

March 2023

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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## President's Message

Spring is almost here, which means green grass, great golf weather and pool season are right around the corner! The "Drill and Fill" process is complete and will provide long lasting benefits for our greens with a short-term healing process. Thank you, Tyler, for running a long day on your birthday to get this done for our club! As we come out of the dormant season and transition into the growing season, I want to remind everyone to take care of our course and use proper cart etiquette. Our course is experiencing a record amount of play which causes a great deal of stress to the turf. We greatly appreciate everyone doing their part!

As we prepare for pool season, we will be adding a few more tables and chairs. Our goal is to accommodate as many families as possible in a comfortable and safe manner. As a reminder we do not supply lifeguards. Please be attentive to your children and their surroundings at all times. This includes being courteous to fellow members and requires parental judgement to determine appropriate behavior, given the current environment. For example, it may be fine on a less crowded Tuesday evening to throw ball or have a large raft in the pool. On a peak weekend, it is probably too crowded for ball throwing (especially on the pool deck) or large floats in the pool. Parents, it is your responsibility to monitor your children and be aware of their behavior and how it may impact other members. The SMGCC pool staff has the authority to ask any member to please abide by the pool rules and guidelines and use their discretion to determine appropriate behavior. Again, we want everyone to have a fun and safe pool season.

Watch your emails for the new Spring food menu, the pool menu and new cocktail menu! The SMGCC Food & Beverage Department has a record number of club events planned for this year along with private booked parties. I encourage you to make reservations for dinner as we get into our busy season and book parties in advance so we can accommodate as many members as we can and plan staff accordingly.

Lastly, on Saturday the 25th, we hosted our kickoff "Mountain Mule" tournament. The conditions were not favorable, but we still had a great turn out. Congrats to the team of Nick Carden, Thomas Eischeid, Andrew Roden and David Clark on shooting the winning score of -19. Great playing!

Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers that make up 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 March 2023:

*Welcome To:*

Bill Aleksovski (Full), retired, and wife Joyce (retired)

James Truett Billings (Junior), Mechanical Engineer at Sargent & Lundy

Patrick Childs (Junior), Vice President of Strategic Operations at Covenant Logistics, and wife Gennie (Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Erlanger), and child Claire (4)

Stephen Kyle Gonzales (Junior), Physician, and wife Anna and children Pierce (15), Everett (13), Adelaide (11) and Riley (9)

Matt Prentiss (Full), Manager at Imperial Fence Supply, and wife Katie (Consultant), and child Asher (8)

Corey Remillard (Junior), Corporate Vice President at New York Life, and wife Jaimi (Preschool Teacher at Signal Crest) and children Charlotte (8) and Christian (5)

Mike Yeager (Full), UTC Football Coach, and wife Kat (Independent Consultant) and children Rylan (13), Will (10) and Brooklyn (8)





## From the Clubhouse

**What a busy February is was.** The Club hosted a wonderful Valentine's Day Dinner, Mountain Education Fund annual Fund Raising Reception with over 250 in attendance, two birthday celebrations and great dining. This all points to people are getting out and living normal lives past Covid. For this we sincerely thank all of our members.

**Spring is just around the corner** and with that we have several events you will want to make early reservations for. Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> is Easter and Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day. Chef Jason will put out a bountiful buffet. Reservation are required. Swimming Lessons will begin in early May. An e-blast will be sent out with details for registration.

**With Golf Season ramping up** please be careful crossing the parking lot. Member's will be parking and golf cart moving around.

**Golfers**, please remember to blow the grass off of your shoes with the air hose station on the ramp. This keeps the carpet and flooring free from debris.

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Saturday April (TBD) Mystery Dinner Theater **SOLD OUT****
- **Easter Brunch Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Mother's Day Sunday May 14th**
- **Swimming Lessons will begin in May. An email blast will be sent out with Brandis White's contact information to register your child.**
- **The pool opens Tuesday May 16th.**

See You at the Club,  
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

*From the Clubhouse*





## Putts From The Fringe

It appears that spring has decided to come ahead of schedule this year, hopefully everyone is getting their pre-emergent herbicides out early. A premature spring has a few positive and negative consequences for the golf course. Early spring green up can be good, especially if we can avoid sudden drops in temperature. Going into the fall the plant has the chance to harden off and protect itself, the new growth is supple and susceptible to injury from the cold. During spring green up the plant is calling on its stored energy reserves to get growing again, cold snaps that zap us back into dormancy wastes that energy and leaves the plant weaker as it is trying to get going. With the warm, wet weather at the end of February we will also see increased weed, disease and insect pressure. Overall, an early spring is exciting because it should mean a quick recovery from aeration and fuller fairways faster. As soon as we see that we are likely done with frosts, we will try to flip the switch on the fairways and get them greened up and growing.

March is a key month for the health of the greens for the rest of the year. We have our Drill and Fill process and routine core aeration scheduled. This spring we will use the same large aeration tines that we used in August, we have typically punched smaller holes in March because spring recovery time is slower. Our bentgrass roots are deeper than I have ever seen this time of year and I give part of the credit to our aggressive summer aeration. With warm temperatures this early, I think it is a good opportunity to punch big holes again. Pumping sand into the root zone is the fountain of youth for these aging greens.

Thank you for being patient with us while we get the golf course ready for spring and summer. I am very excited about the upcoming growing season and I expect to be able to produce a great product.

Tyler





# Golf News

The golf season has had some ups and downs with the weather so far. We have had several rainouts mixed some beautiful sunny days. Let's hope the weather continues to improve and the golf course stays busy. The golf shop will begin receiving the newest equipment offerings from Titleist, Mizuno, Ping, and Scotty Cameron. The shop has already received our first shipments from Turtleson, Straight Down, Criquet, and FootJoy. Stop by the golf shop to see all of our newest offerings.

The tournament season is upon us, and you do not want to miss an opportunity to sign up for the 2023 Tournament Program. The Tournament Program is a way to prepay, at a deeply discounted rate, for a number of events on the tournament schedule. The Tournament Program includes 12 different events for the low price of \$300. It would cost \$545 to pay for all of these events individually. We also have a discounted rate for ladies at just \$100.

The rollout of the Whoosh Online Tee Time Software has been great. Many members are currently using the app to book a tee time on their phone any time of the day without having to make a phone call. Please stop by the golf shop if you have any questions on how to set up your account or download the app. For any members not comfortable booking through the app, please do not hesitate to call the golf shop to schedule.

After downloading the app, members will be able to create their own user account. To create this account, users must use their SMGCC associated email address. If users are having trouble creating an account, please email me at [phelle@smgcc.org](mailto:phelle@smgcc.org) with an email address and I will update it in our system.



# SMLGA News

Dust off your clubs & get ready for the 2023 Ladies Golf Association season! Our Opening Day 9-hole select shot will be April 13th at 9:30 am, with a kick-off meeting & lunch to follow.

We'll be rolling out a new easy way to sign up for Tuesday & Thursday play days. Please watch for an email with instructions on how to sign up to play via a specific email address.

We're always looking to grow ladies golf at the club. What better way to meet other women than to play on Tuesday & Thursday mornings. If interested, please email me at [maregcook@gmail.com](mailto:maregcook@gmail.com). All skill levels are welcome! You can play either 9 or 18 holes.

## 2023 Important SMLGA Dates:

April 13: Opening Day

June 22: Shootout

July 8 & 9: Ladies Club Championship

Aug. 8 & 10: Sylvia Friedl Best Better Tournament

Sept. 21: Member-Member Member-Guest Play Day

Sept. 26-29: Kistler Tournament

Oct. 26: Closing Day

Happy Spring,  
Maryellen Cook, SMLGA President





## 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>TP Total</b>		<b>\$300</b>	<b>Non TP Total</b>	<b>\$545</b>





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## New Blue Bird Houses

A big thank you to all who contributed in replacing of our old blue bird boxes with new ones. The birds are already visiting the new boxes and hopes are that each one is habituated by early March. Adult birds tend to return to the same breeding area every year.

We are very happy to keep this tradition on going to secure our blue bird trail while providing ecological value plus they are very pleasing to have around. I think most would agree.

Alan Kelley and Mike Mauney



## SMGCC Book Club

Thursday March 16 6:00 PM  
at SMGCC

*Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, April 20 6:00 PM

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 Trenea Smith 423-785-7470 or squirtzer@aol.com.

**Come join us for an evening of fun!**



# March 2023

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



# April 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Trivia Night "Build your Teams"
2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	3 Club Closed  Aerification (Weather Dependent)	4 Aerification (Weather Dependent)	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 Ladies Opening Day	14	15
16 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	17 Club Closed	18	19 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	20 Book Club	21	22
23 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free	24 Club Closed	25	26 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	27	28	29
30  Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Family Night Kids Eat Free						



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(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**

[jfidelibus@smgcc.org](mailto:jfidelibus@smgcc.org)

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

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