

October 2019

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

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## President's Message

This month's **BIG THANK YOU** goes to **Ray Boaz and David (Goat) O'Neal**.

Ray spent many hours in his shop to make 15 wooden ball boxes for range balls, and David inscribed the Logo on each box.

Thanks also to **Mike Wood and Bruce Chambers** who worked as Elves in Ray's workshop!

Speaking of Elves, we are into fall and Holidays in the not too distant future. For this year's Employee Christmas Fund, we are changing the way we collect the funds. This year, we are requesting a donation of \$50 from each membership that will be included on the November 30th statements. For those would like to increase or decrease the suggested amount, a form is provided in this newsletter. One will also be mailed and will appear again in the November newsletter.

Finally, the Annual Meeting will be October 24th at 6:30 PM. We will review 2018, 2019 year to date and needs

for continued improvement. Board members to serve in 2020 will be elected. The slate of candidates for officers and directors appears in this newsletter. It will be mailed to members and posted throughout the clubhouse. We hope to see everyone at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, absentee voting will begin October 18th. Ballots will be located in the pro shop. My thanks to David Cates and the Nominating Committee and, especially to those who stepped up to the plate to be on our Board.

See you at OUR club,  
Jeff



## Note from the Club Manager

Well fall has arrived, but someone forgot to tell mother nature. The pool will remain open through the warm season and we will do our best to staff with an attendant on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. The Chef's and social committee are hosting a Halloween Party for the kiddo's packed with lots of ghoulish fun and food on Sunday October 27th. There will be fun stuff for kids of all ages.

Looking forward to November we start up Trivia Night on Friday 11/1. Andy will again challenge our brains and seating is limited to 96, 12 teams of 8. Food and beverages will of course be available throughout the evening. Don't forget about our Thanksgiving Day Buffet at the Club and Thanksgiving Take & Bake for those having family in at home. Take & Bake is a real time saver and you take all the credit!

If you are planning a Holiday Party of any size, please check out the Club as one of your options but hurry prime dates are filling up. Save the Date for NYE too!

See you at the Club soon,  
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager.

*General Manager*



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

*Welcome To:*

Nick Carden (Junior), Manager at Elliot Davis and wife Shelby, VP of Accounting & Treasury at Grace Financial Services

Don Curtis (Full), Director of Facilities at The Baylor School, and wife Tina, VP & FADP Performance Manager at Merrill Lynch

Darric Miller (Junior), Entrepreneur Vaga Sales, Inc., and wife Yomaira (Bookkeeper) and children Ariana (8) and Giuliana (5)



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## All Things Social

Another cornhole tournament is in the books for 2019. A big thanks to all the competitors, the members who loaned us boards and Joe and his staff for good food and great service. Chris Collins and Dax Branam retained their title as the SMGCC cornhole champions. Gary Lindsey and his son Justin captured second place and new competitors Trey and Lindsay Stansell came in third. Sunday, September 15th, 20 women played in the last 9 & Wine for this year. Ladies of the club have requested to have this event planned for the summer months in 2020.

Fall is in the air, finally. The lower temperatures will hopefully be a little more conducive to our scheduled events. Support breast cancer efforts by attending functions at the club on October 6th and the 11th. Get a good night's sleep on Friday the 25th and be ready to stay up late and join us for a round of Glow golf. Due to a conflict with the MEF, we have moved from Friday, October 25th to Saturday, October 26th. Contact the pro shop early to secure a spot for your team. To wrap up the month of October the club will host a Kids Halloween Party at 4:00 on Sunday, October 27th. Kids will paint pumpkins, play games (pin the spider on the web, etc.) enjoys treats and fun activities. Sign up now for your children to attend.

November and December will be very busy months with upcoming holidays and sports events. We will kickoff the month with the return of Trivia on Friday, November 1st. Due to the popularity of this event you need to sign up your team early. Remember, teams consists of 8 players. See you at the club!

## SMGCC Book Club

### **Thursday, October 17**

6 pm in the President's Room  
October Selection: *Next Year in Havana*, by Chanel Cheeton

### **Thursday, November 21**

6 pm in the President's Room  
November Selection: *Tell Me a Story: My Life* with Pat Conroy, by Cassandra King Conroy

### **Thursday, December 12**

Christmas Party & Ornament Gift Exchange  
6pm at the home of Liz Hedges

Cassandra King Conroy, Pat Conroy's widow, will speak at the Southern Lit Alliance on Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm. Tickets for her Chattanooga appearance are now available at southernlitalliance.org and several of the Lit Sisters plan to attend.

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 or if you would like to be added to the email group.

**Annual Meeting October 24 at 6:30pm in ballroom**



**Ballot for Officers and Directors**

**President:** Arch Trimble

**Vice President:** Rob Pearse

**Secretary:** David Marks

**Treasurer:** Andrew Ruffner

**Directors:** Kirk Burns  
Chris Collins  
Chad Sikes



# Happy Holidays

Dear Member,

Every year the club distributes a Holiday Bonus to our employees, and the holidays are fast approaching! This bonus goes to everyone: the guys in the golf shop and those who serve your drinks and food, as well as those who work behind the scenes on the grounds crew and kitchen, maintenance, cleaning, and office staffs.

For your convenience we have established a suggested contribution of \$50.00. **Your account will be charged \$50.00 on the November 30th statement, unless you return this letter to the business office by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> indicating a different contribution amount.**

Thank you for showing your appreciation for, and generosity to, your club employees.



Instead of \$50.00,

I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member number \_\_\_\_\_



## Out of the Rough

Fall is officially here! As you know September was an historic month. We received a whopping .19" of rainfall and set numerous records for daily high temperatures. With October upon us, we can look forward to some cooler mornings, lower humidity levels and the onset of dormancy in our warm season turfgrass. That's wonderful. However, October is historically our driest month of the year. Those of us looking for some drought relief are probably out of luck.

Speaking of dormancy... The turf will lose its ability to recover from stress. This means you may see a few "Cart Path Only" or "Course Closed" days. This is due to the simple fact that any damage sustained this time of year will not recover until May.

Heights of cut have been raised on all surfaces except greens. This allows for greater traffic tolerance and enhances the turf's ability to withstand cold temperatures. Think of it as giving our soil a fluffy blanket for the winter. The end game is a reduction in winter kill and a speedy green up come spring.

We continue to spray premerge herbicide on fairways, tees, approaches and some areas of the rough. Given the poor coverage of our irrigation system, we coordinate application of these products with natural rainfall. During these times, please pardon our sense of urgency to complete the job.

Given the severity of our drought, we will need to seed several areas in our rough this fall. You will notice some of these areas being roped off. Please obey traffic controls and temporary restrictions in these areas as we work to improve conditions around the course.

See you on the course!  
Pat



# Golf News

## Golf News

The fall season is hopefully around the corner, but until then we have experienced some wonderful, hot weather. The golf course is hard and fast but still in great condition. The greens are nearly perfect after the early aerification. We hope to see you all using the golf course as much as possible over these next few great weather months.

## September Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners of our September Events:

Shootout Finale- Kyle Wittler

Kistler Cup- MaryEllen Cook

Parent-Child – McDaniel, Guth, and Helle

## Titleist Fitting Day

Titleist has released its 2020 Line of Irons, Hybrids, and Utility Irons. They have also released a new low spinning driver as well as a new driver for slower swing speeds. All of the new items are excellent and can fit any range of golfer. The Titleist Tech Rep will be here on Friday, October 18th with the entire line-up for fitting appointments. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to schedule an appointment.

## Upcoming Events

October 11- “Pink Out” Couples Golf (Benefitting the Susan G. Komen Foundation)

October 18- Titleist Fitting Day

October 19- Superintendent’s Revenge

October 23- One Day Member-Member / Member Guest

October 24- Ladies Closing Day

October 26- Glow Golf

December 6- Golf Shop Christmas Party/Roulette Sale

*Golf News*





# SMLGA News

September felt like a typical August, and the dry conditions gave our tee and fairway shots extra roll which makes for interesting golf! Or, as the ladies say “Forest Gump Golf” because you never know what you are going to get. The ladies just go with the roll!

The ladies held their annual Shootout on August 29th, and the 2019 winner was Debbie Durham and Jean Cates finished as runner-up.

Our Kistler Match Play Tournament is always a fun event and was played September 17th thru 20th of this year, and on the last day we celebrated with our Awards Luncheon. Good food, fun and laughter on the deck created a party atmosphere as prizes were handed out to all the winners. We have been dubbed “The Swinging Sisters”!

Kistler Match Play Winner: Maryellen Cook & Lynne Marks, Runner-up  
Consolation Bracket Winner: Chee Chee Allen & Doris Chambers, Runner-up  
First in the “Gotta Win Something” Tournament was Pat Herring with 2nd going to Sylvia Friedl.

The “Swinging Sisters” have one more month to play. Closing day is our Halloween Black Cat 9 Hole Select Shot on October 24th. We will collect our annual donation to the Signal Mountain Social Services, so bring your checks or cash. Following golf there will be a luncheon and the election of officers. Sign up for play in the Ladies Lounge.





# September at SMGCC



2019 Shootout Finale  
Kyle Wittler - Winner  
Ray Boaz - Runner-up

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Family Night Kids Eat Free	2	3	4 Chef's Dinner Specials	5
6 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm More than Pink Cocktail Party 6-8pm	7 <b>Club Closed</b>	8 Family Night Kids Eat Free	9	10 Private Dinner Mtg President's Room 6pm	11 Chef's Dinner Specials Couple Golf Pink Out 5:30pm	12
13 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	14 <b>Club Closed</b>	15 Family Night Kids Eat Free	16	17 Book Club 6pm	18 Chef's Dinner Specials Titleist Fitting Day	19 Superintendent's Revenge
20 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	21 <b>Club Closed</b>	22 Family Night Kids Eat Free	23 One Day Mem- Mem/Mem-Guest	24 SMLGA Closing Day & Luncheon SMLGA Annual Mtg 6:30pm Ballroom	25 Chef's Dinner Specials	26 Glow Golf
27 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Children's Halloween Party Ballroom 4pm	28 <b>Club Closed</b>	29 Family Night Kids Eat Free	30	31		

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2 Trivia Night
3 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	4 <b>Club Closed</b>	5 Family Night Kids Eat Free	6	7	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9
10 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	11 <b>Club Closed</b>	12 Family Night Kids Eat Free	13	14 Private Dinner Meeting President's Room 6pm	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16
17 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	18 <b>Club Closed</b>	19 Family Night Kids Eat Free	20	21 Book Club 6pm	22 Chef's Dinner Specials Thanksgiving Buffet Reservation Deadline	23
24 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Cancellation Deadline for Thanksgiving Buffet	25 <b>Club Closed</b>	26 Family Night Kids Eat Free	27	28 Thanksgiving Buffet 11am – 4pm	29 Chef's Dinner Specials	30



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 - 9pm  
Sunday Closed

**Main Dining Room, Bar & Deck**  
Tuesday - Thursday: 11am - 9pm  
Friday - Saturday: 11am - 10pm  
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

## Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

### Board of Directors 2019

#### OFFICERS:

Jeff Caplenor, President  
Rob Pearse, Vice-President  
Andrew Ruffner, Treasurer  
David Marks, Secretary  
Mike LeVan, Past-President

#### DIRECTORS:

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Pixie Lanham  
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