

September 2021

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

Members,

As Summer winds down and school starts back, expect to see a few changes at SMGCC. As you know, construction is still moving along and we have begun to shift resources around to best suit our members.

I feel like I have written this before but..... as it stands right now, COVID cases, in particular breakthrough cases of the Delta Variant, are increasing significantly in Hamilton County. While all our employees are vaccinated, we ask that our members and their families be mindful about their behavior and if there are any symptoms, please stay at home!

Our club has been healthy from a fiscal and physical standpoint for quite some time now. Let us do our best to keep it that way so all our members are able to enjoy the club.

As it hopefully begins to cool off, go enjoy the pool or our beautiful golf course. Late Summer/ Early Fall is historically the best time of the year to enjoy the beauty of our community.

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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 2021:

Welcome To:

Bipin Bhosale (Full), IT Manager at BCBSTN, and wife Samantha (Teacher with Hamilton County Department of Education) and children Ethan (11), and Sophia (7)

John Foreman (Full), Realtor with Keller Williams, and wife Allison (Occupational Therapist at Alexian), and children Beau (12), Brody (12), and Jack (7)

Justin Robertson (Full), Chief Operations Officer of Hamilton County Schools, and wife Casey (Pharmacist), and child Henley (14)



From the Clubhouse and Pool

We had a great summer! Thank you to all our members and their families for supporting the dining room and pool this summer. This summer was our biggest in many years. The newly remodeled snack and refinished pool have been a big hit. Macie and her staff did a bang-up job this season and we wish all of them a very successful school year.

Poolside News- The SMGCC Pool will be open Tuesday - Sunday observing our current hours.

Staffing for the Pool will be limited to:

Friday 3:00-9:00

Saturday 10:00-8:00

Sunday 12:30-8:00

Food can still be ordered during non-staffed hours by calling the Clubhouse at 423-886-5767 x3 and we will bring your order to your table



Join us Monday September 6th for our annual Labor Day Poolside Cookout 10:00-8:00

Featuring Chef Jason Summer BBQ including Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Ribs, Sides, Salads, Chips
AND FREE ICE CREAM FOR THE KIDS UNTIL THE FREEZER IS EMPTY!

\$15 Adults \$12 Children

Wishing you all a very happy summer,

Joe Fidelibus, CHP, CEC
Clubhouse Manager

General Manager



2021 GOLF CAMP

The Jeff Caplenor Golf Camp was held August 2-5 at SMGCC and conducted by Paul Helle, Head Golf Professional at SMGCC and Ty Gosnel, Director of Junior Instruction at Rivertowne Country Club in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Congratulations to Lyla Adkins, Grace Garney, Rees Hamilton, Hale Hamilton, Brayden Helle, Liam Lanuza, Peyton Ogle and Sam Otwell! These 8 Middle School and High School Students were selected to attend the camp after completing an application/essay process. They are the 2021 recipients of the Jeff Caplenor Youth Golf Fund.

The golfers spent 4 days on at the practice facility and on the golf course working on skills to improve their game. They received several golf related gifts and books. A dinner was held on Wednesday evening of camp for the golfers and their parents. The group photo was taken at the dinner. More photos from camp are posted on SMGCC's Facebook Page and Instagram.

The Jeff Caplenor Youth Golf Fund was established by Jeff's family to support the growth of the game among young golfers while honoring his love of the game and significant contributions made to Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club. THANK YOU to all who so generously donated and made this year's camp possible for these deserving young students!

Suzanne Caplenor & family





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All Things Social

What a season! I hope that you and your families were able to use the pool, golf and dining facilities over these warm days of summer. We had some fantastic member experiences! A big thank you to Kate Morrison for bringing us together for the Adult Swim Party. It was a great time had by all!

As the season starts to shift gears with schools starting back, and with the unfortunate Covid up tick in the area, we are going to once again limit our indoor gatherings. But, we will still have our fun out by the pool for the annual Labor Day cookout, so be on the lookout for more information.

Stay well,
Kathryn Trimble



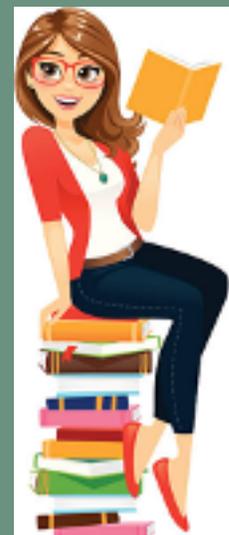
SMGCC Book Club

Tuesday September 21, 6:00 PM
The Beantown Girls by Jane Healey

Tuesday October 19, 6:00 PM
Book selection to be announced

In August, we met in the President's Room and discussed *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. Most agreed it was a light, easy, and enjoyable read.

The Lit Ladies meet monthly to discuss/rate the current book selection and have dinner afterward. All Ladies of the Club are invited to join us for an evening of fun! If you would like to be added to the Book Club email group please text or email Treena Smith at 423-785-7470 or squirtzer@aol.com





Malarkey Cup

The Board of Directors of
Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club
Invite Golf Members to play in the
15th annual Malarkey Cup Matches
Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021



At Edinburgh, on the 7th day of March 1744, several “gentlemen of honor, skillful in the ancient and healthful exercise of the golf” applied to the magistrate and council, of the city, for a Silver Cup to be annually played on the Links of Leith.

The Silver Cup competition is the first recorded event to be established among a society of golfers and constitutes the origin of the oldest golf club, the Honorable Company of Edinburgh golfers. Except for the years 1746-47 and 1832-35, the Silver Cup has been regularly played through the present - first on the Links of Leith, then at Musselburg and finally at the Honorable Company’s present home, Muirfield.

Silver Cup competitions are a rich part of golf’s heritage, having been copied at St Andrews, Musselburg, Carnoustie, Troon, and Signal Mountain.

The late Jeff Caplenor introduced and established the Malarkey Cup with the express purposes of maintaining one of the finest traditions in golf and to honor our Head Professional Emeritus Don Malarkey. We annually celebrate the Malarkey Cup matches and the gentlemen that have been chosen to participate in this special event.

Beginning this year, to honor the memory of these two gentlemen, play will be conducted between the Malarkey and Caplenor teams.

Participants will be limited to the first 48 sign-ins which will be accepted beginning September 1, 2021, in the Pro Shop.



15th Annual Malarkey Cup

2021 Tentative Schedule of Events*

Thursday, September 30th

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Pairings Party – TBD

Pairings will be drawn at 6:15 PM

Spouses Invited

Friday, October 1st

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Buffet – Dining Room

9:00 AM

Four-Ball Matches

12:30 PM

Lunch Buffet

2:30 PM

Foursome Matches

Saturday, October 2nd

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Singles Matches – Tee Times

11:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Lunch Buffet

6:00 PM

Awards Cocktail Party – Ballroom

7:00 PM

Malarkey Cup Dinner

Spouses Invited

*Non-golf events are tentative pending several considerations, not the least of which is the availability of a venue to hold 100 people due to clubhouse renovation.



Putts From The Fringe

Summer/Fall aeration is finally done! The weather conspired against us with a little help from equipment downtime to force us to split the aeration over two Mondays. A lot goes into timing growth regulators, fertilizer and other applications with aeration to get healed in quickly, having half of the greens on a different schedule than the other is less than ideal. During the spring aeration we recruited a high school wrestling team to do the hard part for us. This time our guys did the heavy lifting with less people and more material removed from the greens. Our aeration process is efficient but the work is equivalent to high intensity interval cardio with free weights and I am thankful for the crew's hard work. I am happy with the final product and look forward to getting the greens fast again shortly.

Overall our labor situation is better than almost anyone that I talk to based on their needs, but we are left with a window in the late summer where we are short on staff. In one pay period we have gone from 19 people working close to full time hours to 9. We have added two part time helpers for the weekend and hope to add more that can help us out in the shoulder seasons so that the loss of summer help is more manageable. We've had a stretch of 9 straight days of rain totaling over 6.5 inches, a Monday outing followed by 2 consecutive Mondays of aeration. We are getting caught up on cutting grass then turning back to the detail work that has been missed recently. The good news is that we have had our last Saturday without college football and the 10 day forecast has some friendly temperatures. Catching up on the day to day and the greens healing should tie in together nicely to produce some good playing conditions as we move into September. I am very excited for this fall and then getting into our long list of winter projects.

The fence on 11 has gotten some attention lately. When the weather allows we have experimented with removing a section. The idea is to avoid having people driving close to 10, 11 and 16 greens to access the fairway. By having an exit at the end of the fairway we hope to encourage golfers to walk from the cart path up to the green. There is not a good way to get a golf cart close to that green beyond the end of the fairway. 11 is a difficult place to produce a dense, tight fairway because it is small (traffic is concentrated), wet and tree lined. Cart traffic on that fairway adds to the difficulty of growing grass there but I don't know if it is worth sacrificing turf around the greens for it. Ideally we would have the fairway open to carts for those who need it or who hit the ball left and then keep all carts away from the green. I want to give as much access to the golf course as possible but it is a delicate thing to balance that with protecting the product. I hope that we can be as responsible with carts as possible and work towards having more cart access onto a better maintained golf course. This newsletter is getting long and I am picturing Arch giving me the "wrap it up" look in the board meeting BUT I would like to quickly thank the LGA for their efforts on being responsible cart users. Being a large organized group, I challenged the LGA this spring to set the standard for cart traffic at the club and their efforts are appreciated.

I have highlighted our challenges in this month's newsletter but there is a lot to look forward to. I am surrounded by great people and am excited about the conditions I expect to see this fall.

Thank you,
Tyler

SMLGA News

Congratulations to Laura Newbourne for winning the 2021 Naomi Lindsey Best/Better Tournament with a low net 60! Great job and caps off to all who participated! Already looking forward to the **2022 Laura Newbourne Best/Better Tournament!**



L to R: Maryellen Cook (2nd); Peggy Ballman (5th); Laura #1; Deedee Raulston (3rd) & Holly Battle (4th).



**Chee Allen- Straightest Drive
Doris Chambers- Closest to the Hole on #3**

Also, would like to acknowledge our own **Judy Field** for her August 5th hole-in-one on #14... way to GO Judy!

Upcoming LGA Events:
Sept 11-12 St Charles Cup
Sept 14-17 Kistler Cup

One of the goals of our Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association is to help grow the Women's golf game. To all ladies of the club who may be interested in getting more involved, please send your questions and comments to lymarks53@gmail.com. As an SMG&CC member, you're already ahead of the game; so, come on, what have you got to lose!??

Wishing all a happy & safe Labor Day! And, as always... take dead aim and play your game.
Lynne Marks

Birthday Best Wishes to the following Virgo LGAers:

Judy Field- Thursday, Sept 2
Jean St Charles- Saturday, Sept 11
Lynne Marks- Saturday, Sept 18



September 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Family Night Kids Eat Free	3	4
5 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	6 Labor Day Tournament Shootout Finale	7 Club Closed	8	9 Family Night Kids Eat Free	10	11 St. Charles Cup
12 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm St. Charles Cup	13 Club Closed	14 Kistler Cup	15 Kistler Cup	16 Family Night Kids Eat Free Kistler Cup	17 Kistler Cup	18
19 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Parent Child Tournament	20 Club Closed	21 Book Club	22 One Day Member- Member / Member-Guest	23 Family Night Kids Eat Free	24	25
26 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	27 Club Closed	28	29	30 Family Night Kids Eat Free		

October 2021

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



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(423) 886-5767

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Pro Shop & Tee Times
Press: 1

Head Golf Pro, Paul Helle
Press: 2

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Press: 3

Main Bar
Press: 4

Men's Card Room
Press: 5

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Press: 6

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Press: 7

Course Superintendent, Tyler Guy
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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