

March 2019

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

In reviewing March 2018 newsletter I noticed that I announced the launching of a SMGCC.org website. Thanks to **MEMBER**, Andrew Romanek, for revamping and continuing to update the new site. It has been extremely well received and has generated several inquiries from prospective members who were introduced to SMGCC via the website during the past year. **MEMBER** Suzanne Caplenor, as editor, has improved communications by continually updating our Facebook page with pictures of past, and information on, upcoming events.

February was a wonderful month both socially and golf-wise! Thanks to **MEMBER** Richard Spangler for suggesting the beer tasting event. Thanks to **MEMBER** Chris Collins for lead in organizing the Super Bowl Golf Tournament that attracted 104 participants. Thanks to **MEMBERS** Andy and Tara Tucker for moderating another hugely popular Trivia Night.

There is a dinner club that gathers every other month. February's was hosted by **MEMBERS** Larry and Barbara Burns. Various members host the dinner club by working with Club Manager and Chef to select the menu items. An email is sent to detail the upcoming event's date and menu choices. If you are not on the distribution list to receive these, and would like to join the March 23rd event, contact the business office and you will be added to the email list.

A little known activity at the club is stretch class. **MEMBER** Pixie Lanham leads those who can come - Wednesday & Friday at 10AM for an organized hour of stretching. Best part, besides stretching those little used muscles, it's free.

A BIG "THANK You" to **MEMBERS** David O'Neal, Haven Burns and Dean Hogue for supplying the Tournament Schedule Magnets. A great reminder of events every time one goes to the fridge!

By now you have noticed the above activities revolve around SMCCG members becoming involved and taking ownership. Almost all activities at our club require **MEMBER** initiative. Whether it's a scotch tasting, Book Club, Bingo, or house decorations for Holidays.

There are other members that should be mentioned as volunteers and committee members. Although not named in above examples, THANK YOU for your contributions.

For a small club, we need membership involvement to succeed. Club management needs to know what members want, and most importantly, what you are willing to support. To strengthen this aspect, especially as it relates to younger members, I am forming a President's Advisory Committee to reach out to others in the club. This committee's function will be to solicit ideas on activities. It will also investigate ways to improve communications, and to identify and develop future leaders of our club. **MEMBER**, Jon Westcott, has volunteered to head this committee, and I am excited about it's potential.

Check out the March Newsletter calendar for upcoming social and golfing events.
May February rain bring March SUNSHINE!

See you at OUR club,
Jeff

Note from the General Manager

Thank you all for your supporting the February member events at the Club. The Beer and Wine Tastings were a big success helping us place new items on our tap's and wine list. Our Valentines' Day Dinner sold out with 84 in attendance, Thank you! The Bananas Foster Action Station was very well received and Chef Bob and team put out a wonderful select menu.

This month we will be rolling out our new dinner menu and wine list. The dinner menu will feature club favorites and new items including Vegan appetizers and entrees that members have been asking for. New for SMGCC is our "Nitrogen Wine System" that will enable us to offer better wines by the glass without the wine degrading.

For March we will be hosting a "Bourbon and Dry Aged Steak" dinner featuring three bourbon Mash-Bill levels and our in-house Dry Aged NY Strip Beef. Dry aging beef brings unique tenderness and bold rich flavor not found in wet aged beef. Look for the email notifications for the event and book early. This event is limited to 36 attendees.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to ongoing club dining and tasting events to match the seasons.

Best,
Joe Fidelibus, General Manger

General Manager



Out of the Rough

I'll be honest... February has been rough. With over 13.16" of rainfall during the month we've had some difficulty establishing a schedule and sticking to it. That said, we've been very productive. Here are a few accomplishments and a few items that are still on the list for early March.

The St. Charles Practice Facility renovation is coming along nicely. On top of the 13.16" rain in February, we had 7.73" rain in January. This has made progress difficult but we've kept pushing forward as much as possible. We are within a couple days' work of sodding around the putting surface, seeding the new green and pouring concrete for the new synthetic tee line. As these areas now require "fine grading", we need good weather to complete those assignments. You simply cannot finely grade mud. The facility should really come together by mid-month. The green should be seeded within this time frame as well. We are still on pace to have all areas open by May.

Many thanks to those of you who helped make this project a reality. If you are still considering a donation this is 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.

Pre-emerge is being applied to Tees, Fairways and some Roughs. You'll notice a blue dye in treated areas and the occasional irrigation cycle to water the product into the soil.

Crepe Myrtles have been pruned and ornamental grasses have been cut back around the clubhouse.

Course blankets have been removed from green surrounds and other areas of the course sensitive to winter kill injury.

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

The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for February 2019.

Welcome To:

Gregory Murdick (Full), Electrical Engineer with Sachs Electric Company, and wife Amanda and children Andrew (12) and Leah (10)

Warren Wells (Junior), AVP Government Affairs at UNUM, and wife Jessica, an Agency Service Manager with Allstate, and son Walker (7)

Golf News

The golf season has started slowly with all of the rain in January and February, but hopefully some nice weather is just around the corner. The golf shop will begin receiving the newest equipment offerings from Titleist, Ping, Callaway, Odyssey, and Scotty Cameron. The shop should also be receiving new apparel and footwear lineups from FootJoy in the coming weeks. Please stop by to check out the new stuff.



We will also be taking orders for the Titleist ProV1 Loyalty Rewarded Program. This is a great way to stock up on the best balls in golf for the upcoming season. For the first time, Titleist is offering the ProV in white and yellow as well as the AVX in white and yellow in the program. If you have never participated in this program, it is Buy 3 Dozen, Get 1 Dozen Free. This includes free personalization.

The tournament season is upon us, and you do not want to miss an opportunity to sign up for the 2019 Tournament Program. The Tournament Program is a way to prepay, at a deeply discounted rate, for a number of events on the tournament schedule. The Tournament Program includes 13 different events for the low price of \$200. It would cost \$430 to pay for all of these events individually. We also have a discounted rate for ladies at just \$75. The program cost can be paid all at once or split up over two different billing cycles.

Upcoming Events

March 2	Mountain Mule
March 30	Super Skins/Shootout #1
April 13	Glow Golf
April 13 or 14	Master's Blind Draw
April 18	Ladies Opening Day
April 19	Couples Golf Begins
April 24	One Day Member-Member/Member-Guest
April 27	Putting Tournament
May 4-5	Member-Member



SMLGA News

Rain, rain, go away! Ladies Opening Day is just a month away! In the meantime, plan on joining the ladies in the Main Bar or Dining Room for lunch and games on Thursdays in March.

Welcome to new member, Barbara Burns! All ladies of the club interested in golf are invited to join the Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association. Mail your 2019 membership dues of \$40 to Susan Stuart, 22 Cool Springs Road.

The SMLGA yearbook will be published electronically this year, 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

If you have been watching the golf tournaments on TV you know that the new rules are now in effect! This 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.





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All Things Social

February featured several fun filled activities at the club. The month kicked off with 64 participants tasting various beers with “Base Camp Blonde” being deemed the winner. A big thanks to Rich Spangler for spearheading this event. The Winter Wine Tasting proved to be a delightful afternoon for 26 participants sampling choice Chilean wines. The month ended with the team Row Your Boat winning Trivia Night. The team consists of Rich and Ashley Spangler, Warren and Jessica Wells, Woody and Meredith Hamilton and Pendell Meyers. The younger members ruled the afternoon for Bingo. Congratulations to the following winners, Forbes and Finley Burnette, Grayson and Nylene Streeter, Austin Guth and Walker Wells.

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, March 21st

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

Thursday, April 18th

6 PM in the President’s Room
April Selection: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens



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.

March will be a busy month with spring break occurring for both public and private schools. The last Trivia night will take place on Saturday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m. and Family Bingo on Sunday, March 31st at 4:00 p.m. Both events will return again in the fall.

If you missed the opportunity to chase a glowing golf ball under the stars in the fall of last year, you will be excited to know that Glow Golf will return on Saturday, April 13th. Plan now and get your team together. The number of teams will again be limited. See you at the club.



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2 Mountain Mule Private Breakfast Meeting Ballroom 9:30am Private Dinner President's Room 5:30pm
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 Private Party Ballroom 7pm	9
10 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	11 Club Closed	12 Family Night Kids Eat Free	13	14 Private Dinner Meeting President's Room 6pm	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16 Bourbon Dinner Ballroom 6pm
17 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	18 Club Closed	19 Family Night Kids Eat Free	20 Private Luncheon Ballroom	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 Private Breakfast Meeting Ballroom 8am	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						

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed	2 Family Night Kids Eat Free	3	4	5 Chef's Dinner Specials	6 Dinner Club Ballroom 6pm
7 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Private Luncheon Grill 11am Private Party Ballroom 5pm	8 Club Closed	9 Family Night Kids Eat Free	10 Private Dinner Meeting President's Room 6pm	11 Private Dinner Meeting President's Room 6pm	12 Chef's Dinner Specials	13 Glow Golf @ Dark Master's Blind Draw
14 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Master's Blind Draw	15 Club Closed	16 Family Night Kids Eat Free	17	18 SMLGA Opening Day 9am Book Club 6pm	19 Chef's Dinner Specials Couple's Golf Begins	20
21 Easter Brunch	22 Club Closed	23 Family Night Kids Eat Free	24 One Day Member- Member/Member-Guest Dogwood Luncheon Ballroom 11:30am	25	26 Chef's Dinner Specials	27 Putting Tournament
28 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	29 Club Closed	30 Family Night Kids Eat Free				



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
Closed during March

Main Dining Room & Bar
Tuesday - Thursday: 11am - 9pm
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm
Sunday: 9am - 8pm

Men's Card Room
Tuesday - Thursday: 11am - 8pm
Friday - Sunday: 8am - 8pm

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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