

June 2024

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

Dear Members,

As we embrace the upcoming busy season at Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to our members and guests. Our club stands as a beacon of hospitality amidst the stunning backdrop of Signal Mountain. With the Summer season in full swing, we are committed to meeting and exceeding your expectations. From our well-groomed golf course to our pool, social events, and dining offerings, there is something for all to enjoy! I encourage all members to participate in the club's events, tournaments, and social gatherings—your presence and engagement contribute to the success of the club.

I especially encourage Social members to use their limited golf privileges!

All members should have received the information about the Irrigation System Assessment that passed easily at the Special Membership Meeting held on April 17, 2024. There were several informational meetings before the meeting date about the assessment. Both Full and Social Members are being assessed for the Irrigation System—Social Members have a reduced share of the cost. Social members do have golf privileges and are therefore sharing in the burden. Most Social members who voted at the meeting were in agreement with the assessment.

As we look forward to the busy Summer season, let us come together to enjoy all that Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club has to offer. Your feedback and suggestions are always valued as we continue to enhance our offerings and create an unparalleled experience for all.

Thank you for being a cherished part of our community.

Alan Kelley
President

President's Message





From the Clubhouse

Welcome to Summer Clubhouse Newsletter June 2024

Summer is here! We hope those of you that attended the Memorial Day Poolside Cookout enjoyed yourself. **The next Poolside Cookout will be Thursday July 4th.** As we are post-Covid, reservations are no longer required.

Make plans to enjoy Poolside Music Saturday June 29th 6:00-9:00. The Middle Creek Band will be playing and taking request and of course food and beverages will be available. Seating is limited so bring a camp chair if seats are filled.

As a reminder: Please remember that parents or guardians are responsible for watching children at all times. The lifeguards and staff are not to be seen as "childcare". The staff is responsible for your service and enjoyment. Please register all non-member guests at the snack bar (grandparents and guardians are considered family). If you wish to dine on the porch of patio, please check in with the hostess.

Reservations and ToGo Orders: To ensure that you have a table for dining we strongly encourage **making a reservation** by calling 886-5767 option 3. **ToGo orders** should be called into the clubhouse dining room by 6:00. Later than that a longer wait may occur due to Clubhouse reservations.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Wednesday Night is \$10 off Clubhouse Selection Wines

Cabernet, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc

- Saturday June 29th Live Music Poolside
- Thursday July 4th Poolside Cookout
- Monday September 2nd Labor Day Poolside Cookout

See you at the Club,
Joe Fidelibus, Clubhouse Manager

From the Clubhouse



Golf News

The 2024 Signal Mountain Invitational is in the books. The event was once again a great success thanks in part to a great field, wonderful staff, and plenty of outstanding sponsors. We once again hosted an incredibly strong field of top amateurs from around the Southeast. Tyler Guy and his staff did a fantastic job of getting the golf course ready and producing an incredibly tough 6200 yard course. The greens were absolutely perfect, even if 3-putts were plentiful. Friday's round produced a few rounds under par. Former UTC golfer, Andrew Weathers, started off tournament with an opening round 65 to take a 2 shot lead over former Lipscomb player, Ryan Terry, and current Lipscomb player, Jack Morris. We got incredibly lucky dodging weather on Saturday to get in the round without any interruption. SMGCC member and future MTSU golfer, Thad Whitfield, set the pace Saturday morning with the low round of the tournament with a 63. Thad used this round to take a 3 shot lead into the final round over Ryan Terry. Thad took a lead into the back 9 on Sunday but Ryan Terry put together a solid back 9 to tie it Thad on hole 16. Both players made par on 17, and went to the 54th hole tied. Both players hit the green and left themselves a putt for birdie. Thad's putt snuck just by the edge of the hole but rolled past by 5 feet. Ryan birdie attempt was dead center of the hole but came up one revolution short. Thad's par putt rolled just over the edge of the cup, securing the victory for Ryan Terry. Ryan finished the event with an impressive score of -11. Thank you again to all of our participants and our wonderful sponsors.

Below are all of the flight winners:

Championship A: Thad Whitfield
Championship B: Jack Martin
Championship C: Andrew Holt

Senior Champion: Steve Johnson
First Flight: Jimmy McGarry
Second Flight: Cory Strain

Upcoming Events

June 4 & 6 Pat Herring Better-Best
June 17-19 Junior Golf Camp #1
June 21-23 Men's Club Championship (Championship Flight)
June 22-23 Men's Club Championship / President's Cup
June 26 Member and 3 (4 person teams consisting of any combination of at least 1 member and guests)
July 4 Flag Day / Shootout #2
July 8-10 Junior Golf Camp #2
July 13-14 Ladies Club Championship
July 19-21 Mountaineer
July 29-31 Junior Golf Camp #3



Putts From The Fringe

With sod and seed finally on the ground in some of our areas damaged from this winter, I think it would be useful (and maybe interesting) to run down what goes into turf variety selection for the golf course.

The majority of the fairways and tees are either Bermuda or Zoysiagrass. These are warm-season grasses that go dormant in the winter but are generally easier to manage due to their aggressive growing nature, the wide range of herbicide options available, and their drought and disease tolerance. The problem with warm-season grasses is that they do not always survive the winter. Zoysia tends to be more cold-tolerant than Bermuda, unless it is in a chronically wet area during the winter (many of our colder microclimates are also very wet). In areas where Bermuda struggles through the winter, my preference would be to use Zoysia. Zoysia is more prone to disease than Bermuda and is about three times the price, but it has a better chance of winter survival.

Cool-season grasses that can be established by seed, like the Kentucky Bluegrass on the 1st, 15th, and 16th fairways, are good options for areas that are shaded and wet throughout the winter. Cool-season grasses, especially those mowed at fairway height or lower, are very high maintenance through the summer in Tennessee. You usually have to get into Indiana and Ohio before you start seeing bluegrass widely used on golf courses. I would prefer to establish bluegrass by seed, but bluegrass is famously slow to establish.

There is no one perfect turf variety for our climate. Finding and establishing the best choice for a given area is time-consuming and takes some trial and error. We have more turf coverage this May than I have seen since starting here. The areas that are doing well are better than they normally are for this time of year. We still have winter problem areas, but I think we are getting closer to solving them. I look forward to the year when we are not spending April, May, and June trying to get grass to grow in difficult winter areas.





SMLGA News

Warmer weather is finally here, which means to ladies of the LGA are enjoying lots of golf & camaraderie. We can be found on the course Tuesday & Thursday mornings from now through October.

Congratulations are in order for Karen Burns' recent hole-in-1 on #3! Although not her 1st one, the thrill never gets old! Something tells me there are more to come.

Happy summer,
Maryellen



SMGCC Book Club



Thursday, June 20th 6:00PM
The Henna Artist by Alka Josi

Thursday, July 18th 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!

June 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	3 Club Closed	4 Pat Herring Better-Best	5 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Pat Herring Better-Best	6	7	8
9 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	10 Club Closed	11	12 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	13	14	15
16 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	17 Club Closed Summer Golf Camp #1	18 Summer Golf Camp #1	19 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Summer Golf Camp #1	20 Book Club	21 Men's Club Championship	22 Men's Club Championship
23 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Men's Club Championship	24 Club Closed	25	26 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Member and 3	27	28	29 Live Music Poolside
30 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm						

July 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Club Closed	2	3 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	4 Poolside Cookout Flay Day Shootout #2	5	6
7 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	8 Club Closed Junior Golf Camp #2	9 Junior Golf Camp #2	10 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Junior Golf Camp #2	11	12	13 Ladies Club Championship
14 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Ladies Club Championship	15 Club Closed	16	17 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	18	19 Mountaineer	20 Mountaineer
21 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Mountaineer	22 Club Closed	23	24 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	25 Book Club	26	27
28 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	29 Club Closed Summer Golf Camp #3 (full)	30 Summer Golf Camp #3 (full)	31 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Summer Golf Camp #3 (full)			



Clubhouse Extensions:
(423) 886-5767

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Press: 0

Pro Shop & Tee Times
Press: 1

Head Golf Pro, Paul Helle
Press: 2

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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

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Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

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