

February 2019

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

2019 has gotten off to a great start at our Club!

Joe Fidelibus, Club Manager, has hit the ground running. In his short time working with the serving and kitchen staffs, he's brought renewed enthusiasm and energy. His method of managing and experience in the club management profession are to be valued by all members. If you have not gotten the chance to meet Joe, please come and give him a big "WELCOME".

Socially, January had three events; Family Bingo, Trivia Night & Scotch Tasting. Each was well attended and a huge success. The Social Committee consists of Naomi Lindsey (Chairperson), Amy Russell, Stephanie Devine, Ashley Spangler, Meredith Hamilton & Pixie Lanham. They have planned monthly events for all ages and all interests. However, they will be receptive to any ideas members may have for future events. Check the calendar to see what's happening this month, and plan to attend if possible.

Golfers, the range project began Saturday, January 5th. Work has progressed nicely since, and we can look forward to having an on-time completion-weather cooperating. Pat will elaborate more on this in his article. Also, the yearly tournament schedule is set. Take advantage of the tournament package and participate in several events at a greatly reduced price.

The membership promotion is still in effect. So please tell your friends and neighbors now is the time to join. January was just the start of what's going to become the place to be on Signal Mountain.

See you at OUR club,
Jeff

Membership Promotion

Tell your friends... Golf Memberships Available... Junior Golf and Full Golf...
Join SMGCC during January-March 2019 and pay no dues or assessments until April! There are many days in January-March that the weather is perfect for a morning or afternoon of golf!

For additional information contact David Marks, Membership Chairman
at dhmarks52@gmail.com

Note from the General Manager

I want to thank the many SMGCC members I have met over the past weeks and their warm welcome to the Club. I'm sure many of you realize what a jewel you have on the mountain. The Club with its rich history and member roles truly make it a Club to be proud of in our wonderful community.

We have several upcoming Club events you will want to take advantage of and you will be receiving emails from the Club giving all of the details. Coming up in February on Friday the 8th is a fun Beer Tasting. Come and help us decide which Craft Beers we will be featuring on Tap. Sunday February 10th we will host our Winter Wine Tasting featuring the Wines of Chile. With both of these events Chef Bob will be have a wonderful hors d' buffet to dine on.

Valentine's Day Thursday the 14th Chef Bob is featuring a wonderful Select Valentines Day Menu. As a special treat we will have a "Flaming Banana's Foster Station in the dining room. Saturday February 23 brings back Trivia Night. Be sure to reserve your table as space is limited. We saw January's event sell out! And rounding out the month Family Bingo on Sunday the 24th. Again, a very well attended family fun afternoon. Please remember to RSVP for these Club events!

I look forward to meeting each and everyone very soon and please reach out to me for any thoughts you have for the Club.

With good wishes,
Joe Fidelibus CEC, CHP
General Manager

Ps: Don't' forget to consider the Club for your personal/business events. We love to host luncheons, dinners, Life Celebrations and all things "events". Tell your friends and business associates too!

Joe Fidelibus
General Manager



Out of the Rough

February is shaping up to be an exciting time for the Turf Team. We are staying busy with the St. Charles Practice Facility renovation as well as several items of note on the golf course.

Let's begin with the course...

With significantly cold weather lingering in the forecast, we decided it was best to go ahead and cover as many approaches as possible. Big thanks to Mike Mauney for procuring the new black covers for us. The forecast has gone from cold to bitter with words like Polar Vortex being back in the news. We hope for the best but plan for the worst. While an inconvenience, covers do work and we ask for your patience while they are in place this winter.

Now to the St. Charles Practice Facility! Our renovation got underway on January 5th and has continued as much as Mother Nature would allow. As of publication, have received 7.73" of rainfall and still have as much as 3" of snow in our forecast. Here are a few highlights of our work there to date:

- Installed 17,000 feet of irrigation control wire
- Over 1,000 feet of irrigation pipe
- 12 new irrigation heads
- 9 new isolation valves
- Rough Shaped 10,000+ sq ft of new tee box
- Rough shaped 24 synthetic tee stations
- Installed 2,000 + sq ft of sod
- 500+ feet of drainage installed
- Relocated overhead utilities away from the work site

This has been quite an under taking considering the amount of rainfall we have taken on since beginning the project. Here are a few key points to look for in early February... weather permitting. It is possible that if all goes well we can finish by the end of the month with only some grow in work and minor detail work remaining in the spring.

- Final grade work on synthetic tee line
- Pouring of concrete for synthetic tee line
- Final grade work of natural tee area
- Installation of drainage and sand/compost growing mix on tee box
- Seeding and covering of tee box
- Rough shaping of green / bunkers and chipping space
- Installation of irrigation at green complex
- Installation of drainage at green complex
- Final grade work on green, seed, sod and cover

Many thanks to those of you who helped make this project a reality. If you are still considering a donation this a good time to remind you that the scope of our work can/could expand to the range fairway, indoor training facility or beyond with your donation. Please contact Rob Pearse for details.

Please follow the Department's Twitter account @SMGCCTURF for updates on what the team is working on. Information is generally updated daily during the golf season and at least a few days per week in the winter months.

See you on the course!

Pat

Golf News

The Tournament Program has been released and hoping to get another large contingency of participants. The Tournament Program is one of the best deals in all of Chattanooga. For only \$200, you can prepay for 13 tournaments that would cost you \$430 if you paid for each individually. The fee can be split billed over two billing cycles if you would like. We also have a discounted Program Fee for the Ladies. The Ladies program fee is \$75. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign up.

The remainder of the Tournament Schedule has also been completed. Keep an eye on your mailbox for the 2019 Tournament Schedule magnet. These are a great reference to keep handy to see what is going on at the club. I would especially like to thank David O'Neal, Haven Burns, Dean Hogue and Craftique Manufacturing for generously donating the magnets.

There is still time to purchase your 2019 Prepaid Guest Rounds. From now through February 28th all golf members may once again pre-purchase up to 6 guest rounds for use during the 2019 calendar year. Prepaid Guest Rounds can be purchased for \$50 each + tax. This is an \$20 savings on normal weekly rates and a \$30 savings on weekend rates.

- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be purchased through February 28th, 2019.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2019 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after Dec 31st, 2019.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds are subject to the Club's Guest Policy.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds are non-transferrable.

For any questions or to purchase your guest rounds, please contact the Pro Shop at 886-5767 ext. 226. Now that we are closing in on the golf season, it is very important to check-in with the golf shop before going to play. This is imperative for many different reasons. Checking in helps the Club accurately keep track of our rounds throughout the year. More importantly, this lets us convey any course conditions and maintenance work happening on the course. This keeps the course in its best condition as well as keeping our maintenance staff safe.



SMLGA News

The SMLGA Board of Directors met in January to make plans for the 2019 golfing season. The Ladies Invitational Tournament is returning in June of this year! It was also decided that the yearbook will be published electronically, and more information will follow once the details are finalized.

Dates to add to your 2019 calendar:

April 18 - - Opening Day Breakfast Meeting and 9 Hole Select Shot Tournament with breakfast and the meeting starting at 9 AM.

June 13 - Ladies Invitational Tournament

August 13 & 15 - Deedee Raulston Tournament

September 17, 18, 19 & 20 - Kistler Tournament

September 20 - Awards Luncheon

October 24 - Closing Day

All ladies of the club are invited to join the Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association. Mail your 2019 membership dues of \$40 by March 1st to Susan Stuart, 22 Cool Springs Road.

Golf's new rules are now in effect! February is a good time to review all the changes in the Rules of Golf for 2019. Go to USGA.org and click on RULES to learn more, and check out USGA's Facebook page.

Plan on joining the ladies in the Main Bar for lunch on Thursdays this winter when it's not golfing weather. We will meet at 11:30 for drinks and lunch and play dominos and cards afterwards. Or get together your own foursome for an afternoon of bridge and join us for lunch before playing. See you on Thursdays!





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All Things Social

Several families from the club (58 players) helped to kick off the new year by participating in Family Bingo on the 6th. Congratulations to all of our winners: Claire and Jennifer Sikes; Lindsey Frost; Chris Collins; Sawyer Westcott; Andrew Baker and Forbes Burnette. If you missed the date in January, you will have another opportunity on Sunday, February 24th at 4:00. Family Bingo is a event for all ages to enjoy. Trivia night was held on the 12th with over 100 players competing. Congratulations to the winning team, Something Old, Something New, consisting of Katie and Josh McCutheson, Jack and Judy Chrisman, Gary and Laura Bell and Walter and Patricia Stamper. The Scotch Tasting mastered by our new Club Manager, Joe Fidelibus, was a hit with our membership and well attended. Thanks to Ray Boaz for spearheading this event.

February will offer a Beer Tasting on Friday night the 8th that will allow input from participants on beers to be offered by the club. The following Sunday, February 10th, join us for our Winter Wine Tasting. Details of these events will be communicated by email blasts as well as posted throughout the club. Make your reservations early! Trivia night will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. Due the popularity of this event, it is critical that a reservation is made. Just as a reminder, a team consist of 8 players, and we are asking for your help as you sign up your team to limit the # of team members to 8. The following day, Sunday, February 24th, Family Bingo will begin at 4:00.

The Social Committee, working closely with our Club Manager, was unsuccessful in securing the troop for the Murder, Mystery Dinner in March. However, we will be working to bring this event to the club in the summer months. The month of March will have Trivia Night returning on Saturday, March 30th and Family Bingo the following day, Sunday, March 31st. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fun.

The Social Committee appreciates your input on events that are of interest to you and your family. Plans have been made for Glow Golf, Cornhole, Pool Parties (adult and family) Dinner Dance, etc. for 2019. Watch future emails and newsletter for details. See you at the club.

SMGCC Book Club

Tuesday, February 5th

February Selection: *dreams of falling* by Karen White

We will meet with the Lookout Mountain Book Club at 5:45 PM and will carpool from SMGCC at 5:00 PM. If anyone is leaving from downtown or work, the address is 259 Gnome Trail, Lookout Mountain, GA. Sharon's cell is 423-991-1757. RSVP to Susan Stuart at sjstuart.sm@gmail.com

Thursday, March 21st

6 PM in the President's Room
March Selection: *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

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. Contact Lynne Marks at 423-902-0096 or lymarks53@gmail.com with any questions.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2
3 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	4 Club Closed	5 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club at Lookout Mountain	6	7	8 Chef's Dinner Specials Beer Tasting	9
10 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Winter Wine Tasting 4pm	11 Club Closed	12 Family Night Kids Eat Free	13	14 Valentine's Day Dinner (Reservations Encouraged)	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16 Dinner Club 6:15pm
17 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	18 Club Closed	19 Family Night Kids Eat Free	20	21	22 Chef's Dinner Specials Private Lunch Meeting 12 noon Dining Room	23 Trivia Night 7pm
24 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Family Bingo 4pm	25 Club Closed	26 Family Night Kids Eat Free	27	28		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2 Mountain Mule
3 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	4 Club Closed	5 Family Night Kids Eat Free	6 Private Dinner Meeting 6pm President's Room	7	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9
10 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	11 Club Closed	12 Family Night Kids Eat Free	13	14	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16
17 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	18 Club Closed	19 Family Night Kids Eat Free	20	21 Book Club 6pm	22 Chef's Dinner Specials	23
24 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	25 Club Closed	26 Family Night Kids Eat Free	27	28	29 Chef's Dinner Specials Private Lunch Meeting 12 Noon Dining Room	30 Trivia Night 7pm Super Skins/Shootout #1
31 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Family Bingo 4pm						



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

Business Office
Press: 6

Controller & Office Manger
Press: 7

Course Superintendent, Pat Rose
Press: 8

Club Manager, Joe Fidelibus
Press: 9

Administrative Fax
(423) 886-2879

Golf Shop Hours
Tuesday - Sunday
7:30am - 6:30pm

Range
Tuesday - Sunday
8am - Dusk

Signal Grill
Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 8pm
Sunday: Closed

Dining Room
Tuesday & Wednesday: 5pm - 8pm
Thursday - Saturday: 5pm - 9pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

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

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

Pool (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Tuesday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 9pm
Sunday 12:30pm - 8pm

Reservations & Party Inquiries
jfidelibus@smgcc.org

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