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Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News

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President's Message

Old man winter is not giving up easy this year! With temperatures dipping into the 30's in late April into May, the golf course is seeing a late green up. I hope everyone had an opportunity to read Mr. Guys article on golf course green up. With that said, the course is still in great shape and the greens are rolling. Thank you to the entire grounds team for giving us a great course to play despite the conditions.

The Mountaineer sign up went very smoothly again this year. The participation is growing, and I look forward to another great tournament. Currently we have 20 teams on the waitlist. The Friday night party will once again be hosted at my house; everyone that is playing is invited!

The Thursday night game along with the weekend games have become extremely popular. The Board unanimously voted to raise the age to 21 years or older to participate in any of the games. The exception to this rule is if the member is under 21, they can play with a parent. Thank you for your attention to this new rule. Also, with the exception of the Pro Staff and Department Heads, employees may not play in the games.

Our Spring Menu is out and being well-received. I encourage you all to get to the Club to see our new options as well as trying our popular weekly specials created by Chef Jason! Make sure to check your emails for the Spring/Summer social events-make sure to make reservations for these as they often sell out. And as always, we encourage reservations whenever you are coming to the Club to dine so we can properly staff the Dining Rom. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that help create the club we all enjoy!

All the best,
Chad Sikes





From the Clubhouse



Celebrating Memorial Day

It's Beginning to feel like Summer There is a lot going on in May. The Pool opens on Tuesday May 16th, Our Grad's are celebrating their hard work in school and looking forward to the next level in education, the Memorial Day Poolside Cookout on Monday May 29th. So get ready and lather up the sunscreen and enjoy the summer.



Easter Sunday was great. We saw 300 members and their families enjoy Easter Brunch and over 100 children attended the Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny had her picture made with the Kiddo's and danced around the fairway. Next year no chocolate (ugh) but 3x the Easter eggs for the kiddo's.

If you missed the Murder Mystery Dinner don't worry. We will have a **Poolside Murder Mystery "Murder in Maui, A Luau to Die for!!!"** Saturday September 16th Weather Permitting. Stay tuned for details.

Fun MDT Shots



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 here! Opening Day Tuesday May 16th. Macie and her staff have new goodies for the snack bar including grab and go Hot Dogs, Chicken Salad, Hummus and some new beverages to the bar. As always the restrooms will be stocked with sunscreen, bug spray and shower gel.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Mother's Day Sunday May 14th 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

May is here and it still feels like we are waiting for spring. The biggest concern this year has been about the areas where the warm season grass is slow to green up. It has been a difficult year for warm season grasses—we had a 5 day stretch around Christmas where we did not get above freezing with multiple nights in the single digits and dropping to below 0 for a few hours one night. A relatively warm January and February may seem like it would help these grasses but really it just encouraged premature spring green up to only get zapped back into dormancy with some hard freezes in March. The stopping and starting process is taxing on the plant's energy reserves and it is a wasteful and unhealthy cycle. March and April being unseasonably cool has also slowed our green up process. The model that I use for tracking growth potential has us nearly 20% behind over the last two months compared to last year. All of this being said, if you gave me this weather information 5 months ago and showed me what the golf course looked like, I think I would be pleased. Despite the cooler weather I think our healthy areas are in better shape than they were last year, this may make the delayed areas appear worse by comparison. We do have areas that I do not believe will come back on their own and will need to be sodded. Winterkill is an issue all across the region right now and in our environment we are particularly susceptible. There are clearly areas where we do not have the right type of grass, last fall we experimented with overseeding bentgrass on 16 and 17 tee, and Kentucky Bluegrass on the left side of 1, 15, and 16 fairway. These grasses will not perform as well during the summer but I think that our best option to have grass coverage year round is to expand these areas. Winter injury has impacted sod producers who are trying to meet a higher than usual demand. We ordered sod on April 21st and are expecting it May 4th.

Please help us with our spring transition exiting the fairway to the cart path at least 30 yards from the green, please do not drive around the back of greens even if you are 30 yards away from them. Thank you for your patience, this time of year can be frustrating waiting for this golf course to get going. On the bright side the greens are performing very well and are as healthy as I have seen them since starting here.

I look forward to seeing you on the golf course!

Thanks,
Tyler



Golf News

Signal Mountain Invitational

The 78th Signal Mountain Invitational is just around the corner. The event will be held May 19th-21st. The Invitational is one of the premier amateur events in the southeast. The tournament always draws a very strong field that typically includes several of our members. I hope this year will be no different. The unique thing about the Invitational is that it appeals to all ranges of golfers. The championship flight will house some of the best amateurs in the area while the Double Bogey Max division will include golfers with a 10.0 handicap or higher. We hope to once again have a great turnout from our membership competing in this great event this year. If you cannot participate but still wish to help out, we are still accepting sponsorships. Sponsorships are \$100. The sponsorship fee will get your name or company name listed on the sponsorship board displayed at the putting green for the entire tournament, your name listed on all of the cart signs, and listed on next year's invitation. The sponsorship will also get you an invitation to a great party held at the Country Club Friday, May 19th. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to sign-up or sponsor. One additional way to help this great event succeed is through voluntary efforts. With several blind tee shots and some participants playing this course for the first time, we love to have spotters out on the golf course to help players find the occasional errant tee shot. We also need volunteers to help at the scoring table. Please contact the golf shop if you would like to volunteer.

Upcoming Dates

May 6-7	Member-Member
May 19-21	Signal Mountain Invitational
May 29	Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2

Save the Dates

May 30-June 1	Summer Golf Camp #1
June 19-21	Summer Golf Camp #2
June 23-25	Men's Club Championship
July 8-9	Ladies Club Championship
July 10-12	Summer Golf Camp #3 (Full)
July 21-23	Mountaineer
August 12-13	Haskew Cup @ Black Creek Club
Sep 22-23	Malarkey Cup



SMLGA News

Cloudy skies didn't dampen the spirit of the LGA Opening Day festivities as 24 ladies enjoyed a 9-hole scramble to kick-off the season on April 13th! Congratulations to the winning team of Dee Dee Raulston, Regina O'Brien & Maddie Williams with the team of Debbie Durham, Maryellen Cook & Barbara Burns coming in a close second. Third place went to Holly Battle, Chee Allen & Peggy Ballman with a good time being had by all.

We're always looking for new members to join us on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9:30, playing either 9 or 18 holes. If interested please contact me at maregcook@gmail.com.

Have fun,
Maryellen Cook

2023 Important SMLGA Dates:

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

Welcome To:

Richard A. McGinnis (Full), Retired,
Resident of Alexian Village

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, May 18 6:00 PM
The Cowboy and the Cossack by Clair Huffaker

Thursday, June 15 6:00PM
TBD

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!

A cartoon illustration of a woman with brown hair and glasses, wearing a red cardigan over a white top and dark pants, sitting on a tall stack of colorful books and reading an orange book.

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 Poolside Cookout Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #2	30 Summer Golf Camp #1	31 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines Summer Golf Camp #1			

June 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Summer Golf Camp #1	2	3
4 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	5 Club Closed	6	7 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	8	9	10
11 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	12 Club Closed	13	14 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	15 Book Club	16	17
18 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	19 Club Closed Summer Golf Camp #2	20 Summer Golf Camp #2	21 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines Summer Golf Camp #2	22 Shootout	23 Men's Club Championship	24 Men's Club Championship
25 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Men's Club Championship	26 Club Closed	27	28 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	29	30	



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

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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

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