

September 2020

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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## President's Message

August was another incredibly busy month at SMGCC. We are currently seeing record levels of use in terms of rounds played and facility usage. When I took this gig, I expected it to be fairly smooth sailing through at least the first year. Oh man, was I wrong. We have added a large amount of new members and young folks are using our club at never before seen levels.

Although Covid has still not gone away, we are looking better in terms of daily cases and hospitalizations locally. At the time of this writing, a couple other clubs have either had to shut down or have had outbreaks in the last few weeks. I am thankful it hasn't been us. Our members and staff have done a tremendous job of social distancing and sanitizing so Thank You again for that. I want to caution our membership that just because we have been lucky so far does not mean we will continue that streak. Everyone needs to be responsible while on property and if you feel sick, stay at home.

We have another big month at SMGCC with Labor Day and school (hopefully) staying in session. Look for some exciting news coming in the next few days. The board has been working very hard on a plan to brighten up the place; we hope to have your input soon.

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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 August 2020:

*Welcome To:*

John Lynch (Full), Director of Construction at J.C. Curtis Construction, and wife Susan (Nurse Practitioner) and children Claire (20) and Conlon (14)

Juliana Roslin (Full), CEO of Ready2hangart, and husband Joshua (COO of Ready2hangart, and children Valerie (13) and Isaac (4)

Eddie Smith (Full), Sales, and wife Gina

Geoffrey W. Waite (Junior), Financial Advisor, and wife Kathryn (Teacher) and children Will (2+) and Emma & James (1)

# Note from the Club Manager

## It's almost Fall. Where did the Summer go?

Many of you know that Chattanooga Golf and Country had to shut down in August due to COVID infections with the staff and we wish them a speedy reopen and quick healing to those infected. This brings us to our mask mandates.

If you enter the clubhouse/pro-shop you **MUST** wear a face mask, no exceptions. The only exception for not having a mask on is when you are dining. **CARD ROOM** gatherings included. Please do not be offended if you are asked to wear a mask at the club. Let's keep SMGCC healthy and avoid a shutdown.

Do you have a team for Trivia Night Saturday September 19th? If not act quickly as we only have a few tables left. Please make your team reservation by calling the Pool at 423.713.7518.

In the south we have warm weather through October and that means more pool time and outside dining. Please remember to make reservations for the pool and dining especially if you want deck dining. For pool reservations please call 423.713.7518 and dining 423.886.5767.

Thanks to our wine committee, Jillian Westcott, Jennifer Sikes and Kate Morrison we have introduced a couple new wine to our list. Ferrari Carano Rose (CA) by the glass and bottle and Pol Clement Sparkling Rose (French) by the bottle. These wines are a great value and perfect for our warm day and night dining. Stay tuned for additional wines to be added to the list.

We are still doing family take-out including curbside service for those who want to keep their distance. Call or email your orders in for Safe Curbside Pickup. 423-886-5767 option 3 for takeout or email me at [jfidelibus@smgcc.org](mailto:jfidelibus@smgcc.org).

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



Stay healthy,

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

*General Manager*





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## All Things Social

It's so refreshing to finally have social events on the calendar again! I hope that you have enjoyed your time this summer and look forward to the month ahead.

If you haven't already, be sure and sign up for Trivia night on September 19th. Space is filling up fast as we are limited to 48 participants.

We will also have a traditional Labor Day by the pool on September 7th, so be sure and make your reservations in advance.

We are hard at work in planning the upcoming Member Member Tournament in October! While the weekend may not follow the traditional style of social events, we are very exciting to offer a special ladies event for you! Be on the lookout for more details soon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club  
Kathryn Trimble

## SMGCC Book Club

The Lit Ladies meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm in the Ballroom for book discussion and dinner to follow, taking heed to the current pandemic prevention recommendations. Last meeting our group reviewed and rated *'One Amazing Thing'* by Chitra Divakaruni. Our September 17 meeting book selection will be *'Her Last Flight'* by Beatriz Williams.

If you would like to be added to the Book Club email group for future communications, contact Lynne Marks by either text 423-902-0096 or email [lymarks53@gmail.com](mailto:lymarks53@gmail.com). Come join us! 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](mailto:lymarks53@gmail.com). Come join us for an evening of fun and camaraderie!



## Out of the Rough

September 1st marks the start of meteorological fall. Though autumn equinox is not until September 22nd I like to use Meteorological seasons since they are more in line with how we generally associate the seasons of the year with the calendar.

All greens have been aerified with 5/8" tines on a 1.5" x 2.5" spacing. We double aerified some areas of the course such as low areas that retain excessive moisture or high traffic areas like walk on / walk offs, as well as the practice green beside 1 tee. A coat of topdressing sand was generated from this process and worked into the canopy of the turf immediately following aerification. A second coat was applied during the last week of August. In September, we will apply another 2-3 applications of sand. While this will not fill the holes entirely, it will help keep our greens smooth, increase firmness and help reduce ball mark damage. Working sand into aerification holes is quite stressful on Bentgrass greens during the summer months and for that reason we only brush sand into aerification holes during spring procedures.

As you know, August can be a brutal month for Bentgrass greens. With high humidity and fairly persistent rainfall, (It rained 16 days this past August.) we are often dealt softer than desired conditions. We try to combat this with the right balance of wetting agents to flush water through the soil profile, reduce maintenance traffic such as mowing and rolling as well as keeping the turf protected with soil fungicides that ironically, must be watered in to be effective. Simply put, August is a tough time to have Bentgrass greens. For those reasons, and others, some clubs in our area have converted to newer varieties of bermudagrass that are more adapted to those environmental conditions.

As we roll through September the days will get shorter and shorter. This reduces the volume and intensity of sunlight available to our turf for photosynthesis. In order to combat this, and to aid in traffic tolerance, we raise the height of cut on all fairway, tee and approach areas. This also helps with winter hardiness by creating a natural blanket to insulate the soil. Also, the more plant material we have above the surface, the less damage we will see from erosion over the dormant, winter months.

I want to encourage you once again to use your own golf balls at the short game green. Proper golf balls bounce, spin and roll out much differently than cheap range balls. An observation I've made is that when you use range balls at the short game green the pitch marks don't get repaired because the golfer doesn't go onto the green to retrieve the golf balls. If ball marks are not repaired properly this green will never play like the greens on the course due to the need for extra fertilizer applications, etc.

See you on the course!  
Pat



# Golf News

Summer is coming to an end and the upcoming weather looks to be fantastic. I hope to see several of you enjoying the wonderful fall weather on the mountain.

The golf course remains as busy as ever and the staff is doing everything in our power to make everyone's experience enjoyable. With that being said, please be respectful of golfers around you. One of the most important rules to follow when on the golf course is to keep pace with the group in front of you. Very often, golfers tend to pay attention to the groups behind and remain focused on staying in front of them. If your group is unable to keep pace with the group in front of you, please allow quicker groups behind you to play through to fill in the gaps on the golf course.

The new short game facility was such a great addition to Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club last year. The ability to work on all aspects of the short game gives our members the ability to improve their scores quickly. With that being said, the green is taking a real beating of ball marks. Please use your own golf balls to practice your short game. Limiting each shot to 5-8 of your own golf balls, makes it significantly easier to find and repair your ball marks. The use of your personal golf balls also eliminates excess range balls left on the green for the next golfer to clean.



## Upcoming Events

- September 7- Labor Day Tournament / Shootout #4
- September 15-18- Kistler Cup Begins
- September 20- Parent-Child Tournament
- September 23- One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest
- October 3-4- Member-Member
- October 17- Fall Putting Tournament
- October 19- Superintendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale
- October 21- One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest
- October 29- Ladies Closing Day
- October 31- Superintendent's Revenge

# SMLGA News

One of the highlights of the Ladies golf season is the Best/Better tournament that is named each year after the winner of the two-day event.

The **2020 Maryellen Cook Tournament** was just as fun and exciting as the many competitions from the past. The field was full of hopefuls who waited for all the scores to come in to see the final posting of who had the lowest net score.

It came down to a scorecard playoff! The results are:

Winner: **Naomi Lindsey**

Second: **Judy Field**

Third: **Dennie Taylor**

Fourth: **Debbie Durham**

Fifth: **Doris Chambers**

Closest to the Hole Tuesday & Thursday: **Jean Cates**

Many thanks go to *Debbie Durham* who organized the tournament. The excellent lunch menu was selected by *Doris Chambers*. Flowers on the table came from *Judy Field* and arrangements were designed by *Naomi Lindsey*. There were favors on the table provided by *Maryellen Cook* and Closest to the Hole gifts came from *Laura Newbourne*. We tip our hats to the *Pro-shop* and the *House staff* for, as always, helping to make the occasion special.

We look forward to **2021** when it will be the **Naomi Lindsey Tournament**.

The week of **September 15th thru the 18th** will be the **Kistler Matchplay Tournament**. The **Awards Luncheon on Friday the 18th** is when prizes for the Kistler & the Maryellen Cook tournaments will be given. Also, there is a 9-hole "Gotta Win" net play that will tee off after the final matches on Friday.

Sign-up sheet in the Ladies Lounge.

Our golf season will carry on till Closing Day on the 29th of October.

Get out and enjoy our wonderful golf course!



# 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
13 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	14 <b>Club Closed</b>	15 Kistler Cup	16 Kistler Cup	17 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club Kistler Cup	18 Chef's Dinner Specials Kistler Cup SMLGA Awards Luncheon	19 Trivia Night
20 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Parent / Child Tournament	21 <b>Club Closed</b>	22	23 One Day Member- Member / Member- Guest	24 Family Night Kids Eat Free	25 Chef's Dinner Specials	26
27 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	28 <b>Club Closed</b>	29	30			



# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Family Night Kids Eat Free	2 Chef's Dinner Specials	3 Member/Member
4 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Member/Member	5 <b>Club Closed</b>	6	7	8 Family Night Kids Eat Free	9 Chef's Dinner Specials	10
11 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	12 <b>Club Closed</b>	13	14	15 Family Night Kids Eat Free Book Club	16 Chef's Dinner Specials	17 Fall Putting Tournament
18 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	19 <b>Club Closed</b> Superintendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale	20	21 One Day Member- Member / Member- Guest	22 Family Night Kids Eat Free	23 Chef's Dinner Specials	24
25 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	26 <b>Club Closed</b>	27	28	29 Family Night Kids Eat Free Ladies Closing Day	30 Chef's Dinner Specials	31 Superintendent's Revenge



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(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**  
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## Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

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