December 2019

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

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President's Message

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As 2019 is nearing an end, as well as my 2 year term as SMGCC President, I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to the following:

1. The last two Boards for their support and direction for our club.
2. The Managers and every employee for your untiring work in making members' experiences enjoyable at the club.
3. All committee members for your time and talents in making our club an enjoyable place to be.
4. Last, but not least a BIG THANK YOU to all members of SMGCC for your participation and support in our club.

A famous quote by author & theologian, D. Elton Trueblood: *"A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit."*

Over the last 2 years, we have planted many "trees" at SMGCC. I am certain the incoming Board under President Arch Trimble's leadership will not only nurture those planted, but plant many more in the next two years.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See you at YOUR club, Jeff

To the membership:

Effective January 1, 2020, including the December monthly statement, all credit card usage will incur an additional 3.5% processing fee.
To avoid this processing fee, members may still choose:

1. For those who bank online, you can still pay online.
2. Use a bank draft to pay. ACH costs the club very little
3. Pay by check.

These fees are now generally accepted by merchants everywhere and the move allows us to better position our resources as we move forward.
This move by the board will also eliminate any dues increase for the following year.
Regards,
The SMGCC Board of Directors

Note from the Club Manager

General Manager

Happy Holiday's! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and are ready (or not) for Christmas and the New Year.

Once again it is the time of the year when Santa visits SMGCC. See the Santa Visits article in this month's newsletter. NYE Celebration at the Club is something you want on your schedule. Food and Fun for all. Further information in this month's newsletter. Reserve early to secure a table.

Donna Morrison and crew have once again decorated the Club beautifully for the Holidays a big special thanks to Donna and her décor volunteers.

Trivia and Family Bingo start back up beginning in January. Saturday January 11th with Trivia and Sunday January 12th for Family Bingo. Watch for the email blast for each event.

Just a note, the Club will be very busy with events during December. Please make a reservation for dining so we can have a table ready for you and your family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager.

All Things Social

November featured the last Trivia Night of 2019. A special thanks to Andy and Tara Tucker for making this event such a success. Thank you to all the members who attended and participated. The winning team, Team Neslin, consisting of Drew & Camila Neslin, Shelley & Kendall Brown, Will & Kristin Ford and Paul & Angela Larkins. Trivia Night will return on January 11th and Family Bingo the following day, January 12th.

December will bring the return of Santa's Visit to the club on Sunday, December 8th. Parents please make reservations early due to the expected attendance. Remember to be mindful of the size of your package, as well as the $20 limit. Gifts must be dropped off in the pro shop on or before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6th. (This event is for members and their families). Gifts must be wrapped with the child's first and last name printed clearly on the package. Each child should bring a book for Santa to take to Signal Mountain Social Services the night of the event. The month will come to a close with the New Year's Eve party. Our club was founded in 1922 and we want to invite you to ring in 2020 with us at a roaring 20's party. Make your reservations now and join in the fun.

As this year comes to an end, I want to give a special thanks to Social Committee members, Elizabeth Collins, Stephanie Divine, Meredith Hamilton, Pixie Lanham and Amy Russell. Thanks for all your hard work and creativity for the past two years.

See you at the club,

Naomi Lindsey
Social Committee Chairman

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, December 12
Christmas Party & Ornament Gift Exchange
6 PM at the home of Liz Hedges
610 Ohio Avenue
Please bring an appetizer or dessert of your choice to share and a $20 ornament(s) gift wrapped in Christmas cheer.

Thursday, January 16
6 PM in the President's Room
January Selection: ***Moloka'i*** by Alan Brennert

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.

Santa Visits SMGCC Sunday December 8th!

Once again. it is the time of year when Santa visits the Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club. We are asking that you bring a wrapped gift for each child. The child's first and last name must be clearly printed on the package and dropped off in the pro shop prior to Friday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m.

We are again stressing to you the parents to please limit the dollar amount to $20.00 and limit the size of the package as well (It is difficult for Santa to get all of those packages off the firetruck and into the club, even with the assistance of the firemen). In the spirit of giving each child will need to bring a book to the event to give to Santa to be distributed to the children of families served by Signal Mountain Social Services.

When: Sunday December 8th. Food will be served between 4:00-5:00. Santa arrives at 5:15

How: Make a reservation for everyone attending. Drop off a wrapped book for each child in the Pro Shop prior to Friday, December 6th at 3:00. ***Each child's first and last name*** must be printed on the package. **Note:** It is critical that we are precise with reservations, the list will be used as a checklist to ensure that we have gifts for all the children attending and that gifts are dropped off by the deadline.

Ring in the New Year at the Club

We have the answer, join us at the club for a Roaring 20's Party to celebrate our beginning in 1922. *Ring in 2020 while enjoying great food. Chef Jason will be featuring a wonderful Select Menu. Enjoy entertainment as we dance the night away.*

Cap off 2019 with a champagne toast at midnight. With a theme patterned after The Great Gatsby, this is an event you don't want to miss. Reservations must be received no later than Friday December 27th.

For reservations please email jfidelibus@smgcc.org

$125.00 per couple

Early Dining Option

Don't want to stay up late? Join us in the main dining room from 5:00-7:00 for early dining. Chef Jason will feature a delicious limited menu. $35 per person

Don't Miss Out on Family BINGO Night.

Join us for Family BINGO Night Sunday afternoon, January 12th at 4:30. Food and beverages will be available. A minimum of 20 attendees required for this event. Please reply to this email to make your reservation. Reservations deadline is Saturday at 8:00.
COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Get your team together and come out for Trivia Night on Saturday January 11th!

Teams can be as many or as few people as you would like and members are encouraged to bring friends & potential members!

We will have a Country Dinner Buffet for everyone to enjoy!

Country Dinner Buffet
$15
Assorted Salads
Country Fried Chicken
Baked Chicken
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes, Corn Casserole
Fried Okra, Pinto's and Corn Bread
Cobbler and Ice Cream
Full Bar Service Available

The buffet will begin at 6 PM and trivia will begin at 7 PM! The buffet is $15. You do not have to eat to play! The trivia is free and open to all members (and their guests). There will be prizes for winning teams!

RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!
This has been a sold out event every time!
Feel free to reply to this email to make your reservation!

Out of the Rough

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. This is a great time of year for us to get a little time off and recharge our batteries. That being said, the golf course maintenance team is still hard at work on the course.

We have completed bunker renovation work on the 1st and 2nd holes. We are now dedicating almost 100% of our time to leaf removal. It is my goal to have leaf removal completed by Christmas each year. Thanks to a couple significant rain events in late November, we are actually ahead of schedule this year.

Winter brings a few changes to the availability of the course. Here are a few things to keep in mind while planning your round of golf this winter.

-Course restrooms may be closed. Look for signs posted or speak with pro shop staff.

-Frost delays and course closures will be common. Please call ahead to confirm your start time.

-You MUST check in with the golf shop prior to using the course, putting green or short game.

-All play must start on #1 unless approved by the golf shop.

-Course Closed means Course Closed. This includes cart paths, tees, greens, rough, etc. This is done for your safety and the health of the Turf.

-When necessary, closure signs will be posted at the 1st tee, 10th tee and practice facilities. Those in violation of course closures will be referred to the Board of Directors.

-Cart Path Only Restrictions will increase in frequency.

-Turf blankets will be used when temps are consistently below freezing. This may result in holes being closed; particularly on the back 9.

See you on the course!
Pat

Christmas Sale

Friday, December 6th from 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Spin the Roulette Wheel to get Discounts on your Merchandise
Complimentary Light Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, and Wine will be served
Remember: All Shop Credits must be used by December 31st

Stop in the golf shop to check out our latest merchandise. We have a wide selection of logoed outerwear from Sun Mountain, Donald Ross, and Footjoy. These are great pieces to add to your wardrobe for the winter months. We have Titleist ProV1's AVX Golf Balls on sale for $40 per dozen.

Keep the club in mind when looking to fulfill some Christmas List items for loved ones. Also remember that shop credits expire at the end of the year.

Don't forget to purchase your 2020 Prepaid Golf Rounds. Members can purchase up to 6 prepaid rounds at the price of $50 plus tax. This can save you more than $170 when purchasing and using all 6 rounds. Sign up for your prepaid rounds in the Golf Shop.

Plans are underway for 2020 and we are diligently working to make next year a fun and exciting golf season. Go ahead and mark your calendar for the 2020 Mountaineer July 24-26. The tournament schedule will be available in mid to late January and details about upcoming events will be published.

-Paul

SMLGA News

Season's Greetings & Happy Holidays!

Our golf season has ended, but there are usually opportunities to play golf during the winter. On Tuesdays if the temperature is 50 degrees or above and no rain, call the pro shop by 8:45 to sign up for play at 9:30. Otherwise, on fair weather days you may like to get a tee time of your own and continue to enjoy the golf course over the next few months.

Members of the Ladies Golf Association are invited to the SMLGA Christmas Tee on Thursday, December 12th, 10AM-12PM, at the home of Maryellen Cook at 1900 East Brow Road. Just bring yourselves, festive food and drink will be served by the hosting committee. Please carpool if possible as parking is limited.

Other Upcoming Dates:
December 5 at 11:30am - Lunch & Planning Meeting for the 2020 Season at SMGCC
January Board Meeting - TBA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Private Party Ballroom 6pm	**2** **Club Closed**	**3** Family Night Kids Eat Free	**4** Private Party Ballroom 6pm	**5** Private Party President's Room 5:30pm	**6** Chef's Dinner Specials Private Party President's room 11:30am Golf Shop Christmas Party 6-8:30pm	**7**
8 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Private Luncheon Ballroom 12:15pm Santa's Visit 4pm	**9** **Club Closed**	**10** Family Night Kids Eat Free Private Party President's Room 6pm Private Party Ballroom 6pm	**11**	**12** SMLGA Christmas Tee 10am – 12pm @ Maryellen Cook's Book Club Christmas Party 6pm @ Liz Hedges'	**13** Chef's Dinner Specials	**14** Private Party Main Bar 2:30pm
15 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	**16** **Club Closed**	**17** Family Night Kids Eat Free	**18**	**19**	**20** Chef's Dinner Specials	**21** Private Party President's Room 2pm Private Party Ballroom 6pm
22 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	**23** **Club Closed**	**24** **Club Closed**	**25** **Club Closed**	**26**	**27** Chef's Dinner Specials Private Party President's Room 6pm	**28**
29 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	**30** **Club Closed**	**31** New Year's Eve Dinner & Party Reservations Required				

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **Club Closed**	**2**	**3** Chef's Dinner Specials	**4**
5 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	**6** **Club Closed**	**7** Family Night Kids Eat Free	**8**	**9** Private Dinner President's Room 6pm	**10** Chef's Dinner Specials	**11** Trivia Night 7pm
12 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm Family Bingo 4:30pm	**13** **Club Closed**	**14** Family Night Kids Eat Free	**15**	**16** Book Club President's Room 6pm	**17** Chef's Dinner Specials	**18** Dinner Club Ballroom 6pm
19 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	**20** **Club Closed**	**21** Family Night Kids Eat Free	**22**	**23**	**24** Chef's Dinner Specials	**25**
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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 - 8pm
Friday: 11am - 9pm
Saturday: 11am - 8pm
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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