

February 2023

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

As I go into my second year of being SMGCC Board President, I am incredibly proud of the the accomplishments our club has achieved over the past 12 months. Our department heads have put in the time and effort along with our leadership to continue to evolve as a club and creating a better overall experience. I would like to thank Ryan Frame for dedicating his time in diving into the pro shop and working with Paul on taking the golf experience to the next level. Mr. Beau Wells has graciously taken on working with the Food and Beverage department and helping Joe and his team. Alan Kelly and Tyler have worked great together over the course of the past 2 years and with course operations and I confident that they will continue to improve the links.

Our team has also come together to create short- and long-term budgeting and improvement goals. As we all know, we must protect our assets; part of that is creating a plan to invest in the well-being of our club. We are committed to hiring, training and retaining the best available staff. We are not perfect, but we strive to continue to improve our member experience.

Our calendar at SMGCC is full of exciting events including this weekend's Mountain Education Foundation "Starry Night on Signal". I look forward to a great evening and thank you to all who helped put this event together. Mr. Andy Tucker continues to do a great job with Trivia night- if you have not attended, I encourage you to get a table and prepare for a fun and entertaining evening! Thank you to Mr. Chris Collins for once again hosting his Super Bowl Scramble which has quickly become a fantastic tradition!

It has been an incredibly rainy start to 2023! I know for sure that Tyler and his operations staff are doing all they can to get our course to the best shape they can every day. As we inch closer to the busy golf season, I encourage each of you to take pride in our facility and golf course. It is up to us to lead by example when it comes to following golf course etiquette including fixing ball marks, repairing divots, and making sure we obey golf cart restrictions. I know for a fact the biggest struggle with our golf course is not the lack of a good irrigation system or aging greens, it is our members not regulating themselves when it comes to golf cart etiquette. Please be courteous when it comes to the privilege of using a golf cart. Thank you.

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

All the best,
Chad Sikes

The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for February 2023:

Welcome To:

James "Jimmy" Campbell (Full), Power Trader at TVA, and wife Jennifer (Preschool Teacher at Signal Crest), and children Maggie (17) and Nancy (10)

Randal Harrell (Junior), Banker-Market President at Synovus Bank, and wife Ashley (National Account Manager) and children Chip (5) and Henry 1 ½)

John Benjamin Maxwell (Junior), Director of Operations, IT at Infocode Corporation, and wife Caitlin (Executive Director TREC and children Anne (3) and Charlotte (1)

Neil Whitworth (Full), VP at Astec Industries, and wife Lori (Attorney) and children Luke (14), Sam (11) and Kate (8)



From the Clubhouse

Love is in the Air Happy Valentine's Day



Saturday February 11th we will celebrate **Valentine's Day** with a special Valentine's Day dinner menu. Seating is limited to the dining room and main bar so reserve early to secure a table.

Congratulations to Trivia Team Wells Blake for their second straight Trivia Win. There are still a few tables left for the Saturday March 4th Trivia night.



Trivia Night Saturday March 4th.

Smarter than an 8-year-old? Build a team of 8 and compete with you fellow club members. Chef Jason's Asian Dinner Buffet \$24 as a full bar

No Shows will be billed \$24



Murder Mystery Actor roll/kits will be mailed out to 20 MMD Actor Parts in February. Everyone will participate in the solving the Murder. Those not a scripted actors will be Detectives solving the murder along with the actors, not even the actors know who the murderer is. One of the actors will be murdered during the mystery and it is up to you and your team to solve the mystery. A **bloody dinner buffet** is **included** . No Show's will be billed \$32.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Saturday February 11th Valentine's Day Dining**
- **Saturday March 4th Trivia Night "Build your Teams."**
- **Saturday April (TBD) Mystery Dinner Theater **SOLD OUT****
- **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

Winter can be a frustrating time for us, the limited day to day maintenance on the golf course creates opportunities work on much needed projects. We go into the winter very ambitious, then winter happens. Aside from not being able to get equipment where we need it to be because it is too wet, we also have guys using up their vacation, getting sick, and holidays. It is better to deal with these setbacks during the less busy time of year, but it really shrinks the window to get done all that we want to get done.

Despite winter productivity being slow, I am cautiously optimistic about the golf course heading into the spring. The fairways were healthy going into dormancy and changing some of our practices have helped the weak green surrounds hold on so far. The poa (most of our winter weed pressure is poa) is more under control than in previous years. Our poa is famously stubborn, with UTK documenting herbicide resistance on our property dating back to 2010. Poa is also a big part of our greens, which I would describe as poa/bentgrass greens rather than bentgrass greens with some poa. Some of the most famous greens in the world are poa or poa/bent, poa can make for an incredibly smooth and fast putting surface. The problem with poa in the greens is the seed head production that makes the greens look and putt like broccoli, and poa and bentgrass grow and different rates at different times of the year. Getting the poa/bent to grow the same is a little like playing darts blindfolded on horseback, but I am pleased with the results of our program this fall and winter which gives me hope for the warmer months.

I tend to talk about grass in more detail than anyone cares to hear about, so I will transition to something that everyone can relate to-cart traffic. Every time a cart is driven across the grass we are stressing the plant on some level. The stress is worse when it is wet, weak or not growing. Please help us protect the golf course by

- Keeping golf carts off the fairway and rough within 30 yards of the green or bunkers
- Keeping carts on the path at all times on par 3's
- Keeping carts on the path around tee boxes
- Making an attempt to not enter or exit the fairway at the first or last opportunity

When traffic gets too close to the greens it tends to funnel, this is also the most valuable turf on the golf course. Once you get to within about 30 yards of the green please return to the cart path, please do not drive around the side of back of the green even in the rough. Cart traffic significantly contributes to slow spring green up and winter kill. Thank you for helping us keep the golf course in as good of condition as we can.

Thank you for the continued support!
Tyler

Golf News

February 2023

The Tournament Program has been released and hoping to get another large contingency of participants. The Tournament Program is one of the best deals in all of Chattanooga. For only \$300, you can prepay for 13 tournaments that would cost you \$545 if you paid for each individually. We also have a discounted Program Fee for the Ladies. The Ladies program fee is \$100. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign up.

Stop in the golf shop for your 2023 Tournament Schedule magnet. We should have them available in a couple of weeks. These are a great reference to keep handy to see what is going on at the club. I would especially like to thank David O'Neal, Haven Burns, Dean Hogue and Craftique Manufacturing for once again providing the magnets.

There is still time to purchase your 2023 Prepaid Guest Rounds. 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.

- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be purchased through February 28th, 2023.
- Prepaid Guest Rounds may be used anytime during the 2023 calendar year.
- Any unused Guest Rounds will be forfeited after Dec 31st, 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 Pro Shop at 886-5767 ext. 226.

Now that we are closing in on the golf season, it is very important to check-in with the golf shop before going to play. This is imperative for many different reasons. Checking in helps the Club accurately keep track of our rounds throughout the year. More importantly, this lets us convey any course conditions and maintenance work happening on the course. This keeps the course in its best condition as well as keeping our maintenance staff safe. It also keeps our members safe in the event of inclement weather moving in. If the golf staff knows of golfers on the course, we can safely get them off before a storm hits.





2023 SMGCC Tournament Schedule

February 25	Mountain Mule
Feb 28-Mar 1	Greens Drill and Fill
March 6-7	Aerification (Weather Dependent)
April 7	Couples Golf Begins
April 8	Match Play Brackets Released
April 13	Ladies Opening Day
April 15	Super Skins / Shootout #1
April 19	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
April 29	Spring Putting Tournament
May 6-7	Member-Member
May 19-21	Signal Mountain Invitational
May 29	Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2
June 3	Super Skins / Shootout #3
June 23-25	Men's Club Championship (Championship Flight)
June 24-25	Men's Club Championship (Gross and Net)
June 28	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
July 4	4 th of July Scramble / Shootout #4
July 8-9	Ladies Club Championship
July 21-23	Mountaineer
August 5	Super Skins / Shootout #5
Aug 8 & 10	Sylvia Friedl Best-Better Tournament
Aug 12-13	Haskew Cup at Black Creek
Aug 21-22	Aerification (Weather Dependent)
Sep 4	Labor Day Tournament / Shootout Finale
Sep 10	St. Charles Cup at SMGCC
Sep 17	Parent-Child
Sep 20	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
Sep 22-23	Malarkey Cup
Sep 26-29	Kistler Cup
October 25	One Day Mem-Mem / Mem-Guest
October 26	Ladies Closing Day
October 28	Superintendent's Revenge
November 4	Fall Putting Tournament

***Tournament Program Event *LGA Event**



**Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club
2023 Tournament Program**

Tournament Program Fee: \$300

Ladies Program Fee: \$100

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	Tournament Program Entry Fee		Non- Program Entry Fee
25-Feb	Mountain Mule	\$30		\$45
8-Apr	Match Play Brackets Released	\$20		\$40
19-Apr	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$25		\$50
May 6-7	Spring Member-Member	\$40		\$60
29-May	Memorial Day Scramble	\$15		\$30
June 23- 25	Men's Club Championship Gross and Net Division	\$50		\$80
28-Jun	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$25		\$50
4-Jul	4th of July Scramble	\$15		\$30
Jul 8-9	Ladies Club Championship	\$25		\$40
4-Sep	Labor Day Tournament	\$15		\$30
20-Sep	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$25		\$50
25-Oct	One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest	\$25		\$50
28-Oct	Tough Day	\$15		\$30
TP Total		\$300	Non TP Total	\$545



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Trivia Night Champs (Again!)



Team Know It All made Trivia Night history in January by successfully defending their title and becoming the first team to win back-to-back competitions. Team members are (from left to right) Becky and Greg Cullum, Carol and Thad Whitfield, Wells and Deborah Blake, and Nancy and John Stagmaier. The next Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 4, and spots already are filling up. To reserve yours, contact Joe Fidelibus at the club (jfidelibus@smgcc.org).

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday February 16 6:00 PM
at SMGCC
Now is Not the Time to Panic by
Kevin Wilson

Thursday March 16 6:00 PM
at SMGCC
Horse by Geraldine Brooks

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!



February 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	2	3	4
5 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	6 Club Closed	7	8 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	9	10	11 Valentine's Day Dinner
12 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	13 Club Closed	14	15 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	16 Book Club	17	18
19 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	20 Club Closed	21	22 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	23	24	25 Mountain Mule
26 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	27 Club Closed	28 Greens Drill and Fill				

March 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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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

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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

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