

July 2020

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

Members,

Greetings and Welcome to Summer officially!

The last 30 days at SMGCC has certainly been eventful. To begin the month, we found out an employee tested positive for Covid-19. The clubhouse was closed to sanitize and we were back open in just a couple days. The employee has regained their health and their family remained virus free as well. Joe has been in constant contact with the Hamilton County Health Department and rest assured we are going above and beyond recommended measures to protect our membership. We have since had only one positive test that emanated outside SMGCC and was after the 14 day quarantine from the first positive test. The clubhouse was again deep cleaned and a thorough investigation was done to make sure that employee had not been in close contact with anyone else. We are doing everything we can to try and interrupt service as little as possible while maintaining the safety standards our members expect.

The pool and golf course have been packed lately and we are so happy to see our friends back using the club. Thanks again for practicing social distancing. To that end, we want to make sure we are preserving the experience for our members and since we have added dozens in the last few months, the Board of Directors has decided to raise the initiation for Junior members to \$3,000 and to raise the Full Golf membership to \$6,000. Currently, we are also not taking any more Social applications. It is important that we be serious in thinking about the quality of the product going forward so be on the lookout for some new ways to get involved.

A big Thank You to all members, family and friends that came out for the Celebration of Life for Robert "Lumber" Morrison, Jr. As most of you know, Lumber was a true SMGCC legend who brought back the Signal Invitational and was instrumental in the development of our Junior Golf program. He will truly be missed.

Finally, our golf season has ramped up and this past weekend we hosted our 2020 SMGCC Club Championship. Congrats to all the respective flight winners but a special Congrats to Mikey Feher as the Overall 2020 SMGCC Club Champion and Chris Collins as Low Net Champion. Great playing. The Handicap Committee will be in touch. Don't forget to sign up for the Malarkey Cup July 24-25th. There aren't many spots left and it's a fantastic members' only event that is generally hosted in the Fall.

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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 June 2020:

Welcome To:

John Barlew (Junior), Senior Manager at West Rock, and wife Lauren (Nurse Practitioner) and children Lucy (5) and Eleanor (2)

Christian Bauer (Full), VP at Volkswagen of America, and wife Besatriz (Tour Guide) and children Luig (18) and Marc (12)

Scott Bowen (Social), Pastor at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church, and wife Amanda and children Jack (13), Luke (12), Junie (9), and Violet (7)

Matt Carlson (Social), Real Estate Developer with Belterra Partners, and wife Juli (Preschool Teacher) and children Holt (5), Ann Carter (6), and Parker (11)

Daniel Cronk (Social), Bariatric Surgeon at Erlanger, and wife Carly and children Colin (19), Devin (16), Madelyne (9), and Graycen (7)

Mikey Feher (Junior), Financial Advisor with Lawson Winchester

David Foropoulos (Full), Investments Director of Research at UNUM, and wife Kerry (Nurse) and children Sarah (19) and Allie (17)

Raymond "Butch" Feher (Full) and wife Susan

Frank Ferguson (Social) Real Estate, and wife Mary (Teacher)

Roger "Rock" Haines (Full) Vice-President of Hand Family Companies, and wife Stacey (Sales Rep for Athens Distributing) and child Olive (1)

Andrew Holt (Junior), Commercial Realtor at Healy & Company, and wife Abigail (Finance Operations Manager at Ambiton) and child Whitt (1 ½)

Wesley Hughes (Junior), Medical Sales for Dentsply Sirona, and wife Renee (Pharmacist), and child Warren (1 ½)

Matt Hutz (Full), Investment Analyst UNUM, and wife Lisa and children Michael (11) and Eric (9)

Kurt Keene (Full), Zone Manager for D.G.Yuengling & Son, and wife Emily (Nurse) and children Cash (14) and M'Leigh (11)

Wendy Kelly (Social), Pharmaceutical Rep for Astrazeneca Pharmaceuticals, and husband Kyle, Investment Advisor at Tarragon Capital and children Madison (12) and Matthew (9)

E. Philip Lehman (Social), Physician at Chattanooga Heart Institute, and wife Emily and children Anna (7), Catherine (4) and Thomas (1 ½)

Brittany Matthews (Junior), Director of Implementation Unum, and husband Kevin (Underwriter) and child Grady (2)

Jordan Mauney (Junior) Auditor with Deloitte

Steve and Cathy McIntire (Full), both retired

Wes Mohney (Junior), Risk Manager/Deelopment Project Manager with Fletcher Bright Company, and Allie Eady, Talent Management with Signal Energy Constructors

Bob Nolan (Full), Sales with Sunrise Medical, and wife Jeannice

Kelley Obringer (Social), Nursing Professor at UTC, and husband Bruce (Chemical Engineer) and children Andrew (16) and Ella (13)

Ben Peppers (Full), Contractor, and wife Lana and children Samuel (10 ¾) and Lily (8 ½)

Mark K. Song (Full), Graphic Designer/Owner, and wife Nicole Le Anne (Fine Artist/Illustrator) and children Stella (5 ½) and Hope (2)

Ryan Swann (Junior), Learning Consultant with Unum, and wife Kathleen, Teacher at St. Peter's Episcopal School

William "Billy" Thomas (Junior), Anesthesiologist at Erlanger, and wife Georgia (account Manager Anthem Insurance) and children Anne (2 ¾) and William (9 months)

Joe Timberlake (Full), VP Operations Take Courage Coaching

Patrick Wells (Junior), CEO of Natural Stone Fabricator & Sales, and wife Mary Shelton (Dental Assistant) and children Hallie Grace (6) and Patten (2)

Note from the Club Manager

We are in full swing for the Summer!

We are so excited to see the membership back in the Clubhouse and Pool and look forward to serving you and your families during the Summer. Chef Jason has tailored the menu for the warmer days and nights with fantastic specials.

We are still doing family take-out including curbside service for those who want to keep their distance and of course deck and patio dining is a great option.

Dining Room reservations are strongly recommended especially if you are wanting Deck Dining. These tables are reserved quickly. At the Pool Macie is planning fun family events including Poolside Bingo. Check your SMGCC emails for upcoming events. If only one spouse is receiving our weekly emails let me know and I'll add another for distribution. You can email me at jfidelibus@smgcc.org.

Many of you have noticed a Cook-Out on the Patio each Saturday from 11-2. The cookout is not only for the golfers but anyone who wants to dine on great burgers, dogs and chicken sandwiches at a great value \$10 includes your sandwich, chips and a beverage (beer or soft drink).

Enjoy the Summer!

Welcome back!

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

General Manager





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All Things Social

Hello Summer! It's so nice to see everyone enjoying the club again. The pool is in full swing and even hosted family bingo last week. It was such a big success, we will schedule another event very soon. So plan to come out and join us again later this month.

Once again, I want to thank everyone, both the members and staff, for their continued patience and flexibility as we navigate activities and schedules. We hope to plan more social events as we move ahead and look forward to your families spending more time at the club.

See you soon,
Kathryn

SMGCC Book Club

The Lit Ladies meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm in the President's Room.

The July 16 book selection is:

The Wedding Dress by Danielle Steel.

Last meeting, our group got 'together' in the Ballroom (in order to better social distance) and discussed 'The Summer of 69' by Elin Hilderbrand. We had fun listening to the music of the era and reminiscing about where we were and what we were doing that summer.

If you would like to be added to the Book Club email group for future communications, contact Lynne Marks by either a text to 423-902-0096 or email lymarks53@gmail.com. Come join us!



Out of the Rough

Summer has officially arrived. With it, some of the stickiest air in the country has settled over Chattanooga. We have to be very careful this time of year as Bentgrass greens do not hold up well in hot, humid, wet growing conditions. You may notice a variety of techniques being utilized over these next 6-8 weeks to help our greens survive the stress of summer.

Venting: We will poke small 1/4" to 3/8" holes in greens every 14-21 days. This allows for a good exchange of gases and allows water to drain through the soil profile.

Less Mowing: We will cut greens less often in times of high heat, humidity or rainfall. This helps protect the turf from mechanical damage and allows the turf to conserve energy. Additionally, rainy / cloudy days reduce the amount of sunlight available to the turf. Less sunlight means less photosynthesis. Less photosynthesis means less energy. Increasing the surface area of leaf tissue helps maximize the plant's ability to absorb sunlight and make it through stressful times.

More Walk Mowing: Walk mowing greens takes about 3 times the labor but it allows us to cut the greens with lighter mowers that reduce compaction and scalping. Walk mowing greens means less labor is available for detail work such as weedeating, divot filling and raking bunkers but the priority should always be put on producing healthy turf.

As part of Covid-19 restrictions, we have been using the Practice Tee on weekends only. When the natural tee is in use, please utilize the technique illustrated below to help us maximize space.

See you on the course!
Pat



Golf News

The summer has arrived and I just hope that the weather remains as nice as it has been. The tournament season has started off nicely and is beginning to really crank up. We hope to continue to see some great tournament participation in the future.

Men's Club Championship Winners

Overall Champion- Mikey Feher	Overall Net Champion- Chris Collins
Senior Champion- Robert Divine	Super Senior Champion- Ray Boaz
1st Flight Winner- Andy White	1st Flight Net Winner- Bobby Perry
2nd Flight Winner- Ben Reese	2nd Flight Net Winner- Scott Pierce
3rd Flight Winner- Nick Bieter	3rd Flight Net Winner- John Friedl
4th Flight Winner- Ken Beckman	4th Flight Net Winner- Bobby Schubert

Driving Range

Please refrain from hitting balls over the net on the driving range. When balls clear the net, it creates a safety hazard for golfers on hole #7 as well as a major nuisance and hazard to the residents on the other side of #7. If you wish to hit drivers and are worried about flying them over the net, feel free to tank some balls to the back side of the far left and hit towards the right side of the driving range. The added length and elevation change should give most golfers adequate distance to hit their driver. First offenses will be given a verbal warning. Repeat violators are subject to loss of driving range privileges without a range fee refund, a fine, or both, at the Board's discretion.

Short Game Facility

The new short game area at the driving range has been a great addition to the club and continues to get significant use. Spending time practicing your short game is one of the best ways to quickly improve your scores on the course. With that being said, it is extremely important to properly maintain the short game area. When chipping, please make sure to clear the green of your practice balls when you finish. The green is also receiving large amounts of ball marks. Please take the time to repair ball marks on the short game green when you have completed your practice session. We have received new ball mark repair tools in the golf shop if you need one.

Pace of Play- 10 Best Practices

- 1. Play Ready Golf** - NOT Honors especially when others are not ready on the course or tee
 - 2. Play your shot** before assisting others in locating their ball
 - 3. Play Provisional Ball** to prevent from returning to previous shot or tee
 - 4. Read putts** when entering the green and while others are preparing to putt
 - 5. Putt out** when ever possible to avoid re-reading the line again
 - 6. Do Not be a spectator** - get your distance and be by your ball ready to play
 - 7. Pre-shot Routine** - speed up process or begin routine sooner
 - 8. Carts** - park closest to next tee and others should be preparing for their play
 - 9. Pace between Shots** - quicken the pace between shots not the shot itself
 - 10. Walkers** - yield to those in a cart; do not wait for a walker to get into position
- NOTE: Pace of play is about what we do before and during the shot; NOT the score. Always be aware of where the group is in front of you NOT behind you. Play moves forward, not backwards.**

Upcoming Events

July 4th- 4th of July Scramble / Shootout #2
July 10th-11th- Chattanooga Men's Metro @ SMGCC
July 24th-25th- Malarkey Cup



SMLGA News

The weather has been great, and as a result there has been a particularly good turnout for our Tuesday and Thursday play days. Are you thinking of trying some golf? Then come play with us a couple of times. If you like playing, you can join the group. We meet on the practice green at 9:15 am for announcements before the 9:30 tee time. Several ladies stay for lunch afterwards on the upstairs deck. Please sign up on the sheets that you will find on the the bulletin board in the ladies' lounge (phone # and email, too).

Beginning golfers to experienced golfers, all are welcome.

For more information contact Pixie Lanham at planham@epbf.com

The Chattanooga Women's Amateur Championship will be held at Black Creek Club during the month of July. The team play event will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. Teams from SMGCC are:

A Team: **Karen Burns, Debbie Durham, Michele Purchase and Bethany Burns**

B Team: **Deedee Raulston, Bonnie Hamilton, Linda Davis and Jean Cates**

C Team: **Sylvia Friedl, Amy Russell, Naomi Lindsey and Maryellen Cook**

Many of the ladies participate in this tournament every year at their expense. They play for the fun and satisfaction of participating against a field of competitors from all the local clubs, to further women's golf and support their Signal Mountain teammates. So, when you see them on our golf course, thank them for representing our club. We are immensely proud of them!



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Family Night Kids Eat Free	3 Chef's Dinner Specials	4 4 th of July Celebration 4 th of July Scramble/ Shootout #2
5 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	6 Club Closed	7	8	9 Family Night Kids Eat Free	10 Chef's Dinner Specials	11 Chattanooga Men's Metro @ SMGCC
12 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Chattanooga Men's Metro @ SMGCC	13 Club Closed	14	15	16 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club 6pm	17 Chef's Dinner Specials	18
19 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	20 Club Closed	21	22	23 Family Night Kids Eat Free	24 Chef's Dinner Specials Malarkey Cup	25 Malarkey Cup
26 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	27 Club Closed	28	29	30	31	

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



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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