

January 2022

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It's been a busy holiday season around the club. I hope you and your family have had time to enjoy some of the new amenities.

As I step into this new role in 2022, I wanted to thank Arch and Kathryn Trimble for their leadership and dedication to the club for the past two years. Arch will stay on the board as Past President and I look forward to working with him to continue to improve the club over the next two years.

I've had the pleasure of working with many great leaders over the years like Bobby III, Mike Levan, Jeff Caplenor and Arch Trimble. They've set the ground work for future generations and I embrace the challenge to continue to evolve as a club while preserving our traditions.

As we approach our centennial anniversary, the club is looking brand new. I am hopeful the major renovation project will be complete by the end of March and we can all start enjoying our club at 100% again. I want to personally thank Joe Fidelibus for stepping up and taking on this renovation with me. I appreciate you and your staff's help throughout the project.

I encourage everyone to play our golf course. Tyler Guy and the golf course staff have had a tremendous year. Tyler came to SMGCC in February and the playability and overall condition of the course has improved drastically.

Our waiting list continues to grow, our club is financially sound, and our leadership and staff continue to improve. We will have a newly renovated club house, a golf course that is in fantastic shape, and a team that can get us to the next level.

I want to raise the bar and set new standards for our club and I hope you'll support me in my efforts. I want the community to know I am a sounding board for concerns, I will be transparent with what's going on at our club, and will always have the member's best interest in mind. I know the future is bright at SMGCC!

All the best,
Chad Sikes





Centennial Spotlight

Let's Get the Party Started

Welcome to 2022, also known as SMGCC's centennial year! What started as a nine-hole amenity for C.E. James's Signal Mountain Inn has evolved over the last century into the thriving private club that we know and love today. As our club turns 100 this year, we have much to celebrate - an historically large membership, a waiting list to join the club, a healthy financial outlook, and an exciting clubhouse renovation. These are very good times for SMGCC as we put a bow on the club's first century.

To help plan and organize our centennial celebration, the club appointed a Centennial Committee, chaired by Karlette Baker and consisting of Suzanne Caplenor, Joe Fidelibus, Lynne Marks, Pam Morrison, Trena Smith, Kathryn Trimble, and Andy Tucker.

Throughout this year, there will be articles in the newsletter about the centennial and the club's history, and there will be special events, culminating with a big centennial celebration party on September 17th. Details will follow in later newsletters, but for now, just know that there will be fun events to look forward to, as we look to honor and celebrate our club's long history.

One special centennial effort that already is underway is the fund-raising for our new centennial clock, as announced in last month's newsletter. The 11.5' tall clock will be located near the putting green, flag pole, and first tee, and it will serve as a beautiful reminder of our centennial for years to come. Funding for the clock is being provided by donations from members. Several members already have sent donations, but more are needed. To contribute, please send a check to the club business office, made out to "SMGCC Centennial Fund." If you have questions about this effort, please contact Katherine Powers in the club's business office.





From the Clubhouse



All of us at the Clubhouse wish all our members and their families a very Happy New Year. Despite Covid you made 2021 one of the Club's most successful years. As you can see renovations are moving along nicely and rooms are being brought back online. Once the Glass Staircase is completed this month, we will begin phase 3 with the Veranda and Ballroom areas.

2022 is the Club's 100th Anniversary and we look forward to bringing you events throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. We also look forward to bringing back Sunday Brunch Buffet's and Holiday Celebrations that we have missed for the past two years due to Covid and renovations.

Beginning Sunday January 9th Kid's Eat Free night starts back up along with Sunday Night Fried Chicken Dinner. Make plans join us and reservations are suggested.

Happy New Year and we look forward to making 2022 a fun and successful year for you and your families,

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

Golf News

Tournament Schedule and Program

The 2022 Tournament Schedule is in progress and I hope to have it completed by the middle/end of January. We will once again be offering the Tournament Program for 2022. Once the schedule is completed, we will email out schedule and Tournament Program details.

Save Money on Prepaid Guest Rounds

Do you plan to host golf guests in 2022? If so, you can save up to \$180 with our 2022 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 2022 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, 2022.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2022 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after December 31, 2022.
- 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.

Corporate/Charity Outings and Golf Balls

Please consider Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club if you are part of a Board or Committee that is planning a Corporate or Charity Golf Outing in 2022 and beyond. Our staff strives to put on excellent Monday Events and the new clubhouse renovation will add to the experience. Also consider SMGCC if your business is the market for Corporate Logoed golf balls. We offer very competitive pricing on all lines of Titleist Golf Balls. Please reach out if interested in either of these great opportunities.

Golf News





Putts From The Fringe

I'm told the winter is the slow time of the year for our department but we haven't seen that yet. I have been looking forward to the winter to get projects and repairs done but I am already feeling that window is beginning to shrink. In December we have a limited staff because the crew is using up their remaining vacation days. Now that the calendar has turned to 2022, we can focus on things that will help us throughout the growing season.

On the golf course we have made several irrigation repairs (when the parts finally come in). Around the shop we have made improvements with drainage along the building, cleaning and patching the leaking roof and clearing the area behind and to the side of the main equipment storage building. It has taken 10 months but we have finally reclaimed some of this area and removed the scrapped pieces buried behind the shop. I would like to install a lean to so that we can store tractors, skid steer and attachments under a covered space in this area. We have also continued to work on preventative maintenance on equipment and course furnishings.

We will power through these projects in January because next month we will start up again with pre emergent applications and have a contractor coming to help us clean our green's drainage. Innovative Drainage Technologies will use ground penetrating radar to locate our drainage pipe, clean out access points to the pipe and outfalls. They will use a high pressure jet nozzle and camera to clean the pipe and locate any compromised or collapsed pipe. The process will start on February 7th and take about 4 days, the impact on golf will be minimal if at all. I am very excited about what we may find with our drainage and believe it will extend the life of our greens while making them healthier and more playable.

When it comes to golf course setup and operations during the winter, maintenance and preparation of the greens will be weather dependent. Old plugs from changing cups are slow to heal, we try to balance changing new cups with how many rounds we are likely to see. Mowing and rolling greens add traffic stress to the green surrounds, this area is already some of the most valuable and stressed turf on the golf course. When the turf is dormant we want to limit the stress on these areas as much as possible, so we will mow and roll at times when we will get the most value out of it. Please help our spring transition by keeping carts at least 30 yards away from all greens complexes and keeping carts on paths on all par 3's and around tee boxes.

2021 flew by and I am very excited for what we have slated for this year. Thank you for your continued support.

Tyler





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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 2021:

Welcome To:

Gary Andrzejewski (Full), Corporate VP of Environmental Affairs at Sun Chemical Corporation, and wife Carol (retired)

William David Booker (Junior), Sales Manager at B&B Crane and Rigging

Zachary Tyler Nelson (Junior), Mortgage Banker, and wife Pamela (Teacher at Normal Park Elementary) and child Milo (1 ½)

Brett Smalley (Junior), State Farm Agent, and wife Lauren (Teacher at Thrasher) and children Jax (7) and Amelia (4)

Marinus "Reese" Veltenaar (Full), Wealth Strategist Managing Partner with Acumen Wealth Advisors, and wife Arie (Client Ambassador at Acumen Wealth Advisors) and children Keller (13) and Tyce (10)

Gregory L. Verville (Full), Radiologist, and wife Jennifer (Catering/Travel) and children Tori (22), and Coralie (14)

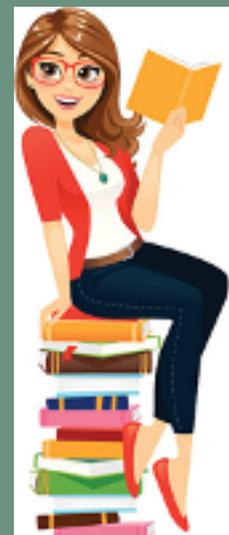
SMGCC Book Club

Happy New Year! We are returning to our normal schedule of the third Thursday of the month for our discussions.

Thursday January 20, 6:00 PM
State of Terror by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny

Thursday February 17, 6:00 PM
To Be Announced

The "Lit Ladies" meet monthly to discuss & rate the current book selection and have dinner afterward. All Ladies of the Club are welcome. Please text or email Treena Smith 423-785-7470 or squirtzer@aol.com to be included. Come join us for an evening of fun!



January 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	3 Club Closed	4	5	6 Family Night Kids Eat Free	7	8
9 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	10 Club Closed	11	12	13 Family Night Kids Eat Free	14	15
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February 2022

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Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

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Press: 0

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 Manager
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
(shop will close at 5:30pm after
DST)

Range

Tuesday - Sunday
8am - Dusk

Main Dining Room & Bar

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 8pm
Sunday: 10am - 7pm

Men's Card Room

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am - 8pm
Sunday: 10am - 7pm

Pool (Memorial Day - Labor Day)

Tuesday - Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am - 9pm
Sunday 12:30pm - 8pm

Reservations & Party Inquiries

jfidelibus@smgcc.org

Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

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