

December 2023

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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# President's Message

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and SMGCC has had an incredible 2023.

I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!

Please note the club's holiday hours:

Christmas Eve: CLOSED

Christmas Day: CLOSED

January 1: CLOSED

January 2: CLOSED

If the weather cooperates, the course will be open for walking only on these days.

As I wrap up my term as president, I want to thank all of you who have contributed on the front line as well as those who have helped behind the scenes.

We have an exceptional board, leadership team, support staff, and volunteers.

As a team we have worked very hard to set up the club up for financial stability, sustainability, and future growth.

I am truly proud of what we were able to accomplish in the past two years, and I am very excited to stay involved on the BOD.

Mr. Alan Kelley will be taking over as the president, effective January 1, 2024. I have worked alongside Alan the past several years on the board and we are in good hands.

Again, I want to thank the membership for your support and trust. It has been a pleasure serving, and I look forward to seeing everyone around the club.

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 December 2023:

*Welcome To:*

Timothy B. Ballard (Junior), Attorney, and wife Cary and children William (4), Mackenzie (3) and Miller (2 ½ months)



From the Clubhouse

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



**Tis the Season.** December is a busy month for everyone but, if you are attending Dinner with **Santa** and wish to have **Santa** hand deliver your gift to your children, be sure to have the gifts brought to the dining room no later than Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> with the child's first and last name. **Santa's Elves** will handle the rest.

Save the date for our winter **MURDER MYSTERY** Dinner Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

From all of us in the Clubhouse, we wish you and your family a very happy Holiday Season. We are very grateful for having all of you as our members and look forward to serving you often in the new year.

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **Dinner with Santa Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00** reservations are required.
- **NYE Dinner (details to be announced)**
- **Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> TRIVIA NIGHT**
- **Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dinner** reservations are required.
- **Saturday February 24 MURDER MYSTERY DINNER** (limited seating, reservations required)
- **Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Brunch Buffet** reservations required.
- **Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Brunch** reservations required.

From the Clubhouse



# Golf Shop Christmas Sale



Stop by the golf shop to pick up your Christmas discount scratcher to save big on in-stock items. Discounts will range from 20%-50% off. Customers must select their items for purchase and bring to the shop counter. Customers will then choose a discount scratcher and scratch to discover their discount.

-Discount scratchers for In-Stock Goods ONLY-

We will also have an assortment of CLEARANCE goods from apparel to clubs throughout the month as well.

*\*Remember: All Shop Credits must be used by December 31st\**

Keep the club in mind when looking to fulfill some Christmas List items for loved ones. Also remember that shop credits expire at the end of the year.

Don't forget to purchase your 2024 Prepaid Golf Rounds. Members can purchase up to 6 prepaid rounds at the price of \$50 plus tax. This can save you more than \$170 when purchasing and using all 6 rounds. Sign up for your prepaid rounds in the Golf Shop.

Plans are underway for 2024 and we are diligently working to make next year a fun and exciting golf season. Go ahead and mark your calendar for the 2024 Mountaineer July 19-21. The tournament schedule will be available in mid to late January and details about upcoming events will be published.

-Paul



## Putts From The Fringe

A common question that I get from members, neighbors, in-laws (everyone that I know who doesn't work at a golf course) is "So what do you guys do in the winter?" Meteorologists will define the dates of astronomical winter and meteorological winter, when answering the "what do we do all winter" question I am talking about "work winter". November is a very busy month for us so work winter falls between the end of leaf season usually in early December and aeration which will be on February 26th. Within that period of about 12 weeks we have Christmas, New Year's, two more wall to wall herbicide applications, tree work cleanup, lots of rain and the flu. Now the four and a half months that feels like winter starts looking more like six good working weeks with a full staff. Despite never getting as much done as I would like, this time of year has been productive and impacted the golf course in positive ways.

Over the last two winters we have completed projects like

- "Lake James" project-draining the lake that formed in 1 fairway every time it rained
- Cleaning and repairing the green's internal drainage system
- Drainage projects on 8,11,12,13 and 15
- Pulling irrigation communication wire to heads that were no communicating
- Auditing the green's and green surround irrigation heads
- Numerous irrigation repairs from replacing valves to catching up on weeping heads
- Plenty of tree work and managing the material in our dump area left of 6.

This year we will continue to work on drainage on 2,4, and 16. We plan to expand some rock work around cart path edges where carts tend to pull off and we have plenty to do around the shop to get this place more functional and less of an eye sore from the golf course.

A few weeks ago I told my wife that I would take a few days here and there during the winter to do some projects around the house, when I asked why she chuckled she told me, "You say that every year and by March are complaining that you didn't get enough done over the winter". She is probably right, my new response to the question about what we do all winter will probably be something along the lines of "about half as much as I'd like". This is not a complaint, biting off more than I can chew is preferable to sitting around tossing cards into a hat.

Thank you for reading and for your interest in the department, I apologize that succinct accounts of golf course operations without the use of run on sentences is not a strength of mine. I look forward to seeing you on the golf course!

Tyler



## SMLGA News

The LGA recently held their yearly election of officers. Vickie McPeters will succeed Holly Battle as Vice President and Tournament Director. Doris Chambers assumes the role of Secretary, previously held by Naomi Lindsey. Rounding out the new officers are Joan Adcock and Linda Davis, serving as Directors. Maryellen Cook will remain as President with Sylvia Friedl staying on as our Treasurer. We sincerely appreciate the time & efforts of the ladies who have served as Board members and look forward to the coming year!

Happy holidays to all,  
Maryellen





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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dear Member,

The club distributes a Holiday Bonus to our employees every year and the holidays are fast approaching.

This bonus goes to everyone who ensures your time at the club is relaxing and enjoyable all year: the staff in the Pro Shop, those who serve you food and beverage, the behind-the-scenes crew who maintain the grounds and facilities, as well as the kitchen and office staff.

For your convenience, we have established a suggested contribution of \$50.00. **Your account will be charged \$50.00 on the November 30<sup>th</sup> statement** unless you return this letter to the business office by November 15<sup>th</sup> indicating a different contribution amount.

Thank you for showing your appreciation for and generosity to your club employees.



Instead of \$50.00

I would like to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

## SMGCC Book Club

Thursday, December 14 6:00PM  
Christmas Party at home of Liz Hedges 610 Ohio Aveue

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!**



# December 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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<b>3</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	<b>4</b> Club Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	<b>11</b> Club Closed	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>14</b> Book Club	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Dinner with Santa 4-7pm Reservations required	<b>18</b> Club Closed	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	<b>25</b> Club Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm						



# January 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>1</b> Club Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Wine Wednesday 50% off House Wines	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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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**

### **Board of Directors 2023**

#### OFFICERS:

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David Marks, Secretary  
Nick Carden, Treasurer  
Mike LeVan, Past-President

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