

October 2023

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club

Club News

1922



President's Message	2	Announcements / Book Club	7
From the Clubhouse	3	Calendar of Events	8-9
Golf News	4	Candidate Bios	10-13
Putts from the Fringe	5	Club Information	14
SMLGA News	6		

www.smgcc.org

President's Message

Fall is finally here and maybe we can get some relief from the heat! But fall also means it is time for our Annual Membership Meeting to elect new officers of the Club. I would like to thank Beau Wells and Ryan Frame for heading chairing our election committee and coming up with a great panel of candidates. The Annual Meeting will be held on October 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom—please plan to attend and cast your vote and hear about our year at the Club! The bios for the candidates running for the two open director's seats are included in the newsletter. Thanks to all who have shown an interest in running! Early voting will once again take place in the Pro Shop leading up to the night of the election—more information to follow.

The Malarkey Cup was once again a big success with Team Caplenor bringing home the victory. Get out and enjoy the golf course with the beautiful Fall weather.

Our new Winter menu rolled out this week so please come enjoy Chef Jason's creations! Thanks to everyone who works so hard in our Food & Beverage Department—and all the other departments! And a huge thanks to those who volunteer their time and create the wonderful club we all enjoy!

Chad Sikes, President





From the Clubhouse

All of us at the Clubhouse and Pool want to thank everyone for enjoying the dining and pool during the summer. Next year the pool will be staffed with a lifeguard.

New Fall / Winter Dining Menus It's time to change it up! We have some new exciting menu items for the season. **Click on the Menu Icon to view the menus.**



KIDDO'S HALLOWEEN PARTY Join us Saturday October 28 for a Scary (fun) Halloween Night in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Bring your decorated pumpkin to display, dress up, Kiddo friendly movies to be shown, **GROSS** Halloween Buffet and desserts, Selfi Photo Booth and MORE!!

Members only event. Please no non-member adults or children as space is limited.

Reserve your spot by emailing Joe at jfidelibus@smgcc.org. Seating will be banquet style with a chance of multiple families at the same table.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner Leave the cooking to the Chef's and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner. The meals / items are fully cooked and ready for you to reheat and enjoy. **Click on the Thanksgiving Icon to view the Thanksgiving Order Form.**

Holiday Event Bookings It's no too early to begin thinking about holiday parties for your business or friend group. Dates are booking up fast.

Upcoming October events Live music night with Middle Creek Band on Saturday October 14 on the Patio 6:00-10:00. Full menu and bar will be available

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- Saturday October 7th Full Clubhouse Wedding Reception (clubhouse service ends at 3:00)
- Saturday October 14 Live Music Night w/ Middle Creek Band
- Saturday October 28 **Kiddo's Halloween Party**
- Thanksgiving Take and Bake Dinners due by Tuesday November 14th.

See you at the Club,
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

Golf News

The fall season looks to have arrived and the recent weather has been wonderful. The golf course is in great condition. The greens are perfect after the early aerification. We hope to see you all using the golf course as much as possible over these next few great weather months.

Parent-Child

We have rescheduled the Parent/Grandparent-Child Golf Tournament for Sunday, October 15th. The event will be a 9-hole Stroke Play competition. Teams will compete in a Select Shot/Alternate Shot format. Teams will play a select-shot format until they reach the green. Once on the green they will alternate putting until the ball is holed. Age groups will be 10 and under, 11-13, and 14 and up. Cost of the event is \$20 for the team. Ages 10 and under will play from fairway tees, 11-13 will play from the blue tees while 14 and up will compete from the white tees. Adult males will play from the white tees while adult females will compete from the blue tees.

Short Game Facility Etiquette

As the weather cools and the grass shuts down its growing season, it is incredibly important to take care of our resources. The short game area at the range tends to take a beating throughout the year. Please do your part to take care of this area. Please do not take range balls up to the short game green. Please use personal golf balls to chip as it will give you the most realistic performance to what you will encounter on the course. Please also take the time to clean off the green after chipping. Please also take the time to fix ball marks on the green after chipping.

Upcoming Events

- October 15 – Parent-Child
- October 25 – One Day Member-Member / Member-Guest
- October 26- Ladies Closing Day
- October 28- Putting Tournament
- November 4- Superintendent's Revenge





Putts From The Fringe

We are right in the middle of my favorite time of year. I would have liked to have had some more rain but September has been absolutely beautiful fall generally provides some of some of the best playing conditions. This fall has started off even drier than last year, I believe the droughty conditions contributed to some of our winter damage during our spring transition. We are making adjustments to keep the turf healthy going into winter including increasing our use of soil wetting agents and running plenty of irrigation, we are in for some big water bills this fall. My favorite thing about this cool, dry weather is how easily we can get the greens firm and fast.

Our department has been understaffed over the last two months but fortunately we have added some new faces that I am excited about. During this period when we have a little lull between mowing season and leaf season we are busy preparing the golf course for the next 6 or 7 months with wall to wall pre-emergent applications and preventative fungicide treatments for Spring Dead Spot in the fairways. Much of what we do during transition times of the year are not to the immediate benefit to the golf course.

The course has not been as busy as I would have thought in September considering the weather and conditions, I hope to see y'all on the course in October.

Thanks,
Tyler



SMLGA News

Under blue skies & spectacular Fall weather, the ladies of the LGA recently competed in a Member Member/Member Guest. With a best ball format on the front 9 & a scramble on the back, a great time was had by all who participated!

The winners of the 1st flight were Debbie Durham & her guest Maggie Scott, taking both gross & net prizes. The 2nd flight leaders were members Laura Newbourne & Rebecca Travis. It wouldn't be a LGA event without a 'closest to the pin' competition. Jean Cates, hole #7 & Donna Morrison, hole #14 took the top honors.

A big thank you to Paul Helle for helping to organize this fun event & to Tyler Guy & his staff for getting the course in great shape.

The annual match play Kistler Cup came to an exciting finish with Debbie Durham defeating Jean Cates on the 18th hole to take top honors in the Championship Bracket. In the Consolation Bracket, Maryellen Cook was able to claim the victory over Dee Dee Raulston. Also, congratulations to Judy Field for winning the 9 hole handicap tournament.

Keep swinging,
Maryellen



LGA members Jean St. Charles, Laura Newbourne & Doris Chambers cheering on the Kistler Cup finalists



Kistler Cup final 4 & 9 hole winner..L to R, Judy Field, Debbie Durham, Maryellen Cook, Jean Cates, Dee Dee Raulston



Join Our Mailing List
Click Here

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

Welcome To:

Mitch Dizon (Full), Physician, and wife Ginger (Nurse anesthetist) and children James (3) and Aiden (1)

SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, October 19 6:00PM
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Thursday, November 16 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 Trenea Smith 423-785-7470 or squirtzer@aol.com.

Come join us for an evening of fun!



Use these QR codes to easily download the Clubster mobile app.

Step 1: Open the Camera App on your phone.

Step 2: Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder.

Step 3: Click on the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

Download the Clubster iPhone app from the App Store:



Download the Clubster Android app from the Play Store:



October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	2 Club Closed	3	4 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	5	6	7 Full Clubhouse Wedding Reception – Service ends at 3pm
8 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	9 Club Closed	10	11 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	12	13	14 Live Music Night w/ Middle Creek Band
15 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	16 Club Closed	17	18 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	19 Book Club	20	21
22 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	23 Club Closed	24	25 Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines One Day Mem- Mem / Mem- Guest	26 Ladies Closing Day	27	28 Superintendent's Revenge
29 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	30 Club Closed	31				

November 2023

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

John Westcott

Thank you for taking the time to consider me for the Board of Directors at our club. My wife, Jillian, and I joined SMGCC nine years ago. Since then, we have welcomed three boys Sawyer (9), Jack (6), and John Brooks (4), and the club continues to be a place that we enjoy whether it be as a family at the pool, driving range or couples golf.

I graduated from Baylor in 2003 and after earning a business degree from UT, I moved back to Chattanooga to follow my passion for manufacturing. I am currently President of Chattanooga Box Company, and I hope to bring what I have learned as my business has grown to help SMGCC continue to improve and succeed.

Our club has been a constant in my life for as long as I can remember. My grandparents, William "Bill" and Thelma Lyman, built their house on Golf Drive in 1956 and my grandfather was a past president of the club. My parents recently held their 50th wedding anniversary party in the ballroom as it is the same spot that they chose to marry years ago. Having such history is why I helped facilitate the junior membership drive which saw our club jump to wait list capacity in a short time. My wife has been involved with the social committee since 2020 and has helped facilitate numerous events including the Mountaineer and kid-friendly activities such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Santa Dinner.

While I am certainly not the best golfer at the club, I do enjoy my time spent on the course. There is not another club like ours and we can always be better, which is why I want to dedicate my time to SMGCC in a more substantial role. I would greatly appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

Rob Pearse Biography – SMGCC Director Election 2023

Past Position: Vice President 2017-2022

Board of Directors Member 2014 - 2022

Fellow SMGCC Members:

I was an active, engaged, and enthusiastic member of the Board of Directors from 2014 - 2022. I served as the Greens Committee Chair for 3 years, and I still currently sit on the Greens Committee. Participation on the board and on this committee is a passion of mine. I believe our golf course is the focal point of our membership and the impact on OUR golf course needs to be considered with all decisions made by the board.

Now that the clubhouse renovation is complete, which I am very happy with, it is time to re-direct our focus on the health and longevity of our golf course. Additionally, the range needs attention to rehabilitate it to where it needs to be, and to also enhance it. There are challenges that we will be facing in the near future for the course, and we need to have a plan and be ready when those challenges arise. We also need to establish a long-term plan to continue to improve and enhance our wonderful golf course.

My biggest accomplishment as a board member has been the fundraising and renovation of our practice facility (raising 180+K), working closely with our former superintendent Pat Rose. The project was very successful and was a much needed enhancement to our golf facilities.

As a very motivated entrepreneur and former business owner, and a highly respected healthcare professional in my career space, I understand and appreciate the difficulty of staff management and development. The BOD is the team that establishes the current needs and directions for our staff in all departments. It is very important to have a “core” group of individuals who have served on the BOD over many years to help maintain and contain the current BOD’s direction of planning.

I wish to return to being an energetic and active member of the board of directors. I feel that my participation, motivation, desire, and open mindedness is a very valuable addition to assist the Board for the future growth and improvement of SMGCC.

I respectfully, and honorably, ask for your vote in the election this October. I am always available for any questions or concerns you may have.

Best Regards,

Rob Pearse

423-280-7885

robpearsefas@mindspring.com

SMGCC Family,

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure to meet I would like to introduce myself and family as I am seeking a position as Director for the SMGCC board in the upcoming election.

Many of you may know my beautiful wife, Anna Miles Garrett, or my wonderful Children, Smith (7), Fuzzy (5), and Bea (1) as they spend most of the summer hanging out at the pool and keeping the staff at Ollie's on their toes. I myself am an avid golfer and love the family that we have been accepted into at SMGCC.

Professionally, I work at Trident Transport as the President of Brokerage, where I spend my days working with over 200 coworkers in various departments. I look forward to using my professional experiences to solve and think tank on what we can do to preserve the work that has been done over the last decade at SMGCC.

I ask that you deeply consider casting a vote for me as the foundation at SMGCC has been solidified and it is time to start building up and I look forward to being a part of the legacy. If you have any questions or just want to say hello, please feel free to reach out. If we have not had the opportunity to meet, listen for the loud voice and come say hey. In closing, open minds and questions are what makes organizations better. I look forward to listening to issues and finding resolutions that are best for the club as a whole and the future of SMGCC. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the opportunity to serve you all.

Fore,

Grayson Garrett

My name is Andrew (Andy) Guth and joined SMG&CC in 2015 along with my wife of 21 years and our 13-year-old son Austin. I'm running to maintain one of the director positions for the upcoming board elections.

Kellie and I both grew up in the Chattanooga area and found Signal Mountain as our home in 2013 when we moved back from Albuquerque, New Mexico. I'm fortunate to have spent all my career in the construction equipment industry with the majority of time being with Astec Industries located here in Chattanooga. Currently I am a District Sales Manager for the Wirtgen Group where I am responsible for the sale of our equipment in Georgia, Alabama, and Panhandle of Florida.

Growing up, I learned how great the game of golf is while playing with my father. He was a founding member at Council Fire, and this is where I developed my love for the country club life. Kellie and I first joined Crooked Creek Country Club in Alpharetta, GA for a short time. Later while living in New Mexico we joined Albuquerque Golf & Country Club where we stayed for 5 years until the opportunity for us to move back to Tennessee.

As an active member since 2015, and along with finishing my first term as a director on the board, I trust that I will be an asset if elected to continue my seat on the Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club board of directors. With the membership we have, it's very important to manage our steps to ensure the strength of our club continues. Since 2015, it has been a pleasure to watch the course conditions improve, membership grow, and now the clubhouse transformations. These are all signs that our club is healthy, and I want to offer my time to help this strength and growth continue at SMG&CC.

I would greatly appreciate your vote for me in the upcoming elections.

Regards,

Andrew Guth



Clubhouse Extensions:
(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

Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

Board of Directors 2023

OFFICERS:

Chad Sikes, President
Greg Russell, Vice-President
David Marks, Secretary
Nick Carden, Treasurer
Mike LeVan, Past-President

DIRECTORS:

Andrew Guth
Beau Wells
Alan Kelley
Ryan Frame
Maryellen Cook
Andrew Holt

MANAGEMENT STAFF:

Tyler Guy, Golf Course Superintendent
tguy@smgcc.org
Paul Helle, Head Golf Professional
phelle@smgcc.org
Joe Fidelibus, Club Manager
jfidelibus@smgcc.org
Katherine Powers, Accounting
kpowers@smgcc.org