

January 2023

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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# President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends! The Club was bustling over the holiday season with another sold-out Santa dinner, our own member Christmas party, several member holiday celebrations, and our New Year's Eve dinner. As we roll into 2023, we will be hosting social events each month--Please support these events and make reservations early!

We survived "the big freeze" of 2022. We had several pipes burst during this event as the temperatures reached below freezing. I want to take a moment to thank Paul Helle and Joe Fidelibus for their efforts and response to this situation. We worked as a group to minimize the damage to the club house. A shout out to Rainbow Restoration and Walden Plumbing for their quick response- both were at the Club within an hour of calling them! Measures are being taken to prevent this from happening again in the future.

As we look at 2023, I would like to thank Rob Pearse, Lynne Marks, Arch Trimble and Kyle Wittler for their time and dedication for serving our club as board members. I am proud of what we have achieved together, and I am grateful for their time.

Our club continues to grow, and usage is at an all-time high. Reservations for dinner and events are highly encouraged--as it allows us to properly staff and set the expectations for the kitchen on any given night. We are still receiving several complaints of unattended children running loose around the club house. Please also keep the little ones seated at your table -they are your responsibility. As a parent to young children, I know it isn't always easy--so thank you in advance. Our goal is for all of the members to have an enjoyable experience while dining at the club.

I look forward to a successful 2023 and thank you to everyone that is involved in creating the club we all enjoy.

Chad Sikes

President's Message



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

*Welcome To:*

Steven Eddinger (Full), Insurance Agent, and wife Cristene (employed with State of Tennessee)

Robert Gardner (Full), Sales Lync Logistics, and wife Amber (Banking)

Steven Hordos (Full), Sales Manager, and wife Kaila (Office Manager for Real Estate Company and children Logan (3) and Hudson (9 months))

James (Jim) L. Musgraves (Full), Retired Architect, and partner Regina M. O'Brien (Director of Marketing Augusta National Golf Course)

Tom Porta (Junior) Project Manager at DBS Corporation, and wife Allyson (Estimating Manager) and children Wilson "Bird" (7) and Louisa (4)

Stephen Ratterman (Junior), Banking, and wife Sally (Baylor School Admissions) and children Will (15) and Maggie (12)



## From the Clubhouse

### Happy New Year

All of us in the Clubhouse hope you and your families have had a joyous Holiday. We would like to thank the membership for their generous contributions to the Employee Holiday Fund.

Looking to the first quarter of the year we are planning several fun events beginning with Team Trivia. January 21<sup>st</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teams of 8 will compete with other teams for winning bragging rights.

**Put on your acting shoes** and sign up to act in our Mystery Murder Dinner Theater on Saturday April (TBD) Mystery theme and rehearsal times will be announced



**Smarter than an 8-year-old?** Build a team of 8 and compete with you fellow club members. A limited menu will be available as well as a full bar

#### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> Trivia Night “Build your Teams”**
- **Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup> Valentine’s Day Dining**
- **Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> Trivia Night “Build your Teams**
- **Saturday April (TBD) Mystery Dinner Theater**
- **2023 will be a year of fun events each month. Look to the monthly e-blast for event details and reservation information.**

See you at the Club,  
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

*From the Clubhouse*



## Putts From The Fringe

2022 was a whirlwind but I feel good about the golf course and think that we are going in the right direction. At the beginning of the year, we took on some drainage issues within the greens. Our 23 year old USGA greens are older than many when they are dug up and replaced. 40+ year old USGA greens exist and are successful with the correct maintenance. We started 2022 by refurbishing the drainage within the greens, cleaning out the pipes, repairing collapsed pipe and exposing previously clogged drainage outfalls. We have also begun an annual “Drill and Fill” program to break up layers within the soil profile and create channels for drainage. Our core aeration program has steadily become more aggressive, and we are incorporating even more sand into the profile with routine vertical mowing and topdressing. These practices were working wonders this fall when we had effortlessly fast and smooth greens. We will continue to supplement the age of the greens with smaller hole aerations throughout the year. If we can stay ahead of the aging greens, I think they will continue to provide a good playing surface and keep a rather large monkey off the course’s back.

Our fairway aeration, fertility and pesticide program has improved in 2022 and we are going into the winter this year with a healthy stand of turf. Several changes in our operation have improved the quality of the green surrounds which are a constant challenge. I think these programs will continue to build on each other and hope to deal with less winter kill and “ring of death” around the greens each year.

In 2023 we will build on these programs and continue to improve. Our tree management plan will start in January that will mostly consist of canopy raising and tree root management. Our newly cleaned up dump area will allow us to manage the material from the course.

Thank you for the support and resources to make 2022 a successful year. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to take on the many challenges that this property has to offer and even more grateful for the people I get to see at The Club every day.

Cheers to making this golf course better in 2023!

Tyler



# Golf News

## Tournament Schedule and Program

The 2023 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 2023. 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 2023? If so, you can save up to \$180 with our 2023 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 2023 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, 2023.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2023 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after December 31, 2023.
- 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 in 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.

## Cart Traffic

Cart traffic is always one of the biggest factors in damage to the course. It is even more of an issue during the winter months when the grass isn't growing. Any damage to the course caused by driving the golf cart through wet areas and in restricted areas will not heal up until April/May timeframe. Please be extremely cautious driving golf carts over the next several months, and strictly adhere to cart restriction. Please use the 90 degree rule when driving from the cart path directly to your ball and then back to the cart path, as opposed to driving straight down the middle of the fairway. Please keep carts at least 30 yards from all greens and tee boxes at all times throughout the year. Practicing good Cart Etiquette will help keep the golf course in the best possible condition throughout the year.



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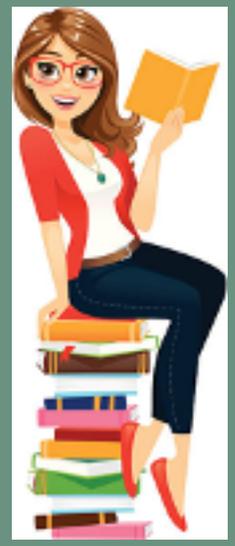
The Employees of Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club thank you, the members for your generous Christmas Bonus. We appreciate it greatly and wish you all a very healthy and prosperous 2023!

## SMGCC Book Club

**January 19, 6:00pm**  
*Remarkable Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

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!**



# January 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>2</b> Club Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>9</b> Club Closed	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>16</b> Club Closed	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>19</b> Book Club	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Trivia Night
<b>22</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>23</b> Club Closed	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>30</b> Club Closed	<b>31</b>				

# February 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	2	3	4
<b>5</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Family Night Kids Eat Free	<b>6</b> Club Closed	7	<b>8</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	9	10	<b>11</b> Valentine's Day Dinner
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Clubhouse Extensions:  
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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](mailto:jfidelibus@smgcc.org)

## **Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club**

### **Board of Directors 2023**

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