

September 2022

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

As we wrap up another Summer at SMGCC, there are still several great events on the horizon. Our Centennial Committee has worked tirelessly to ensure a memorable and fun historic celebration for our club. Please RSVP to Joe to attend the festivities on September 17th. We will also continue to host live music nights, trivia nights and lots of other fun events in the near future. Be on the lookout for emails and Clubster posts for details.

The good guys brought the Haskew Cup back to Signal Mountain a couple weeks ago. The tradition and competition of this tournament is one of a kind. I had the pleasure of attending the Friday night dinner and experienced the hype for the first time. I encourage anyone who is interested to try and qualify next year. It is truly an incredible weekend. Another incredible tournament weekend is rapidly approaching. We owe a huge "Thank You" to Bobby and Donna Morrison for their continued leadership and organization of the Malarkey Cup. This will be the 16th year for this tournament, and I really look forward to golf and paying tribute to the legacy of our club. Go team Gold!

Our goal is to have this renovation behind us by the Centennial celebration. The front porch and new drive through are coming along nicely. I will continue to meet with the GC weekly until we are 100% satisfied and the punch list is complete.

Get out and enjoy the last few weeks of the pool and the Summer food menu. Our aeration is healing up and the golf course is in great shape. As always, thank you to our staff and volunteers that serve our club.

Chad Sikes



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

Welcome To:

Steve Frost (Full), Chairman of the Board Tuftco, and wife Lisa

Centennial Spotlight

Signal's Best Players...

In the 100-year history of SMGCC, our club has had many good golfers who have achieved great success far beyond Signal Mountain. This month, we shine the Centennial Spotlight on the very best of our club's players, starting with the women.

Dating back to 1955, nine different women from SMGCC have won a total of 14 Chattanooga women's amateur championships, including:

Elizabeth Richardson (1955, 1956)

Jane Keith (1957)

Jean St. Charles (1967)

Doris Lail (1970, 1971, 1988)

Elizabeth Hallman (1997)

Ingrid Jones (1998)

May Wood (1999)

Bethany Burns (2016, 2020)

Lindsey Hollis (2021, 2022)

Ingrid Jones is the wife of our former head pro Don Jones and an excellent player. **Bethany Burns**, the daughter of Kirk and Haven Burns, won her two titles the summers after graduating from high school in 2016 and college in 2020. In between, Bethany played college golf at Dartmouth.

While two-time city champion **Lindsey Hollis** is not a member of SMGCC, we still proudly claim her as one of our own. She got her start in golf when she joined the Signal Mountain junior golf league that was hosted by SMGCC. A few years later, as a high schooler, she played at our club as a member of the SMHS team and won an individual state high school championship and led her SMHS team to the state team title. Today, Lindsey is playing college golf at Wofford.



May Wood Fredericksen

Of all the female golfers from SMGCC, the one who stands out as the most accomplished player by far is **May Wood Fredericksen**, the daughter of Kerry Wood and her late husband Mark. Mark taught May the game at SMGCC at a young age, and they spent a lot of time practicing and playing together. May went to Baylor School for high school and established herself as a statewide phenom. While at Baylor, she was a member of four state championship-winning teams and became Tennessee's first three-time individual high school state champion, winning titles in her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. An injury during her senior season prevented her from being able to play in her final state tournament, when she would have been the overwhelming favorite to capture her fourth straight state crown.

In addition to her high school dominance, May piled up plenty of other accomplishments as a teenager. At age 15, she became the youngest winner ever of the Chattanooga women's city championship. She won the Chattanooga junior championship by a record 30 strokes. She played in the prestigious National High School Coaches Open and finished runner-up once and fourth once. She qualified for the U.S. Junior twice and the U.S. Women's Amateur and at one time was the second-ranked junior girl player in the country. She was the first Chattanooga to be selected to play in the Canon Cup, which featured the top junior players in the country in a team match play format.

While still a teenager, May won the 2001 North and South Junior Amateur at Pinehurst and the 2002 North and South Amateur, also at Pinehurst, becoming the first Chattanooga woman since the legendary Betty Probasco to win a major national amateur event. She also was invited to play in two LPGA Tour events.

After graduating from Baylor in 2002, May attended Vanderbilt University and played two years for the Commodores before turning pro. Her two years at Vanderbilt were quite successful. In her freshman year, she was named to the All-SEC second team. In her sophomore year, her star really took off. May was the medalist at the SEC championships and led Vandy to its first-ever SEC women's team title. She placed second at the NCAA Central Regional, was named to the All-SEC first team, SEC Player of



the Year, and first team All-American.

After college, May played professionally for a few years and competed in the 2006 U.S. Women’s Open before returning to Vanderbilt and earning her degree in Art History. Today, May lives in Nashville, is married and the mother of two young children, and has her own jewelry design business.

Among the male golfers, a handful distinguished themselves as the cream of the SMGCC crop.

Banjie Goodman was an excellent junior and high school player who played collegiately at the University of North Carolina. In 1961, he finished third in the NCAA Championship behind Jack Nicklaus, who won the title representing Ohio State. In 1963, Banjie won the Signal Mountain Invitational.

Charlie Taylor was a three-year letterman at the University of Tennessee and won the Chattanooga men’s amateur championship, the Signal Mountain Invitational, and a state four-ball championship with fellow Signal member Ed Brantly.

Mike Malarkey, the son of longtime Signal Mountain pro Don Malarkey, made a name for himself as a top player at a very young age. He was a three-time state high school champion and at age 17, he won the 1963 Southern Amateur, one of the most prestigious amateur tournaments in the country. In doing so, Mike became the second youngest Southern Amateur champion. The only younger champion of that tournament was the great Bobby Jones. Mike played collegiately at Memphis State and finished fourth in the 1967 U.S. Amateur, when it was contested as a stroke play event. He later served as the men’s golf coach at the University of Tennessee for 22 years.

As described in last month’s Centennial Spotlight, **Ed Brantly** was a phenomenal player with a long and successful amateur career that eventually earned him an induction into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame. Ed won three State Amateurs, three State Senior Amateurs, and the 1957 Southern Amateur. He played in two US Opens (and made the cut in one of them), and was dominant on the local scene, winning six Signal Mountain Invitationals and seven Chattanooga amateur championships - no one else has won more of these championships than Ed did.

The most recent truly outstanding player from SMGCC was **Michael Morrison**, the son of Bobbie and the late Bob “Lumber” Morrison. Michael’s two brothers are well-known SMGCC members Bobby and Rick Morrison.

Michael remembers playing his first round of golf at age 11 or 12 with David Cates one summer day at SMGCC. As he improved, he eventually would play with his dad and all his dad’s friends in the Signal Mountain lowball, an experience he described as “one my favorite memories.” He played other sports growing up and called himself “sort of a late bloomer” when it came to golf. As a student at Baylor, he didn’t go out for the golf team until his sophomore year, but once he got started, he was a major contributor to Baylor winning state championships in each of his three years on the team.



Michael Morrison

He graduated from Baylor in 1996, and that summer played some fantastic golf in several major junior tournaments across the country, eventually becoming the #2 ranked junior player in the U.S. Michael started his college career at the University of Tennessee but decided during his freshman year to transfer to the University of Georgia. Once at UGA, Michael had a phenomenal college career as a three-year letterman for the Bulldogs. In his sophomore year, he earned second team All-SEC honors and was an Honorable Mention All-American as Georgia won the SEC team championship. In his junior year, Michael earned first team All-SEC honors and was a Third Team All-American, as he helped lead UGA to its first-ever national championship. In his senior year, Michael once again was an Honorable Mention All-American and the co-captain of the team that won its second SEC championship in three years.

After graduating from UGA with a degree in Economics, Michael played professionally for a short while before deciding to return to the amateur game and work in the business world. After getting reinstated as an amateur, he played high level, national amateur tournaments for several years. He has racked up five Signal Mountain Invitational titles - three during his high school and college years and two during the post-college portion of his career. These days, he still plays golf but not at the same competitive level that he used to. He lives near Palm Beach, FL, with his wife and two sons and is the president of a cyber security technology company. He plays socially with a number of tour pros and top amateurs he used to compete against in his younger days. It was clear from talking with Michael that SMGCC holds a special place in his heart as the course where his lifelong love of golf began.



From the Clubhouse

Summer is about over and we look forward to a cooler fall. Be sure to join us on Labor September 5th for our Annual Pool Cookout. The pool will officially close on Friday September 30th (Malarkey Cup on 10/1). After Labor Day the pool will not be staffed. Members are allowed to bring in food and non-alcoholic beverages or order to go food from the Clubhouse. Alcohol may be purchased from the Main Bar.

Our 100th Anniversary Celebration is on Saturday September 17th. Reservations are required by emailing jfidelibus@smgcc.org. An email will be sent with details about the Centennial Weekend.

Looks like the remodel is about to wrap up with only the front porch and covered drive to be completed. Dining will be available on the front porch with four high top tables overlooking the first fairway.

A special thanks to all of our college staff for making the summer a great success. We wish them a very successful college year!



- Monday September 5th Labor Day at the Pool & Cookout
- Saturday September 17th Our Centennial Celebration (look for details soon)
- Saturday September 24 Live Music Night with Jaguar Shark

See you at the Centennial Celebration,
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager





You're invited
to celebrate 100 years at the

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

• DRINKS • DINNER • DANCING • FUN •

Saturday, September 17, 2022
6:00 PM - 11:30 PM

\$100/Couple
\$50/Single

Cocktail Attire

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 13
to Jfidelibus@smgcc.org

Upon arrival, be sure to register at
the welcome table for fabulous door
prizes and pick up your drink tickets.



CENTENNIAL HICKORY & SHAFT TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 17
10:00 am

Make plans to play in the most unique golf experience of the year. All players will use provided equipment like what was used when SMGCC was formed 100 years ago - hickory shafted clubs and golf balls like those used in the hickory era.

Four-person scramble event, open to all men and women members.
Sign up as a team or as an individual.

We want as many members to be able to enjoy this experience as possible. Once we see how many members sign up, we will determine whether the tournament will be a 9-hole or 18-hole event.

Cost: \$100 per player, includes use of the vintage equipment - each set of clubs will be shared by two players.

Sign up by calling the pro shop. To learn more about playing with hickory shaft clubs, go to: www.playhickory.com/playing-hickory.



Malarkey Cup XVI

16th annual Malarkey Cup Matches
Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st, 2022

Malarkey Cup XVI is upon us. Please carefully note the following sign-up procedure and schedule of events.

The Pro Shop is now accepting preferred entries to the 16th Malarkey Cup Matches. A full field will be considered as the first 48 members who complete the tournament entry form, available at the Pro Shop. All entries after the first 48 will go onto a waiting list. We will expand the tournament to accommodate as many members as possible in increments of 4, up to 60 players.

Please note these sign-up dates:

Members who have played in at least one of the last two years will have preferred status sign-up privileges now through September 3rd.

All members who have non-preferred privileges may sign up beginning September 4th and entry deadline is September 10th.

Please note that any preferred status players who have not signed up by September 3rd will be considered as a non-preferred status entry and accepted on a first-in basis. Those members would be prudent to take advantage of the early sign-up period.

We look forward to another exciting Malarkey Cup and hope that you can participate.

Tournament Committee

Bobby Morrison III, Malarkey Cup Tournament Chairman, Team Malarkey (Green) Captain

Chad Sikes, SMGCC President, Team Caplenor (Gold) Captain

Paul Helle, PGA Head Professional



Malarkey Cup XVI

2022 Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 29th

5:30 – 7:30 PM Pairings Party – Ballroom
Pairings will be drawn at 6:15 PM
Spouses Invited

Friday, September 30th

7:30AM – 10:30 AM Breakfast Buffet – Living Room (players and sponsors only)

8:45 AM Players assemble to Putting Green

9:00 AM Opening Celebration and Tributes

9:30 AM Four-Ball Matches -Tee Times – holes 1 & 10

12:00 – 3:30 PM Lunch Buffet -Patio

2:30 PM Foursome Matches – holes 1 & 10

Saturday, October 1st

7:30 – 10:30 AM Breakfast Buffet -Living Room (players only)

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Singles Matches – Tee Times -hole 10

11:00 PM – 3:00 PM Lunch Buffet - Patio

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Cocktail Party – Living Room

6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Awards Party – Ball Room

7:00 PM Malarkey Cup Dinner – attire: Gentlemen, collared shirts,
jackets (ties optional)

2022 Jeff Caplenor Golf Camp

The 2nd Jeff Caplenor Golf Camp was held July 25-28 at SMGCC and conducted by Paul Helle, Head Golf Professional at SMGCC, and Ty Gosnell, Director of Junior Instruction at Rivertowne Country Club in Mt Pleasant, South Carolina. Congratulations to Leslie Doherty, May May McGee, Maddy O'Dell, Charlie Beasley, Tucker Cruise, Brayden Helle, Benji Lewis, Robinson McGee and Sam Otwell! These 9 Middle School and High School Students were selected to attend the camp free of charge after completing an application/essay process. They are the 2022 recipients of the Jeff Caplenor Youth Golf Fund.

The golfers spent 4 days 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 in the club's Banquet Room for the golfers and their parents.

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 he made to Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club. Jeff started playing golf at the age of 14 and played on the golf team at Castle Heights Military Academy and Tennessee Technological University. He took a special interest in the young players at SMGCC, honoring the SM High School Middle School Teams at the Opening Ceremony of the Malarkey Cup Tournament several years.

THANK YOU to all the many friends and family who so generously donated and made this camp possible in 2021 and again in 2022 for these deserving young students!

Suzanne Caplenor & family



Attention All Members!

We would love to highlight your business during our Centennial Celebration on Saturday, September 17th, and engage our attendees at the same time. All we need from you is a couple of lines describing your business and a door prize to contribute to our hourly drawings during the party. It can be large or small and even a gift card for services.

It's going to be a really fun evening and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

If interested, please contact Karlette Baker at 423-593-4937 or karlyandchip@comcast.net.

Junior Golf





Putts From The Fringe

The best time to be on the golf course is finally here. After some serious heat and humidity during June and July, August has blessed us with some early fall weather. The cooler and drier air is providing much needed recovery weather for the greens.

Aeration was successful, getting all 20 greens done without closing off some of the golf course was a stretch that required a lot of work, cooperative weather and some luck (preparation?) from equipment. Next year we will have two full closed days to aerate greens in March and August. If the stars align it is possible to get it all done in one day, but with some sacrifices. One of the problems is that once a green is punched, it is unplayable without sand. Our window to work sand into the holes is limited to the sunniest and driest part of the day. When we are getting all of the greens done in one day we sacrifice getting the sand in the right places on the green for speed. With an extra full day we can better adjust for weather, equipment issues and get the sand where we need it so that the greens can heal and be a better putting surface sooner. Having the time to get the sand in the right places is better for the green's immediate playability and long term health. Between the loss of irrigation, herbicide overspray, water from newly laid sod draining onto the green and typical summer stress, we have plenty of scars on the greens to fix. Aeration provides the perfect opportunity to seed into these areas with new varieties of bentgrass that are more stress tolerant. I am excited to see how these improved varieties perform in our historically weak areas.

We have some new faces to our staff, in the last 2 weeks we have added 5 new part timers. They are all students and will mostly be working weekends but are happy to have them. They are already contributing to our operation and have the attitude and work ethic that we are looking for. I hope to keep these guys around for a few years working weekends and summers when they are in school. I think any golf course superintendent would tell you that the staff is always shorter than the workload, this is our situation and quality people make a difference. 2022 is far from over but I am very excited to go into next growing season with hopefully the best staff we have had since I have started.



SMLGA NEWS



Sylvia Friedl, Maryellen Cook & Deedee Raulston

It is now officially the **Sylvia Friedl Best/Better Tournament!** Congratulations to Sylvia, and to Maryellen Cook and Deedee Raulston for placing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Also, a big thank you to Laura Newbourne for doing a fantastic job hosting this year's tournament and awards luncheon as last year's winner. Hers will be a hard act to follow in 2023!



Karen Burns, Chee Allen (handing out the loot in her boot...what broken foot?) & Judy Field

Congratulations also to Judy Field, our 2022 Shootout winner, and to Karen Burns who came in second. We had a good field of 16 players and a great day to shoot it out. Thank you to Paul Helle for officiating and throwing the chip-off keys like a Pro!

Golf Etiquette Reminders:

- Be on the tee box and ready to play at your designated tee time.
- Be familiar with general golf rules- apps and bag tags can help.
- Repair ball marks/divots; heed log markers placed to divert carts in heavily trafficked areas; keep carts off both the fairway & rough within 30 yards of the greens/bunkers, and on the path for all Par 3's to protect the green collars.
- Keep up with the group in front by playing *ready golf*- if the hole in front is clear, wave the group behind you thru.

And finally, to all Ladies of the Club who are interested in playing either 9 or 18 holes with us on our Tuesday/Thursday play dates, or would just like to learn more about the game, contact me or any LGA member for sign-up information. For those of you who cannot play weekday mornings, we can help you find a game later in the day or on the weekend with other women who have similar interests.

Take dead aim and enjoy the game!



Lynne Marks
lymarks53@gmail.com



**Birthday Wishes to our
September Swinging Sisters:
Judy Field- September 2
Jean St. Charles- September 11
Lynne Marks- September 18**

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

St. Charles Cup at SMGCC- September 11 ^(Sun)

Centennial Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament & Dinner/Dance- September 17 ^(Sat)

Kistler Cup & Awards Luncheon- September 20-23 ^(Tues/Thurs & Fri)

LGA Closing Day 9-Hole Select Shot & Luncheon- October 27 ^(Thurs)

Please help the Club by emailing your compliments, suggestions, and any concerns to:
smgccfeedback@gmail.com



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The Return of Trivia Night!

After a Covid-induced pause of more than 28 months, Trivia Night returned this summer to a large and rowdy crowd and a hotly contested game.

Trivia Night history was made as Team Know It All became the first team ever to win three Trivia Night titles. Behind the inspired leadership of captain Wells Blake, the team played flawlessly in the second half, correctly - and unprecedentedly - answering the last ten questions in a row to come from behind and pull out a one-point victory. Other members of the winning team were John & Nancy Stagmaier, Thad & Carol Whitfield, Mary Louise Whitfield, and guests Heidi Holmes and George Clark.



Members of the winning Team Know It All included (L to R): Mary Louise Whitfield, Thad & Carol Whitfield, Wells Blake, and Heidi Holmes. Not pictured: John & Nancy Stagmaier and George Clark.

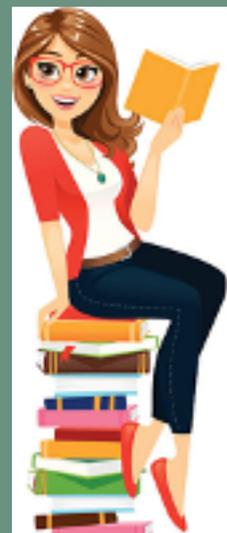
SMGCC Book Club

September 22, 6:00 PM * This is the 4th Thursday of the month

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

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!



September 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2 Labor Day at the Pool & Cookout	3
4 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	5 Labor Day at the Pool & Cookout Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finals	6	7 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	8	9	10
11 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free St. Charles Cup @ SMGCC	12 Club Closed	13	14 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	15	16	17 Centennial Celebration
18 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free Parent/Child Tournament	19 Club Closed	20 Kistler Cup	21 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines Kistler Cup	22 Kistler Cup Book Club	23 Kistler Cup	24 Live Music with Jaguar Shark
25 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	26 Club Closed	27	28 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines One Day Mem-Mem/Mem-Guest	29	30 Malarkey Cup	

October 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Malarkey Cup
2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	3 Club Closed	4	5 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	6	7	8
9 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	10 Club Closed	11	12 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	13	14	15
16 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	17 Club Closed	18	19 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	20	21	22
23 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	24 Club Closed	25	26 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	27 LGA Closing Day 9- Hole Select Shot & Luncheon	28	29



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(423) 886-5767

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Press: 0

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Press: 1

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Press: 2

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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

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