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Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News



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President's Message

As Spring rapidly approaches, we have lots of exciting news to share! We are pushing to get the interior renovation complete and ready to host events. Obviously, there will be punch list items/details, but our goal is to wrap up the inside of the house in the next 2 weeks. Exterior work is also in full swing with stucco repair, siding replacement and paint. I am excited to get our club back open to 100%, and we are working diligently to make this happen.

Our club has been a pillar of the community for 100 years, so the Centennial Committee and staff are planning some great events to celebrate the history of our club and its amazing membership. Mark Song has generously donated his time to create a special commemorative Centennial SMGCC logo, so be on the lookout for the new Centennial swag that will be available soon in the pro shop. Also, as part of our Centennial celebration, a clock will be installed near the flagpole. If you would like to make a donation for the clock, please reach out to Katherine Powers in our business office.



As we roll into the busiest season for our club, I am excited to introduce our new Event Coordinator, Rachel Eagleton. Rachel comes with an event coordinating background, including 3 years of event planning with the Tivoli. We look forward to working with Rachel and taking our club events to the next level! SMGCC welcomes you!

Speaking of events, Rachel just pulled off her first event, with the help of Amy Russell and the Social Committee. Tanner Hillis provided live music on Saturday night for a packed house. Chef Jason prepared a great variety of small plates, and the staff did an awesome job with this event. This is the first of many live music events we plan to have, so keep your eyes open for future dates.

Mid-April will bring some new life to the food and beverage side of the house too! The Food and Beverage Committee, Joe, Chef Jason and I are looking forward to rolling out a new menu. With the re-opening of the club house, our standard is to step-up all aspects of

our club. This includes a new variety of quality food and changing the menu seasonally. I am confident our staff will be ready, and I'm very excited for everyone to try the new menu. There will also be new signature cocktail choices and a new pool menu this summer.

As our club continues to thrive, we should all be proud to call SMGCC ours. We are excited to introduce new car decal stickers so we can represent our club in just one more way. Each membership number will get 2 decals free, so please stop by the pro shop next time you're at the club to pick yours up!

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Paul Helle for initiating the new Clubster app. This is an easy app to download on your phone and it will update you with all things SMGCC! If we can get our membership to embrace Clubster, this could vastly cut down on e-mail communication and allow everyone to stay in the know easily! If you haven't downloaded the app yet, here are the instructions:

SMGCC is a unique club. Our membership is what makes us great. Our waitlist continues to grow, and I want to thank all of the staff, committees and the behind the scenes volunteers that make this happen.

All the best,
Chad Sikes



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Step 2: Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder.

Step 3: Click on the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

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Centennial Spotlight

A Town and Club are Born...

Signal Mountain's golf course opened for play in 1916 as an additional amenity to the Signal Mountain Inn, which had opened in 1913. It was only the second course to be built in the Chattanooga area and was part of a golf course building boom that saw the number of U.S. courses almost triple in a seven year span. Signal's course opened shortly before such classics as Pine Valley and Pebble Beach (opened in 1919) and Winged Foot (1923).

One of the unintended and interesting outcomes of the building of Signal's course was the creation of our town government.

For many years before the opening of the Inn and the golf course, farmers from throughout Hamilton and Sequatchie counties would drive their cattle to the mountain and let them spend the summer here. Once the course opened, its wide open spaces and acres of grass attracted the livestock to the course and to the part of the mountain where most residents lived (the neighborhood we know today as "Old Town"). This was before the town of Signal Mountain was incorporated, so there were no local ordinances to prevent this from happening at the time.

The residents - and presumably Mr. James, the owner of the course - wanted to do something about this nuisance, so the community requested a town charter from the state legislature. The charter was granted, and the Town of Signal Mountain was incorporated in April, 1919. Mr. James was elected as the first mayor of the town, along with a Board of Commissioners. Specifically to keep the animals off the golf course, their first action was to pass an ordinance forbidding animals from roaming freely in the town limits, and the town's first employee's job was to round up and impound any stray animals.

While the course was built for the guests of the Inn, there obviously was a group of local residents who developed a love for the game, as well. In February of 1922, the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club was incorporated. There are no records of the exact date when Mr. James transferred the ownership of the course to the new club, but it stands to reason that it would have taken place sometime in or very close to 1922. At some point early on, a new clubhouse was built on the site of our current one, to replace the original clubhouse, which was behind the present-day 13th green.

The founding of our club took place at a time of major developments in the world of golf. In 1922, two legends of the game captured major championships. Gene Sarazen won the U.S. Open, his first major victory on his way to the career Grand Slam, and Walter Hagen won the Open Championship, becoming the first native-born American to do so. Also in 1922, the first Walker Cup match was contested between leading amateurs from the U.S and Great Britain and Ireland. The great Bobby Jones captured the 1922 Southern Amateur, and the next year, he won the first of his four U.S. Opens and his then-record 13 major championships.

We may not know the names of the founders of SMGCC, but we owe them a debt of gratitude for having the vision to start the club that is now 100 years old. In 1922, with golf exploding in popularity and the cows no longer grazing on the greens, the future looked bright for the new club on the mountain. Little did they know that rough times lay ahead.

Help Fund the Centennial Clock

As previously announced, SMGCC will install our new Centennial Clock this spring near the flag pole, putting green, and first tee. It will be 11.5' tall with a double-sided face, and the fund-raising for the clock is underway. We thank the many members who already have donated toward the clock and encourage those who have not donated yet to make a contribution. This is a great way to participate in our centennial celebration and commemorate our club's first 100 years with a beautiful addition to our grounds.

Donations should be submitted to the business office in the form of cash or a check made out to "SMGCC Centennial Fund." Also, your donation can be billed to your club account. Simply inform Katherine or Kelly in the business office the amount you'd like to donate, and they can add that amount to your next monthly statement. Thank you for your consideration of a donation.



UPDATE TO PAYMENT TERMS **Effective June 1, 2022**

Payments for statement balances are due the 10th of each month following the statement date.

**Effective June 1, 2022, a new 15 day
“GRACE PERIOD” will go into effect.**

Any payments received AFTER the 25th of each month will be considered LATE and be subject to late fees.

**Please call the Business Office at 423-886-5767 Ext. 225
to set up for automatic payment to avoid late fees.**



From the Clubhouse



Spring has sprung and we're gearing up for a long-awaited Sunday Easter Brunch Buffet April 17th. Reservations are limited and required ([click here for menu](#)).

Work is underway on the Main Entrance, Living Room and Dining Level Restrooms. Please access the Club via the Glass Stairway located on the SW corner of the Club to avoid construction hazards. Restrooms during this phase are in the Ladies Lounge and Men's Lounge.

With the Clubhouse going through renovations at a faster pace more members are dining out at the Club. We encourage you to make a reservation for lunch or dinner to allow us to staff the dining room accordingly and for our members not having to wait for tables when walking in without a reservation.

Our Pool is undergoing the installation of a Salt Water and UV System. This will provide safer protection and a higher quality of water for our members. The pool is slated to open the middle of May.

Happy Easter,

Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager



Easter Brunch April 17, 2022



10am-3pm

Adults \$26.95, Children 12 and under \$14.95

Children under 4 years complimentary

Chef Carved Roast Beef, Spring Leg of Lamb, Virginia Smoked Ham

Eggs and Omelets

Waffles, Cheese Grits, Biscuits & Gravy

Bacon & Sausage, Assorted Danish

Assorted Salads and Fresh Fruits

Chilled Seafood Display

Grilled Salmon

Fried Chicken

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Potatoes Au Gratin, Rice Pilaf

Dessert and Coffee Buffet

Limited Seating. Reservations are required. No reservations or changes will be taken after Friday April 15. Cancellations within 48 hours will be charged to accounts as well as No Shows

Golf News

The weather still leaves something left to be desired, but hopefully those beautiful spring days are just around the corner. I hope to see many of our golfers enjoying the beautiful spring weather over the next few months.

The Signal Mountain Invitational is just around the corner, May 20-22. There are so many different ways to become involved in this great event. If you have never competed before, it is a great way to test your abilities against some of the best players in the area. If you don't feel that your game is quite up to par with some of those players, we do have different flights for you to compete in. If your handicap is 10.0 or higher, then you can even compete in the Double-Bogey Max division. This keeps you from having to post your full score and allows you to pick up at double bogey. If you do not want to compete, we are always looking for volunteers and sponsors. We will once again be hosting the Sponsor's Party at the Club this year. If you need any additional information regarding the Signal Mountain Invitational, please contact the golf shop.

Parents I still have some availability for the June Junior Golf Camps. I am currently full for the May/June and July Camp but have availability in the June 28-30 Camp. Feel free to get your child on the waitlist for the other camps if that works better for your schedule. I am sure we will have some dropouts between now and then. The camps are from 9:00-12:00 and include lunch each day.

Please again note the change for the Member-Member Tournament and the Spring Putting Tournament. The Member-Member has been moved to April 30-May 1 and the Spring Putting Tournament will be held on May 7.

Upcoming Events:

April 1	Couples Golf Begins
April 9	Match Play Brackets Released
April 14	Ladies Opening Day
April 16	Super Skins/Shootout #1
April 27	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest
April 30-May 1	Member - Member
May 7	Spring Putting Tournament
May 20-22	Signal Mountain Invitational
May 30	Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2

Golf News





Putts From The Fringe

It has been a busy winter and spring for us and I am very ready to get to growing some grass again. Our greens are healing from aeration well and we are seeing the benefits from the drainage restoration project and Drill and Fill. Our greens are taking heavy rainfall better than I have ever seen and I am very happy with the results from those projects. The greens are still not putting the way that I would like but there are several factors working against smooth greens. Along with needing a light topping of sand, it is also a transition period for the poa and bentgrass in our greens. The products we use to reduce seedheads on the greens also promote a variable growth rate between the two grasses which will make the greens a little bumpy. I think our greens are ahead of last year's schedule and we can expect better putting surfaces than we saw last year very soon.

The weed (poa) problem on our green surrounds has been difficult to manage because of the limited number of herbicides that we can safely use around the greens. The product that we used last year did not pack the punch that we needed, I have been working with the herbicide extension specialist at UTK to come up with an aggressive program that appears to be working so far. Between this program and some new management strategies, our goal is that you will be able to hit the shot around the greens that you want to hit without worrying about bad grass getting in the way.

We are currently in the middle of a project to drain the water feature that forms in 1 fairway after a rain. The project requires dodging water lines while going uphill and through the mountain. The timing of starting the project before rain was bad and honestly the execution of the project could have been better. The goal is to be able to drain the area without having to pump the water through the parking lot. We have made a mess but this is an old problem and if we can fix it I think the scars will be worth it. Unless I can break through the rock by banging my head on it, the project will be on hold until it is dry enough to get the skid steer and rock breaker attachment out there to punch through more rock.

Thank you for your continued support and patience, 2022 has been a very busy year and I think we will start seeing the benefits from the work we have done soon. Please download the Clubster App for more updates.

Tyler



SMLGA NEWS

On behalf of the Signal Mountain Ladies Golf Association, I would like to invite all Women of the Club who are interested in golf to join us on our Opening Day Thursday, April 14. We will play a 9-Hole Select Shot with lunch to follow.

A signup sheet is located on the Whiteboard in the Ladies Lounge Locker area- please include a contact number- or you can notify me.

The **deadline for sign up is Tuesday 4/12 by 4 pm.** Tee time for the Scramble is 10 am and we can help if you need clubs. Come join us!

Lynne Marks
902-0096
lymarks53@gmail



Reminders for a fun round of golf at a steady pace of play:

1. Carry an extra ball in your pocket.
2. The player who is ready should hit; have your group watch where each shot goes. When a ball is lost, hit your ball **FIRST** and then help look for the lost ball; 3-minute max.
3. Go to your ball as soon as safely possible, so that you can choose your club and think about the shot in **ADVANCE** of your turn.
4. Park carts and place extra clubs so that they don't interfere with incoming shots.
5. On the Green, line up your putt **BEFORE** it's your turn and if you are not in someone else's line, putt out immediately instead of marking. Leave the Green immediately after you've holed out or picked up and proceed to the next tee. Complete your scorecard after you're away from the Green.

No need to rush thru your round; the goal should be to keep up with the group in front of you. Now, let's go play!





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SMGCC Book Club

Thursday April 21, 6:00 PM
Run Rose Run by Dolly Parton
& James Patterson

Thursday May 19, 6:00 PM
To Be Announced

The “Lit Ladies” meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6 PM to discuss & rate the current book. We have dinner afterward. All Ladies of the Club are welcome. Please text or email Treena Smith 423-785-7470 or squirtzer@aol.com.

Come join us for an evening of fun!



The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for March 2022:

Welcome To:

Dr. Subin Im (Full), Professor at UTC, and wife Soowon Kim (Data Analyst) and children Kristine (21) and Anna Grace (16)

Bryn Taylor Meredith (Junior), Pediatrician, and wife Lori Hope and children Harper (5) and Greyson (3)

Jason Ricketts (Full), Banking/Credit Officer with Banks of Montreal, and wife Rachael (Customer Experience for Medallia) and children Ellen (9) and Colin (6)

Shannon Spillman (Full), Real Estate-owner of High Rock Valuation & Consulting, and wife Monica (Teacher-Hamilton County Schools) and children Ashley (26) and Madison (24)

April 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Couple's Golf Begins	2
3 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	4 Club Closed	5	6 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	7	8	9 Match Play Brackets Released
10 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	11 Club Closed	12	13 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	14 Ladies Opening Day	15	16 Super Skins / Shootout #3
17 Easter Brunch Buffet	18 Club Closed	19	20 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	21 Book Club	22	23
24 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	25 Club Closed	26	27 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines One Day Mem- Mem/Mem- Guest	28	29	30 Member - Member

May 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free Member-Member	2 Club Closed	3	4 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	5	6	7 Spring Putting Tournament
8 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free Member-Member	9 Club Closed	10	11 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	12	13	14
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22 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Signal Mountain Invitational	23 Club Closed	24	25 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	26	27	28
29 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	30 Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2	31 Club Closed				



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

Ollies
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

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