participate but still wish to help out, we are still accepting sponsorships. Sponsorships are \$100. The sponsorship fee will get your name or company name listed on the sponsorship board displayed at the putting green for the entire tournament, your name listed on all of the cart signs, and listed on next year's invitation. The sponsorship will also get you an invitation to a great party held at the Country Club Friday, May 18th. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign-up or sponsor. One additional way to help this great event succeed is through voluntary efforts. With several blind tee shots and some participants playing this course for the first time, we love to have spotters out on the golf course to help players find the occasional errant tee shot. We also need volunteers to help at the scoring table. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to volunteer.

Mom's Night Out Clinic

Keep an eye on your email for information regarding this month's upcoming Mom's Night Out Clinic.

Golf News



Upcoming Events

May 2	One Day Member-Member/Member-Guest
May 4	Demo/Fitting Day
May 5-6	Member-Member
May 18-20	Invitational
May 25	Couples Golf Begins
May 28	Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2

Save the Dates

June 4-6	Summer Golf Camp #1	July 20-22	Mountaineer
June 23-24	Ladies Club Championship	August 18-19	Haskew Cup @ Black Creek Club
June 29-July 1	Men's Club Championship	Sept 8-9	St. Charles Cup
July 9-11	Summer Golf Camp #2	Sept 15-16	Malarkey Cup

SMLGA News

The Ladies Golf Association held their 2018 Opening Day on April 12th. Twenty five ladies turned out for the Breakfast Meeting and Select Shot Tournament!

The winning teams were as follows.

Tied for 1st Place:

Debbie Durham, Carol Floyd, Jean St. Charles & Joan Minks

Linda Davis, Naomi Lindsey & Doris Chambers

2nd Place:

Deedee Raulston, Laura Newbourne, Pixie Lanham & Emogene Lewis

Ladies organized play is on Tuesday and Thursday. Sign up for Tuesday play by 4 PM on Sunday for a 9:30 AM tee time. Sign up for Thursday play by 4 PM on Wednesday, and be in carts, ready to play at the putting green by 9:20 AM. Failure to sign up by the designated times will change the pairings and delay tee times.

The Main Bar and Upper Deck at will be open for lunch on Thursdays beginning at 11 AM for ADULT MEMBERS ONLY. Plan to stay for lunch after play and socialize with your golfing friends.

Upcoming Dates:

May 2 - Ladies Golf Clinic at 11:15 AM

May 6 - First "Nine & Wine" of the season at 3 PM. All ladies of the club are invited to play. Call the Golf Shop by 2 PM to sign up.

June 10 - Couples Championship

June 23 & 24 - Ladies Club Championship

SMLGA News





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Clubhouse Happenings

May is here and the summer is finally near! We are busy getting ready to open the pool and are so excited for what is sure to be a fun summer! We have several events coming up to kick off the season— ladies join us for the first nine & wine of the summer on May 6th!

Go ahead and make your reservations for Mother's Day brunch on the 13th— we expect a big crowd and want you to get your preferred reservation time! The menu will be sent out shortly.

Join us for Ladies Day on May 25th! We will be having a poolside rosé tasting including food pairings for each wine— gather your girlfriends and enjoy a fun day by the pool! The tasting will begin at 11AM and feel free to bring guests. Please make reservations for ladies day as we will need to know how many to expect for wine and food. The tasting will cost \$30 (\$20 if you would like to attend, eat, & drink unlimited tea/soft drinks rather than wine).

After ladies day, we invite everyone's families to come out for our Memorial Day Pool Party on Monday, May 28th. We will be grilling poolside, have drink specials and games for the whole family! This will also be a great chance for everyone to see our new pool furniture and get to know the summer staff.

See you at the Club!
Mary Elizabeth Wheeler

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, May 17th

6 PM in the President's Room
May Selection:
A Paris Apartment: A Novel by
Michelle Gable

Thursday, June 21st

6 PM Dinner at Tam Wood's
home
June Selection:
The Night the Lights Went Out
by Karen White
OR read any book by Karen
White and share

The Book Club 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 afterwards. There are some months when special events are planned, and the information will be posted in the club newsletter.



Dining Specials

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

\$10 House bottles of wine

Friday

Chef's Specials

Saturday

Breakfast 8am - 11am

Sunday

Breakfast Buffet
9am - 2pm \$8.95

All Things Social

The most recent Trivia Night was an overwhelming success thanks to over 100 players exhibiting their cerebral skills. Much appreciation to Andy & Tara Tucker for hosting the event with their fun and challenging questions. The next Trivia Night will be in the fall so watch for dates and times to be announced.

Twenty teams competed in the first Corn Hole tournament of the year. Many thanks to Amy Russell for giving her time and talent to run the tournament. Congratulations to the first place team of Chris Collins and Dax Branam. The second tournament will have the same format (double elimination), and be held outside in July to allow more teams to compete and ensure faster play.

Ladies, you are invited to dust off your clubs and join us Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. for Wine 'N Nine. This new (non-competitive) format sponsored by the social committee and the Pro Shop, will accept players of all levels and will be a opportunity to make new friends and get outside. Choose your own group or ask the Pro Shop to place you on a team. Call the Pro Shop on or before 2:15p.m., May 6 to sign up.

Sadly, the response for Bingo was very low. Therefore, we will re-schedule this in June. Watch for dates and times in future newsletters, sign-up early and bring the family out to play.

We will be combining National Wine Day and our traditional "Ladies Day at the Pool" on Friday, May 25 (prior to the pool opening on May 26) with a special Rose' tasting hosted by our Food and Beverage Manager, Mary Elizabeth Wheeler. Join us for a day of fun in the sun.

Let's get ready for summer!

Social Committee Chairperson
Naomi Lindsey

Do You Know?

This month's Do You Know section features two maintenance employees under Pat Rose's supervision.



Alex Koldys is in charge of clubhouse and pool maintenance.

He has been with us about 2 years, starting out on the course grounds crew.

Alex is from Nashville and a graduate of Hillwood High School. Last year Alex graduated from UTC with a major in Environmental Sciences and a minor in biology. When not working, Alex enjoys hiking with his girlfriend and gardening.

He especially enjoys growing the food he eats.



Steve Albo has been with us 4 years, and is in charge of golf course equipment maintenance.

Steve is from Miami, Florida. Before coming to SMGCC, Steve was head mechanic at the Oconee Course at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Georgia. In his spare time, Steve enjoys riding his Yamaha bike and working on remodeling his house in Hixson.

Thanks to both Alex and Steve for your hard work in maintaining our facilities and equipment.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Family Night Kids Eat Free	2 One Day Member/Member- Member/Guest Ladies Golf Clinic 11:15	3	4 Chef's Dinner Specials Demo Fitting Day	5 Member/Member
6 Brunch Buffet Member/Member Nine & Wine 3pm	7 Club Closed	8 Family Night Kids Eat Free	9	10	11 Chef's Dinner Specials	12
13 Mother's Day Brunch	14 Club Closed	15 Family Night Kids Eat Free	16	17 Book Club 6pm	18 Chef's Dinner Specials Signal Mountain Invitational	19 Signal Mountain Invitational
20 Brunch Buffet Signal Mountain Invitational	21 Club Closed	22 Family Night Kids Eat Free	23	24	25 Chef's Dinner Specials Ladies Rose Tasting Poolside Couples Golf Begins	26 Pool Officially Opens
27 Brunch Buffet	28 Memorial Day Pool Party Memorial Day Scramble & Shootout #2	29 Club Closed	30	31		

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2
3 Brunch Buffet	4 Club Closed Summer Golf Camp #1	5 Family Night Kids Eat Free Summer Golf Camp #1	6 Summer Golf Camp #1	7 Couples Championship	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9 Match Play Brackets Released
10 Brunch Buffet Couples Championship	11 Club Closed	12 Family Night Kids Eat Free	13	14	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16 Super Dogfight & Shootout #3
17 Brunch Buffet	18 Club Closed	19 Family Night Kids Eat Free	20	21 Book Club 6pm at Tam Wood's home	22 Chef's Dinner Specials	23 Ladies Club Championship
24 Brunch Buffet Ladies Club Championship	25 Club Closed	26	27 One Day Member- Member/Member- Guest	28	29 Men's Club Championship	30 Men's Club Championship



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

Pro Shop & Tee Times
Press: 1

Head Golf Pro, Paul Helle
Press: 2

To-Go Orders & Reservations
Press: 3

Main Bar
Press: 4

Men's Card Room
Press: 5
Tuesday - Sunday: 8am - 9pm

Business Office
Press: 6

Controller & Office Manger
Press: 7

Course Superintendent, Pat Rose
Press: 8

Food & Beverage Manager
Press: 9

Administrative Fax
(423) 886-2879

Golf Shop Hours

Tuesday - Sunday
7:30 am - 6:30pm

Range

Tuesday - Sunday
8am - Dusk

Clubhouse Hours

Signal Grill

Tue - Sat: 11am - 8pm
Sunday: Closed

Dining Room

Tue & Wed: 5pm - 8pm
Thu, Fri & Sat: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Main Bar

Tues: 5pm - 8pm
Thursday: 11am - 9pm
Wed, Fri. & Sat: 5 pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

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