

January 2021

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Thanks again to all of our members for supporting SMGCC during the Holiday season. December was a great month at the club with an incredibly successful Santa Dinner that was sold out for two weeks.

As we move into 2021, expect to start seeing some changes. We will begin construction on the remodel soon and members will begin being charged the assessment on their February statement. We look forward to seeing the positive changes this will bring us.

I would also like to welcome new Board of Directors Alan Kelley and Kyle Whittler to the board and thank the members rolling off for their diligence.

December has also brought us some sad news that our last President and fearless leader, Jeff Caplenor passed away. Jeff worked tirelessly for SMGCC and was instrumental in putting us on more solid ground. He will be missed greatly. Please keep Suzanne and her daughters in your thoughts.

With Jeff's passing, the Past President Board spot reverts back to Mr. Mike Levan and we have appointed Nick Carden to be the new Treasurer to replace Mr. Levan. Nick is an excellent young member with a great accounting background.

We also would like to wish Pat Rose and Christy a fond farewell. Pat has been at the helm for 8 and a half years now and I think we all agree our course has never been in better shape. Mr. Rose is moving to Kansas City where he will head the famed Kansas City Country Club where Tom Watson grew up. Congrats Pat!!! We have some big shoes to fill.

Thanks again for all of you and your support for SMGCC. We look forward to a brighter 2021.

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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 December 2020:

Welcome To:

Ryan C. Bales (Junior), Software Engineer with Ambition, and wife Lillian J. Andrews (Realtor @ Keller-Williams) and children Eamon (7) and Frances (3)



Thank You from Jeff Caplenor's Family

We want to say thank you from very the bottom of our hearts to the SMGCC family and all those who walked over to Westfield on Sunday evening, December 13th, and sang Christmas Carols to Jeff and our family! He was truly surprised and humbled by the outpouring of love. Jeff loved seeing the golf cart brigade and many of his golfing buddies. He was aware of what was happening and enjoyed me pointing out the many of you dear friends that took the time to come over and spend some time with Jeff even though it was from a distance. THANK YOU to **Amy & Greg Russell** for the wonderful idea and organizing the Christmas Caroling!

Westfield neighbors and some of Jeff's fraternity brothers also joined the SMGCC family in the Caroling, and it was heartwarming to our entire family to see so many people in the street. A couple of friends said they quit counting at 100. THANK YOU to **Naomi Lindsey** for notifying our Westfield neighbors and to daughter, **Molly**, who contacted the fraternity brothers.

We were so blessed that all of our family minus one granddaughter who arrived on Monday, was here that Sunday evening. However, our son-in-law was FaceTiming with her out in the front yard and she got to see all the people and hear the joyous sounds. The wonderful singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" was the perfect ending! Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club, Members and Staff were very special to Jeff... he cared deeply about the future and success of our club. Thank you to the many members, friends & staff who have reached out with notes, emails, texts, Facebook posts, flowers and food expressing your love and special friendship with Jeff. We will all miss him terribly!

Here's to a better year in 2021 for all of us!
Suzanne Caplenor and Family

Note from the Club Manager

Happy New Year!

As we enter this New Year, we are reminded how fortunate the Club has been with being able to enjoy Golf and Dining with few interruptions. Our membership has supported the Club Dining venues and Pool during the year and have been understanding and compliant with dining spacing and wearing mask.

We do not know what 2021 will bring but we are ready and willing to make your use of the club comfortable and safe. **Construction and remodeling** will begin in January, during this time, we will make dining room space available rotating rooms while projects are being undertaken. **Menu** items will be limited while the kitchen floor is being resurfaced but only for a couple weeks at most.

The finished product will deliver a beautiful Clubhouse that has up to date technology, smart looking furniture and fixtures, spacious comfort areas with our new Ladies Lounge including, showers, lockers, coffee and cappuccino bar. **Our bar deck** and patio venues will expand with folding glass panels for additional year-round dining and the bar will feature multiple TV's that will bring the sound right to your table via your cellphone. **Our new Terrace** outside the Ballroom will feature tables for enjoying a cocktail before dinner while overlooking the #1 fairway and **Valet** service for members and guests needing assistance entering the Clubhouse by calling the Dining Room desk.

Member events including Trivia, Bingo and Special Dinners will resume as soon as we get past this Covid-19 mess. We will update the project progress each month in the newsletter and with supplement email blast.

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

Happy New Year from all the Clubhouse Staff

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

General Manager



Katherine Powers



Christy Rose

Thank you!
Joe Fidelibus

The Employees of Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club
thank you, the members for your generous Christmas Bo-
nus. We appreciate it greatly and wish you all a very
healthy and prosperous 2021!

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P. Hill

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Donna Sharp THANK YOU! Jaffe
- Tyler Carmichael

Jose Reynaldo

Christina

~~Donna~~

Alyssa Eastwood

Sam

Rick

Phil Hove

D. R. R.

L. Hughes
ALVARO

Mauricio Angela Morocco

Scott

Clanna Queen
Mario Vasquez

Eloise Grant

Hunter

Bob

Steve

Charlene
Walker

Thank you
-Deana



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All Things Social

I hope this note finds you and your families well and that you were able to enjoy your holiday season, although for most, it looked very different than we are accustomed.

Unfortunately, I can't promise many social activities for the start of the year - due to weather, Covid, and the impending clubhouse renovations, but if you have any ideas or requests, please feel free to reach out.

Once again I want to thank the team of ladies that helped make the Christmas holiday at the club so special. If you see **Jessie Lewis, Erica Strain, Emily Lehman, Lauren Davis, Tatum Kreis, and Taylor Massey** please say thank you for their efforts in creating a warm and cheerful atmosphere.

All the best,
Kathryn Trimble

SMGCC Book Club

The Lit Ladies celebrated in their December 17 meeting by discussing Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* and trading tree ornaments. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 21 at 6 pm** in the Ballroom, that is if the pandemic precautions at the time allow. Our book will be *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell- a historical fiction novel set in Stratford, England in the late 16th century that imagines the emotional, domestic, and artistic repercussions after the world's most famous (though never named) playwright and his wife lose their only son, 11 y/o Hamnet, to the Bubonic Plague in 1596.

The Book Club meets monthly on the **3rd Thursday at 6 pm**; all women of the Club are invited to join us and stay for dinner. You can contact Lynne Marks at lymarks53@gmail.com or Treena Smith at squirtzer@aol.com for more info &/ or to RSVP.

Happy New Year!



Golf News

Tournament Schedule

Please be patient with me as I work on the 2021 Tournament Schedule. My ideal scenario would be to have the new Course Superintendent in place, so that we can discuss and make sure that he is comfortable with the schedule. I will try to release it as soon as we have everything in place.

Save Money on Prepaid Guest Rounds

Do you plan to host golf guests in 2021? If so, you can save up to \$180 with our 2021 Prepaid Guest Program. From now through February 28th, all golf members may once again pre-purchase up to 6 guest rounds for use during the 2021 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. These rounds include the cart fee for your guest.

- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be purchased through February 28, 2021.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2021 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after December 31, 2021.
- 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 golf shop.





Out of the Rough

Happy New Year, SMGCC! 2021 is finally here! Before we move ahead, the Grounds Team sends its appreciation for your generous donation to the Employee Christmas Fund. Your gift enhances the lives of many employees who work behind the scenes to make the Club a special place.

When not raining, the golf course is continuing to see a steady dose of winter play. Looking ahead, the forecast remains exceptional... at least from a temperature perspective. If we can dodge a few storms we should be in line for some really great winter golf in early January.

At the time of publication, the golf course had received 84.7" of rainfall in 2020. That is 21.79" above average. This has led to considerable cart path restrictions. Simply put, we just don't dry out this time of year. Days are short, temperatures are low and the various plant material around the course uses little to no groundwater. 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. Since the turf is dormant this time of year, we must err on the side of caution.

As you might expect, wet, cold and frozen conditions can prevent the team from working on the golf course. During those times, we complete projects that enhance your golf experience in the spring. Tee markers and other course accessories are refurbished, storage facilities are organized and our equipment gets serviced. All these projects ensure a speedy and efficient start to the 2021 golf season. We also take advantage of this time to log a few continuing education credits and utilize vacation time that is restricted to the off-season.

Happy New Year!
Pat



SMLGA News

On December 10, the LGA Swinging Sisters masked up to keep all safe and enjoyed great weather for a fun 9- hole Par 3 followed by a Christmas Luncheon. The Ladies will continue to play on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the winter off-season if the temperature is at least 50 degrees and no rain at our 10 am tee time. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the LGA, all skill levels are welcome, or if you would like to play 9 or 18 holes with us during our off-season.

There will be an SMLGA Board meeting on December 29, 2020 Officers are as follows:

President - Lynne Marks

Past President - Deedee Raulston

Vice President - Debbie Durham

Secretary - Maryellen Cook

Treasurer - Sylvia Friedl

Board Members - Barbara Burns, Pat Herring & Maddie Williams

Par Quota - Sylvia Friedl, Chee Allen & Dennie Taylor

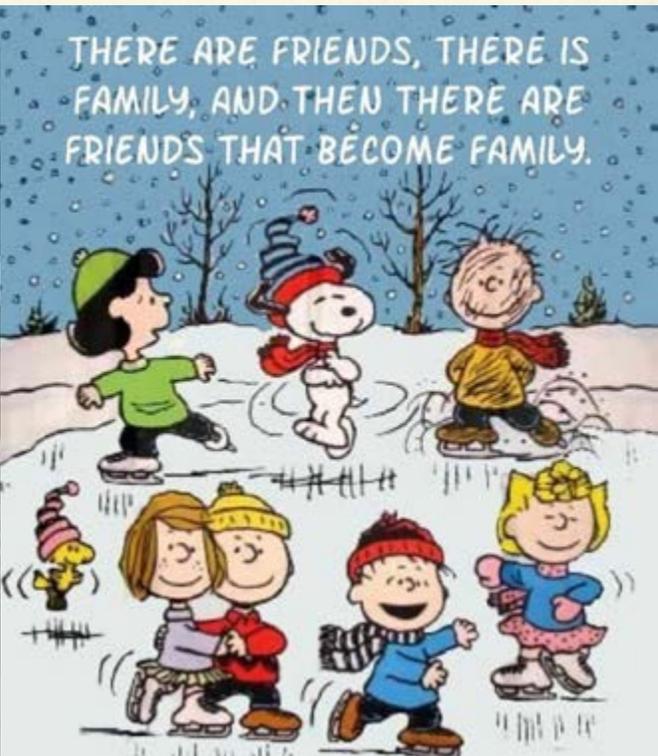
Yearbook - Lynne Marks

Publicity - Suzanne Caplenor

Hospitality - Doris Chambers

And as always Ladies, let's brush up on our course etiquette & rules, take dead aim and play our game!

Lynne Marks



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chef's Dinner Specials	2
3 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	4 Club Closed	5	6	7 Family Night Kids Eat Free	8 Chef's Dinner Specials	9
10 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	11 Club Closed	12	13	14 Family Night Kids Eat Free	15 Chef's Dinner Specials	16
17 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	18 Club Closed	19	20	21 Family Night Kids Eat Free	22 Chef's Dinner Specials	23
24 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	25 Club Closed	26	27	28 Family Night Kids Eat Free	29 Chef's Dinner Specials	30
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February 2021

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



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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Board of Directors 2021

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Nick Carden, Treasurer
David Marks, Secretary
Mike Levan, Past-President

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