

April 2023

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

## Club News



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# President's Message

Spring is here and I'm sure I'm in the majority when I say I'm ready for green fairways and pool season. Considering the harsh winter temperatures we experienced this year; our course is in fantastic shape and the greens are healing nicely from the drill and fill.

As I have stated in previous communications, our board, staff and committees work diligently behind the scenes to make decisions for the betterment of the club and the members. After assessing previous year costs and continuing our mission of elevating our Mountaineer experience, our tournament committee has decided to bump the entry fee for the Mountaineer to \$1,100.00. I feel like this is a tremendous value for a fantastic weekend of golf and festivities. Every year we strive to improve this tournament and 2023 will be even better.

We are working to utilize the half-way house on the weekends during the golf season. On the weekends starting April 29th, we will offer a full bar along with prepackaged sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs at the half-way house. With the amount of play we are experiencing, the goal of providing half-way house food and beverage services is to speed up play and lessen needs to stop at the turn to pick up food and drinks.

Thank you to Beau Wells for helping with the Spring food menu that will be rolling out on April 11th. We are excited to roll out some new items while continuing to offer some of our top sellers.

With golf season approaching, I feel it's necessary to remind all of our members of the course dress code. While at the practice facility or on the golf course please keep the following dress code in mind: Collared shirt- tucked in, no denim, hat facing forward (please remove hats while in the dining room, main bar or ball room) and proper golf shoes.

I hope everyone has a great Masters week, Spring Break and Easter. Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff that create the club, we all enjoy.

All the best,  
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 April 2023:

*Welcome To:*

Andy Giffen (Junior), Investment Performance Consultant, and wife Katie (part-time sales) and children Jack (11) and Bryant (9)

Charles Austin Jabaley (Full), Director of Contemporary Healthcare, and wife MacKenzie and child Luke (7)

Chris Wright (Junior), Alderman Enterprises, and wife, Acacia, and children Declan (4) and Abbott (2)





## From the Clubhouse



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**Spring is here!** Lots going on in the next few weeks at the Club. Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> and Easter Brunch on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have not made reservations for Easter Lunch, please do not hesitate as tables are booking up.

**Easter Egg Hunt** for the kiddo's on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway. There will be plenty of goodie eggs for the kids to pick up, hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, light and adult beverages available. *Members only please.*

**It's not too late** to make your Mother's Day reservations. This, along with Easter these are two big dining days at the Club.

**Pool season** is only a month away. The pool will open Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>. This season, we've added two additional tables near the kiddy pool. We're also adding convenient grab and go food from the snack bar including, hot dogs, chicken salad, nachos all in addition to our full menu.

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00**
- **Easter Brunch Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:30**
- **Mother's Day Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:30**
- **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



## Putts From The Fringe

It's a bit awkward to write a newsletter that usually discusses seasonal weather considering that I am unsure about what season we are in. In just over a two week period, we experienced the mid-70s to the upper teens and back into the 70s. Temperature fluctuations during the spring can have negative impact on plant health, we have covered vulnerable areas around greens and plantings around the clubhouse during times when we have had sudden drops in temperature. Forecasts into early April look cooler than average so spring green up may be slower than usual.

Our aeration process was smooth last month, the extra closed Tuesday (that happened to be the most beautiful day of 2023) was huge for us. To fill aeration holes properly we need a window when the turf is very dry so that the sand will work into the holes without bridging across the top. That window is usually from around noon to 6pm. When we are trying to work sand into the holes ahead of play we have to rush the process which leads to rework and benefitting less from the process. Aeration takes a lot from the golf course and our operation, I want to get it done right and as quickly as possible so that we can focus on recovery and catching up tasks that get left behind during the two weeks of Drill and Fill and aeration. Temperatures below freezing for 9 out of 11 nights following aeration does not help.

We are still hammering down a date for the installation of our new driving range net but I expect it to be up by the end of the month of early May based on what I am hearing from contractors. I look forward to putting out new flags, sticks, cups and tee markers. With some fresh furnishings and warmer weather, hopefully we can finally put this winter behind us and start playing some good golf.

Look forward to seeing everyone out on the course, Thanks!  
Tyler





# Golf News

The weather keeps giving us glimpses of wonderful spring weather, and then hits us with a cold snap or rain. Hopefully those bad weather days become fewer and further between. The golf course continues to be busy on those nice days. Please continue to utilize the Whoosh App to check tee time availability and to book tee times.

The Signal Mountain Invitational is just around the corner, May 19-21. 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.

Mark your calendar for our Mizuno Fitting day on Friday, April 28th from 1:00-6:00. This is a great way to try out all of the latest Mizuno equipment and to get fit for the correct set for your game.

We will be hosting our first Ladies 9 and Wine of the year on April 30th. This is a fun 9-hole scramble for any ladies wishing to participate. The ladies get together afterwards for some wine and light appetizers after play.

## Upcoming Dates

- 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 Member-Member/Member-Guest
- April 28- Mizuno Fitting Day
- April 29- Putting Tournament
- April 30- Ladies 9 and Wine
- May 6-7- Member-Member
- May 19-21- Signal Mountain Invitational



# SMLGA News

Ready, set, play! April's finally here which means Opening Day 2023 is upon us. The 9-hole scramble will begin at 10 am on April 13th with lunch & our Spring meeting to follow. We'll be using a new way to sign up via the email address [SMLGA1922@gmail.com](mailto:SMLGA1922@gmail.com) to let the Par Quota Chairs know you'd like to play in this fun event. All annual dues of \$50 must be paid before playing in Opening Day.

Also, mark your calendars for the 1st 9 & Wine of the season planned for Sunday, April 30th at 3 pm! This low-key 9-hole scramble will be organized by Paul through the Pro Shop. Be on the lookout for more info. It's open to all ladies of our club & a great way to meet other members!

Can't wait to get the season started!  
Maryellen Cook, SMLGA President

## 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







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# Trivia Night Champs



“Smart Assets” backed up their name and took the title at last month’s Trivia Night. Team members were (from left to right): Lauren & Jacob Bratcher, Jessie & Blake Lewis, Beth & Beau Wells, and Christy & Ben Stanga (guests from Nashville). This was the second trip to the winner’s circle for Jessie & Blake and the first for the rest of the team. Congratulations!

## SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, April 20 6:00 PM  
*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Thursday, May 18 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 Treena Smith 423-785-7470 or [squirtzer@aol.com](mailto:squirtzer@aol.com).

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



# April 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	3 Club Closed  Aerification (Weather Dependent)	4 Aerification (Weather Dependent)	5 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	6	7 Couples Golf Begins	8 Easter Egg Hunt  Match Play Brackets Released
9 Easter Brunch	10 Club Closed	11	12 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	13 Ladies Opening Day	14	15 Super Skins / Shootout #1
16 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	17 Club Closed	18	19 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines One Day Member- Member / Member -Guest	20 Book Club	21	22
23 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	24 Club Closed	25	26 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	27	28 Mizuno Fitting Day	29 Putting Tournament
30  Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Ladies 9 and Wine						



# May 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Member/ Member
7 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Member/ Member	8 Club Closed	9	10 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	11	12	13
14 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	15 Club Closed	16 Pool Opens	17 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	18 Book Club	19 Signal Mountain Invitational	20 Signal Mountain Invitational
21 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Signal Mountain Invitational	22 Club Closed	23	24 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	25	26	27
28 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	29 Club Closed	30	31 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines			



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Press: 0

Pro Shop & Tee Times  
Press: 1

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Press: 2

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Press: 3

Main Bar  
Press: 4

Men's Card Room  
Press: 5

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Press: 6

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Press: 7

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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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