

August 2020

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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## President's Message

Things are heating up. July was a scorcher of a month in terms of temperature and club usage. Most of you have seen how busy we are becoming during peak hours so be sure to practice social distancing and wear a mask inside the clubhouse. I know we may not all have the same opinion of the order from Mayor Coppinger but we still have to abide nonetheless. Please remind your children and guests of the policy to avoid any awkward exchanges.

With all the additional use at SMGCC, we have begun plans to look at upgrading the clubhouse. At the start of the year, I had stated my goal was to have this process undertaken during my tenure. Covid threw a wrench in it for a couple months but we seem to be on track and have heard our members' suggestions regarding the outdated appearance. Be on the lookout in the next number of weeks for our plan.

At the time of this writing, another large club in town has cancelled their Member Guest for the year. We thought by moving the Mountaineer to October that it would afford us the best opportunity to play. Although that is still our plan, we may not be allowed to have a traditional event and may have to make some modifications.

All that to say this: Thank you again for your continued support of SMGCC. We have a fantastic membership and staff that have made the best of a bad situation. We look forward to seeing you soon and eventually without a mask.

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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 July 2020:

*Welcome To:*

Ed Coach (Full), Bond Trader with Multi-Bank Securities, and wife Allison (home School Teacher) and son Ryan (9)

Christopher Jackson (Junior), Global Partner Enablement Manager at Genesys, and wife Sarah and children Steel (6), Ruby (4), and Isla (2)

# Note from the Club Manager

## It has been an interesting Summer!

**Please remember that face masks must always be worn when entering the facility and kept on unless dining.**

With so much up in the air with COVID-19 and members concerned about dining inside we want to remind everyone that Patio, Poolside and Deck dining is available every day for Lunch, Brunch and Dinner. Make your reservations in advance for the Deck and Pool as these venues book up quickly.

We are still doing family take-out including curbside service for those who want to keep their distance. Chef Jason has been offering Cool Summer Entrée Salads that are lite and healthy along with a hearty option as well. Call or email your orders in for Safe Curbside Pickup. 423-886-7565 option 3 for takeout or email me at [jfidelibus@smgcc.org](mailto:jfidelibus@smgcc.org)

Dining Room reservations are strongly recommended especially if you are wanting Deck Dining. These tables are reserved quickl.

Our next **Poolside Bingo** is Tuesday August 11th 6:30-8:00. **Do not miss this Bingo**, the Prizes will include SMGCC Beach Towels, Yeti style Wine Tumblers, Bottles of Premium Wine and more!

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](mailto:jfidelibus@smgcc.org).

Beginning in August with our College Students returning to school (at this point who knows) the Pool will continue to operate with a limited staff. Please place your food and beverage orders at Ollie's.

Stay healthy,

**Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager**

*General Manager*





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## All Things Social

It's so nice to see everyone's smiling faces at the club again. I hope that you and your families are enjoying spending time outside in these weeks of summer.

I want to extend a special thank you to Suzanne Caplenor and Donna Morrison for their efforts during the recent Malarkey Cup. Although the schedule of events was different than typical tradition, the gathering of friends was so enjoyable; and that's what the event and this club are all about. A big thank you to Suzanne and Jeff for all the years in creating such a unique member event.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for their continued patience and flexibility as we navigate social activities and schedules. We hope to plan more social gatherings before too long.

All the best,  
Kathryn

## SMGCC Book Club

The next meeting of the SMGCC Book Club will be Thursday, August 20 at 6 pm, and the selected book is *One Amazing Thing*, a novel by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

The Lit Ladies meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm to discuss/rate the current book selection and have dinner. We usually have 12-15 members attend each month and have been meeting in the Ballroom to better social distance. *The Wedding Dress* was discussed in July and received a 4-star rating.

All Ladies of the Club are welcome to attend. If you would like to be added to the Book Club email group, text or email Lynne Marks at 423-902-0096 or lymarks53@gmail.com. Come join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie!



# Out of the Rough

I hope everyone has enjoyed the golf course this summer. We've been able to elevate our standards in many ways and provide a great course for our membership. The biggest reason for this is our staff. This year we've had the largest and most talented staff I've ever had here at Signal. I believe that shows out on the course. Our turf has never been better and we've been able to accomplish several small projects over the past 90 days.

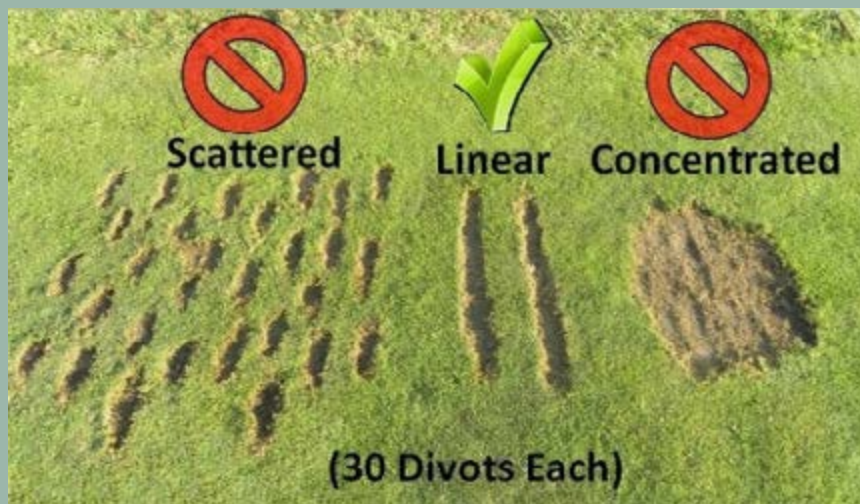
That being said, all good things must come to an end. We begin to lose our summer staff as the calendar moves through August. Some are moving off to college, others are squeezing in a last minute summer vacation with Mom and Dad before they return to school later in the month.

One last project you will notice is the fairway bunker on the 1st has been removed. This bunker has lost its impact on the course over the past decade and was in need of drainage and new sand. Given those factors, it simply made more sense to eliminate it than to renovate it.

Greens Aerification is scheduled for August 17-21. Should we encounter extremes in weather such as temps in the upper 90s or excessive rainfall, we will postpone these procedures. During this time, please expect either the front or back to be closed each day until around 3:00 P.M..

As a reminder, please use the linear divot pattern on the grass practice tee. This allows us to maximize our space at the facility.

See you on the course!  
Pat



# Golf News

July was another great month where we all witnessed some wonderful golf. It started off with the Men's Club Championship and ended with the Malarkey Cup.

The Club Championship witnessed some excellent golf with some great scores. The course was set up incredibly difficult on Friday and the weather reared her ugly head. Mikey Feher got off to a great start in the conditions with a very impressive 69. Will Stansell trailed Mikey by 5 after an opening round 74. Mikey followed up Friday's round with the low round of the tournament with a 65. Andy White moved into second place carding a 67 of his own. Mikey's lead was too much to overcome as he cruised to an 8 shot victory over Andy White as they both shot 69 on Sunday. Congratulations to all of the winners:

Overall Champion: Mikey Feher

Championship Flight: Andy White

First Flight: Ben Reese

Second Flight: Nick Bieter

Third Flight: Ken Beckman

Overall Net Champion: Chris Collins

Championship Flight Net: Bobby Perry

First Flight Net: Scott Pierce

Second Flight Net: John Friedl

Third Flight Net: Bobby Schubert

The impacts of Covid were never more present than we hosted the 14th Annual Malarkey Cup. The thought of kicking off the event without a bagpipe procession is something I never thought I would see. The golf and player camaraderie was great throughout. The Four-Ball matches were a battle throughout and finished tied 6-6. The Gold team jumped on the Green team early in the Foursome matches to take a commanding 15-9 lead after Friday's golf. The Gold team continued their impressive play on Sunday and finished the event with a 30-18 victory. This victory evened the series to 6 win, 6 losses, and 2 ties for each team in the 14 years of competition. Unfortunately, Covid took away another integral part of the Malarkey Cup with the inability to have the closing dinner. We sure hope to be back to normal for next year's event.

## Upcoming Events

August 10- Super Skins / Shootout #3

August 11 & 13- MaryEllen Cook Better-Best Tournament

September 7- Labor Day Tournament / Shootout #4

September 15-18- Kistler Cup

September 20- Parent-Child Tournament

Golf News



# SMLGA News

This month begins what is known as the “Dog Days of Summer”. So keep in mind to be well hydrated as you head out to enjoy playing some golf. You might end your round with a cool, refreshing drink on the deck. Tuesday & Thursday golf is still going strong so sign up to play!

In early July, the City Amateur Tournament was held at Black Creek Golf Club. Our Ladies played really well, and we are so proud of them & pleased to announce some of the results.

## In the team play

The A team, *Karen Burns, Debbie Durham, Michele Purchase & Bethany Burns*, took **1st Low Net**. The C team, *Sylvia Friedl, Amy Russel, Naomi Lindsey & Maryellen Cook* placed **3rd gross** in their flight.

## Individual Play

Overall Champ **Bethany Burns**

1st in the 2nd flight was **Karen Burns**

1st Net in the 3rd flight was **Sylvia Friedl**

## Upcoming dates to remember:

August the 11th & 13th is the Maryellen Cook Tournament  
Signup in the ladies' lounge.



# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	3 <b>Club Closed</b>	4	5	6 Family Night Kids Eat Free	7 Chef's Dinner Specials	8
9 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	10 <b>Club Closed</b> Super Skins / Shootout #3	11 Poolside Bingo 6:30pm MaryEllen Cook Tournament	12	13 Family Night Kids Eat Free MaryEllen Cook Tournament	14 Chef's Dinner Specials	15
16 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	17 <b>Club Closed</b> Greens Aerification	18 Greens Aerification	19 Greens Aerification	20 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club Greens Aerification	21 Chef's Dinner Specials Greens Aerification	22
23 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	24 <b>Club Closed</b>	25	26	27 Family Night Kids Eat Free	28 Chef's Dinner Specials	29
30 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	31 <b>Club Closed</b>					



# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Family Night Kids Eat Free	4 Chef's Dinner Specials	5
6 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	7 <b>Club Closed</b> Labor Day Tournament / Shootout #4	8	9	10 Family Night Kids Eat Free	11 Chef's Dinner Specials	12
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20 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Parent / Child Tournament	21 <b>Club Closed</b>	22	23	24 Family Night Kids Eat Free	25 Chef's Dinner Specials	26
27 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	28 <b>Club Closed</b>	29	30			



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Pro Shop & Tee Times  
Press: 1

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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**  
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