

May 2020

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

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President's Message

Members,

Sincere gratitude goes out to all of you for supporting your club during this unusual time. Although patience has never been one of my virtues, I have been astounded with how understanding our members have been for the last six weeks.

The sun is starting to come out and if you have played golf in the last week or so you have noticed that it is greening up quite nicely. With the better weather we also finally have some better news. Starting May 1, 2020 Gov. Lee has decided to lift his "Safer at Home" order and it will allow for gradual lifting of restrictions at our club. Since we will be able to open for service in the clubhouse, the food and beverage minimum will be reinstated May 1.

As this is a fluid situation, we ask that you hold tight and know that as soon as we have better guidance, you will too. Things will be different in certain aspects and we will still have some services limited until the health and safety of our families can be assured. Limited dining capacity, no sharing of carts outside households and social distancing are some things on the radar currently. Please know that as soon as it is reasonably safe we will have the pool and practice facilities back open as well. Our staff has been working very hard to clean the inside of your club and Pat's team is getting the course in great shape for your enjoyment.

Thank you again for sticking with us. We look forward to being a stronger club with some new ideas to keep you all entertained for the summer months.

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The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for April 2020:

Welcome To:

Ben Broome (Full), Certified Financial Planner Strategic Financial Partners, and wife Meri, Anesthetist ACE Anesthesia, and children Madeline (7) and Ladd (5)

Aaron DeLaughter (Junior), Consumer Insights Project Manager at McKee Foods, and wife Joli, Marketing & Sales at Practice Genius, and child Wesley (5)

Jordan Knight (Junior), Project Manager at Southern Spear Ironworks, and wife Mikaya Reynolds, Account Executive at Konica Minolta

Coy Miller (Full), Child Neurologist at Erlanger, and wife Rebecca (Attorney) and children Laughten (16) and Campbell (13)

Kimberly Powell (Student), Nurse, and husband Brian (TVA) and children Kynsie King (16), Caden King (18), Brighley Powell (19), Briant Powell (16), and Kennedy Watkins (10)

Gregory Reid (Social) retired, and wife Andrea (Attorney/Partner at Dechert LLP)

Shelby Walker (Full), Director of Bands at Signal Mountain Middle/High School and wife Shauna, Senior Administrative Assistant at UNUM, and children Bennett (8) and Whit (6)

Note from the Club Manager

Welcome Back to Clubhouse Dining

It has been a long six weeks not being able to see our members dining in the clubhouse. Until the state lifts the restrictions and rules on how restaurants are to operate, I want to make our membership aware of some important changes.

I want to wish all our Mothers and Grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day! Sunday May 10th the Club will be hosting Mother's Day Lunch featuring a Select Chef's Menu. Sadly, we will not be able to host a Buffet Brunch due to the current regulations. Seating is by RESERVATIONS ONLY and tables are limited to groups of six.

- Reservations will be required for Clubhouse dining due to the limited number of seats under the regulations. Please make your reservations by calling 423.886.5767 or by email at jfidelibus@smgcc.org.
- Adult beverage service will be available at your table.
- Tables are limited to a maximum of six. Please do not ask for tables to be grouped for seating more than six.
- Bars/Cardroom are closed until the regulations are lifted. Please, no members are allowed into the main bar for dining or otherwise. Access to the Cardroom will be only to access the men's locker room. Again, no congregating in the Cardroom.
- Golf beverages will be available from the Cardroom bar via the Grill. Please ring the Cardroom via the service button in the Grill and the server will help you with your beverage and dining needs
- The Grill will be open for dining as well as the patio. Again, ring the Cardroom for service.
- Sunday Brunch dining will be off menu as buffets are no longer allowed. A special Brunch menu along with our Clubhouse menu will be offered.
- We will continue with weekly special and family ToGo meals as long as the service is warranted.

SMGCC Pool

The pool will be opening Memorial Day Weekend Friday May 22nd with our Annual Memorial Day Celebration Monday May 25th. These are the pool regulations until the restrictions are lifted. We will not be hosting a cookout but complete plates of select menu items will be available along with full beverage service.

- With the limited number of guests allowed access to the pool will be by reservation only. A table or lounge chair will be reserved for your family's enjoyment. Currently members and their families only please. Guest's will be allowed back once the regulations are lifted.
- Your reservation will have a time limited of four hours Friday-Sunday to allow for members to enjoy the pool
- Beverage and meal service will be available at Ollies walk up window. The Cabana Bar will remain closed during current regulations. Place your order and a server will deliver your food to your table.
- Please do not relocate any tables or lounge chairs from their staged area. We must comply with the six feet rule in order to remain open.
- Parents are responsible for the children's activity around the pool maintain distance from others and while ordering from Ollies.

From all of us in dining room and kitchen services we say a big THANK YOU for your support with ToGo orders during our COVID-19 crises. Your support has kept many of our staff employed and for that we are sincerely grateful.

Welcome back!
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

General Manager





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All Things Social

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to Jason, Joe and the rest of the staff for their efforts in creating a wonderful Easter menu for our families to enjoy last month. They have been working tirelessly and we are so appreciative of all that they are doing to keep food service available to the membership.

As the Club starts to gradually reopen, we are hopeful to start scheduling social events for summertime. We are doing so cautiously, so the first social gathering we plan to host will be Mother's Day – with limited reserved seating in the Clubhouse. For those who would prefer to enjoy their meal at home, we will also offer Weekly Specials that can be ordered and taken To Go. Give mom a break in the kitchen and please contact Joe to place your order or make your reservation.

We had previously scheduled Ladies Pool Day for mid-May, but after much thought we have decided to move it to the end of summer/1st day of school year in the fall.

Lastly, we are still working on the details for Memorial Day Weekend Celebration and official pool opening. Please be on the lookout for further communication closer to time.

Stay well and I hope to see you and your families soon!
Kathryn Trimble

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, May 21

6 PM

May Selection: *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd

Thursday, June 18

6 PM The President's Room
(Hopefully)

June Selection: To be announced

In our April 16th meeting, the Lit Ladies "Zoombooked" *The Dutch House*, a novel by Ann Patchett, with great participation! We will probably do the same with *The Indigo Girl* in our May meeting to adhere to social distancing preventative measures.

In normal times, the Book Club meets on the third Thursday at 6 pm in the President's Room, with an open invitation to all the Ladies of the Club. If you would like to be added to the email group for future communications, **contact Lynne Marks by either a text to 423-902-0096 or email lymarks53@gmail.com.**



Out of the Rough

Spring has sprung and the golf course is as green as I've seen it this time of year. It is also as busy as I've seen it this early in the season. Coronavirus restrictions have been a challenge for everyone recently but I hope each of you will join me in congratulating Paul, Tyler and Jeff for their extra efforts. Facilitating a safe golf environment has been their top priority these past several weeks and their hard work as allowed us to remain open. As far as set up of the golf course goes, we anticipate inching closer to "normal" this month with incremental steps taken every couple of weeks.

Given recent weather, it's easy to forget that last summer we experienced a significant drought. We were 8.31" below average on rain for the months of July, August and September, 2019. This drought had a significant impact on our rough, which has no irrigation. Areas such as right of the 6th and between the 2nd and 4th holes have been seeded and are recovering nicely with improved spring temperatures. We want to promote bermudagrass in as many of these areas as possible so they are better equipped to handle traffic and drought-like situations.

With the start of golf season upon us, I'd like to start with a few reminders about cart traffic and provide a few maintenance friendly tips.

- Always check in with the golf shop
 - o This ensures your round is counted and that maintenance knows you are on the golf course. There are many blind shots on our golf course that put employees in danger.
- "Practicing" is the same as playing
 - o Employees will yield to you if they see you hitting a shot. They don't know you are just trying to get a couple practice holes in and this can cause them to get caught by those who behind you that have checked in to the golf shop with a tee time or scheduled game.
- Always rake tracks in a bunker
 - o Even if playing at sunset. We do not rake bunkers everyday...be kind to your fellow members who will come behind you today or the next morning.
- NEVER drive carts in tall grass areas
 - o We want to encourage birds and other animals to use these areas and cart traffic will scare them away.
 - o Tire tracks will matt down the turf and the unsightly tracks will remain visible for the entire summer.
- Mats Only means keep of the natural grass tee
 - o This includes hitting woods off of a golf tee.
 - o Even though you may not create a divot, the twisting of the feet kills new seedlings in divot recovery areas
- Always repair your ball mark!
 - o Ball marks repairs are performed by golfers, not golf course maintenance staff.
 - o Despite countless pieces of literature on the topic, ball marks continue to be a very relevant issue in today's game.

Patrick Rose
Golf Course Superintendent

Golf News

I am incredibly excited to get back to golf as we knew it. Hearing the ball drop into the cup, teeing it up with three buddies in a foursome, inviting a guest to come join you; the little things we once took for granted. I can't thank all of our members enough for the sacrifices you all have made over the last month and a half. It has been a wild ride for both members and staff, and the concessions made by everyone have made it as smooth as possible. As we transition back to normalcy, I would love for our membership to practice rules that we have put into place. Most importantly, the making of tee times. Everyone has been wonderful about calling ahead to schedule a tee time as opposed to just showing up to play. This helps us tremendously to get golfers out on the course in an orderly and timely fashion. Please continue to check in with the golf shop before teeing off. This helps us keep accurate number of rounds, and also lets us know where golfers are on the course if severe weather rolls in. Once again, thank you to all of our members for their sacrifices during this time.

Member Tournaments

We will continue to monitor guidelines regarding groups of people and will determine when a good time to start up our tournament schedule. We will do our best to make up as many missed tournaments as possible with the non-tournament playing members interest strongly considered. Please keep an eye out for emails updating tournament.

Golf Shop Merchandise

Now that the golf shop is back open, come by and see our latest inventory. We received a new shipment of FootJoy and Donald Ross shirts just before the golf shop closed as well as a new line from Turtleson. The Turtleson line is unique in the fact that they are logoed with the Club's old Mountain Man logo. If you have never seen this logo, please stop by and check it out as it is truly unique.

Golf News



SMLGA News

We have been dealing with the COVID-19 virus for at least 6 weeks now and many of us are more than ready to get out, although some of us may prefer a more cautious approach in returning to our routine. Each person will have to decide how they will proceed going forward during this continued time of uncertainty.

We will follow the guidelines put forth by the SMGCC Board regarding golf play, the practice facility and the Clubhouse. As you know, our club members span a wide age range, and some would be more affected by this virus than others. When the appropriate time comes, we will have our group golf and enjoy being together again.

In preparation for the SMLGA golf season, Pixie and Lynne are finalizing the draft of the yearbook. They are going to email the yearbook pages with members names, addresses, etc. for last correction. Please look over carefully and notify Lynne or Pixie of any changes.

Lynne Marks lymarks53@gmail.com

Pixie Lanham planham@epbf.com

Any current policy changes for the club will be sent out by email, so check often for updates to keep informed.

Please remember, Swinging Sisters, to check on each other during these most unusual times. Text messages, emails and phone calls are very important! Wash your hands and stay safe!



May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2
3 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	4 Club Closed	5	6	7 Family Night Kids Eat Free	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Club Closed	12	13	14 Family Night Kids Eat Free	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16
17 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm	18 Club Closed	19	20	21 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club 6pm	22 Chef's Dinner Specials Opening Pool Day TBD	23
24 Brunch Buffet 9am – 2pm 31	25 Memorial Day TBD	26 Club Closed	27	28	29 Chef's Dinner Specials	30

June 2020

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