

January 2020

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

Membership:

Happy New Year! Welcome to the start of fresh beginnings and old friends.

First off, let me say Thank You for allowing me to represent you as the President of Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club for the next two years. Since I came on the board at the start of 2019, we have made a lot of really positive changes around the club. It has now been a year since we got our new Club Manager, Mr. Joe Fidelibus and most recently our new Executive Chef, Mr. Jason Luse. Both men have done a fine job and are really excited about some new ideas we have moving forward. In keeping with the new ideas and fresh beginnings theme, I want to spend a moment talking about a need facing our club. We have invested in better food quality, service and organization in our club but we have an aged building that is in desperate need of a facelift at the very least. A huge majority of what makes our club great is its membership and laid back attitude and that will never change. However, in order to attract new young families to our club, we have to freshen up the atmosphere and modernize what has been a really great home for decades. I would like to make a more modern clubhouse a major goal over the next two years. I want to be very transparent about all workings of our club so don't hesitate to stop and ask me.

Pat Rose and Paul Helle have both done a fantastic job with their respective parts of the golf operation. I must admit I have known Paul since he worked in carts at CGCC 17-18 years ago and I'm truly grateful to have such a good man running our shop. On top of that, he had an amazing year in the pro shop and is greatly appreciative of new ideas from members. In addition, I think we all appreciate how much Pat and his staff does for us. Pat has undertaken some serious projects in the last couple years in helping KingCollins Design rebuild the practice facility as well as the new bunker work on holes 1 and 2. Thank both of them for their dedication when you see them. Better staff makes our club experience that much more satisfying.

In closing I want to say again how appreciative I am of the opportunity to lead this great club and also a huge thanks to Jeff and Suzanne Caplenor for their leadership in the last two years. SMGCC owes both of you a debt of gratitude.

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Note from the Club Manager

It's 2020 and we're off to a great start for winter fun. Pasta Family Night will resume on Thursday January 9th featuring Family Movie Night. Dinner begins at 5:00 with the Movie showing at 6:00. This Month's Movie will be SING. This will also be the "NEW" Kid's eat Free Night (children 8 and under).

2019 Was an exciting year for the Clubhouse with new social events, menus, improved staffing and service both in the house and pool and 2020 will bring even more social, family friendly events to enjoy.

Be looking in the newsletters and email blast upcoming events including monthly Trivia, Family Bingo, Easter Brunch including the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt, Kentucky Derby Party, Mother's Day Brunch and special Club dinners.

Thank you all for making 2019 fantastic and we're looking forward to an even greater 2020. Happy New Year!

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager.

General Manager



To the membership:

Effective January 1, 2020, 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



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All Things Social

What a year! I want to extend a very special thank you to Naomi and the rest of the Social Committee for all of your efforts in 2019. We ended the year with a memorable visit from Santa and a fabulous Roaring 20's themed New Year's Eve celebration! Thank you for all that you did to make the Club one filled with friendships and memories.

Make your reservations for Trivia Night on Saturday, January 11th. A big thank you to Andy and Tara Tucker for making this event such an enjoyable and successful evening! We will offer both a country buffet and full menu dining options for the evening. Trivia will begin at 7:00pm!

We hope that you can join us on Sunday, January 12th for Family Bingo Night. See you at 4:30pm!

Also, we will be introducing a new family evening on Thursday, January 9th. Paired with the new Family Pasta Night (kids under 8 eat free) on Thursdays we will offer a movie in the Ballroom for families to relax and enjoy. We will premiere Sing as our first movie viewing. Starting in February, movie nights will occur on the first Thursday of every month. Movies will start at 6:00pm. I hope that you will join us for this new tradition!

We're looking forward to another great year; filled with priceless memories and traditions!

Kathryn Trimble

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, January 23

(Please note date change.)
6 PM in the President's Room
January Selection: *Moloka'i* by
Alan Brennert

Thursday, February 20

6 PM in the President's Room
February Selection: *Olive, Again*
by Elizabeth Strout

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.



Katherine Powers



Christy Rose

Thank you!
to Fidelibus

The Employees of Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club thank you the members for your generous Christmas Bonus. We appreciate it greatly and wish you all a very healthy and prosperous 2020!

Jason

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THANK YOU!!
- Tyler Carmichael

Jose Reynaldo

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Christina
John

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Alyssa Eastwood

ALVARO

Mauricio
Angela Morrow

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Eloise Grant

Clanna Queen
Mario Vasquez

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Thank you
-Deena



***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

Out of the Rough

The golf course maintenance team would like to thank you for generously donating to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your gift is appreciated and enhances the lives of many families. We also want to thank outgoing President, Jeff Caplenor for his service to the Club over the past 2 years. The course has continued to improve each year and we couldn't do it without the support of those who volunteer their time to serve.

2020 is here! The golf course has seen an unusually high volume of play over the past couple weeks with afternoon temperatures soaring well above normal. Looking ahead, the forecast remains exceptional. Please take advantage of the weather and enjoy a few rounds of winter golf. Even though afternoon temperatures have been outstanding, frost remains a common morning occurrence. I beg you to check in with the golf shop prior to using the course or practice facilities. We often have course closures, restroom closures and frost delays you will need to make yourself aware of. Checking in with the golf shop allows you to fully understand the day's conditions of play and prevent injury to yourself or the turf.

At the time of publication, the golf course had received 76.87" of rainfall in 2019. That is 13.96" above average. We evaluate course conditions each morning and make rulings related to use of golf cars, starting times and course closures. Decisions are always based on what is in the best, long-term interest of the golf course. During the winter, the turf is dormant and cannot recover from damage. That means we must always err on the side of caution.

Winter weather can prevent us from being productive out on the course. During those times, the team works hard on several indoor projects that enhance your golf experience come spring. Tee markers and other course accessories must be refurbished, the storage facilities get organized and our entire equipment fleet gets fully serviced. All these projects ensure a speedy and efficient start to the 2020 golf season. We also take advantage of this time to log a few continuing education credits with our local and national associations.

Happy New Year!
Pat



Golf News

Save Money on Prepaid Guest Rounds!

Do you plan to host golf guests at the club in 2020? If so, you can save up to \$180 with our 2020 Prepaid Guest Program. From now through February 29th all golf members may once again pre-purchase up to 6 guest rounds for use during the 2020 calendar year. Prepaid Guest Rounds can be purchased for \$50 each + tax. This is a \$20 savings on normal weekly rates and a \$30 savings on weekend rates. As an added bonus, these rounds will also include cart fees!

- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be purchased through February 29th, 2020.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2020 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after Dec 31st, 2020.
- 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.

Bring Your Guests and Only Pay the Outside Temperature!

For the months of January and February, Guests can enjoy a round of golf and only pay what the temperature is outside. Guests can check in up to 30 minutes before their Tee Time and pay the current outside temperature (in Fahrenheit) based on weatherbug.com's Nolan Elementary Weather Station. The temperature rate + tax includes the cart fee. Temperature rates cannot exceed our regular Guest Rates.

2020 Tournament Schedule

Be on the lookout for the release of the 2020 Tournament Schedule. We hope to have the Schedule done by middle of January and released shortly after that.

-Paul Helle



SMLGA News

Happy New Year!

On the 12th of December, the Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association enjoyed a festive day at the home of Maryellen Cook for our annual Christmas Tee. We munched on goodies and sipped holiday drinks while we visited and toasted Seasons Greetings to all. The highlight was a rousing rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas which brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

Now that we are well into the winter off-season, if the weather is uninviting for golf on Thursdays, let's meet in the Main Bar for games and lunch. If the weather is nice enough for golf, you may want to get a group and a tee time.

There will be a SMLGA Board Meeting in January. The date is yet to be determined and members will receive notification via email. Officers for the 2020 season are listed below.

President - Pixie Lanham

Past President - Deedee Raulston

Vice President - Debbie Durham

Secretary - Maryellen Cook

Treasurer - Susan Stuart

Board Members - Pat Herring & Maddie Williams

Par Quota - Sylvia Friedl, Chee Chee Allen & Dennie Taylor

Yearbook - Lynne Marks

Publicity - Suzanne Caplenor

Hospitality - Doris Chambers

SMLGA News



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

December brought the return of Santa Claus to the club on Sunday afternoon, December 8th. Children gathered to watch Santa's arrival, courtesy of the Walden Fire Department and crew members. 87 children sat on Santa's knee to receive a gift and share their Christmas wishes. 53 books were collected from the children for Signal Mountain Social Services to distribute to families in their Christmas boxes.

The New Year's Eve party brought 2019 to a close while members rang in 2020. The roaring 20's themed party celebrated our beginning in 1922, while enjoying a blast from the past. Great food was consumed while dancing the night away. Checkout the club's Facebook page and Instagram for some snapshots of the evening. January will bring the return of Trivia on the 11th and Family Bingo on the 12th.

2019 ends my role as Social Committee Chairman for the club. It has been my pleasure to plan events of interest to members and their families. Please continue to support and attends events in the new year.

See you at the club,
Naomi Lindsey

January 2020

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

February 2020

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| 16 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm | 17 Club Closed | 18 | 19 | 20 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club 6pm | 21 Chef's Dinner Specials | 22 |
| 23 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm | 24 Club Closed | 25 | 26 | 27 Family Night Kids Eat Free | 28 Chef's Dinner Specials | 29 |



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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