

October 2024

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

Dear Members,

A new season may be upon us, but things are not slowing down around here. October is packed with activity on and off the course.

I want to invite those who have not signed up for the Malarkey Cup to do so. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your skills and enjoy some friendly competition.

Friends and Family will have a variety of social events as well. Oktoberfest and the Fall Festival are going to include music, games, and spirited family fun. Please bring your friends and family to partake in the festivities and strengthen our already vibrant community.

This season marks the beginning of our long-awaited irrigation project. This improvement will enhance the course's playability and beauty. I want to personally thank all our members for their support as we undertake this essential, overdue work. I know this necessary infrastructure is going to improve so much.

Members, I also want to invite you to the Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election on October 17th. Community participation insures met expectations and quality experiences. We want you to be informed and we want to hear from you. We will also have two director positions opening in January. Candidates will be voted into office at this meeting. If you are interested in running, please notify the business office as soon as possible.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our newest members to the SMGCC family:
Kevin and Sarah Millz and their children Andrew and Parker
Andrew and April Sawhill and their children Colin and Cora

Thank you all for being a valued member of our club. Here's to a wonderful October filled with Camaraderie and Great Golf!

Respectfully,
Alan P. Kelley





Head Pro Paul Helle and Andy White teamed to win both of their Saturday matches and were two of the five Signal players with perfect 3-0 records for the tournament.



Frank Hollowell lines up a birdie putt on his way to winning his Sunday singles match.

2024 HASKEW CUP



Tournament co-founder and longtime Signal team captain Wayne Palmer with his wife Lauren.



Andrew Romanek had a hole-in-one on #3 in his victorious singles match, for his third career ace.



From the Clubhouse

Clubhouse Newsletter October 2024

Coming up next is “**Oktoberfest**” on Saturday October 19th featuring “**THE HAUPTSTRASSE POLKA BAND**”. I’ll be sending out an eblast for the event and a link to a site where you can purchase **Oktoberfest** wear and bling. The Chef and Tina will be featuring German foods, wines and beers for the celebration. Have your dancing shoes ready and Polka the Night Away!

November brings our **Family Fall Festival and Halloween Celebration**. Seating will be family style. The Kiddo’s will enjoy games and pizza! Wear your Halloween Costumes and ring in the fall season.

Ladies Bingo Night is a fun way to meet your fellow members and have fun bingo games. Thursday November 7th at 6:00



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Wednesday Night is \$10 off Clubhouse Selection Wines
Cabernet, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc

- **Saturday October 19 “Oktoberfest”** Look for the eblast that will have all the details and where you can purchase Oktoberfest wear and bling online.
- **Saturday November 2nd Family Fall Festival and Halloween Celebration**
- **Thursday November 7th Ladies Bingo Night**

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.

Haskew Cup XIX

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club hosted Black Creek Club this past weekend for the 19th Annual Haskew Cup. Signal had a chance for their first ever Three-Peat in this event after winning at Black Creek for the first time ever last year. Black Creek brought an incredibly strong team up the Mountain and it showed. Black Creek jumped out to a commanding lead after the Four-Ball matches on Saturday Morning with a 9.5 to 6.5 cushion. Signal was able to battle back Saturday afternoon with a small victory in the Foursomes Matches, 8.5 to 7.5. Signal had a small hill to climb in Sunday's singles matches to overcome the 2 point deficit that they faced. The first several Singles Matches on Sunday were back and forth but Black Creek increased their lead by winning 6 of the first 10 Singles Matches. It was at this point that the tides began to change. Signal managed to win 11 of the next 16 matches, with 3 of those matches ending in a draw. With that burst of wins and ties, Signal created a lead that was insurmountable. It was an incredible feeling to come back from behind to win on our home turf. A special congratulations to Andrew Romanek with the shot of the tournament. Andrew managed to make an Ace on hole 3 in his Singles Match. Thank you to all of the team members and the Haskew Cup Committee for a great event. A special thanks to Tyler Guy and Joe Fidelibus's staffs for their outstanding work this weekend to help put on a great event. Black Creek may have been upset with the result, but they were incredibly complimentary of all aspects of the event.





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. Finally, please fix any ball marks created on the green after chipping.

Upcoming Events

October 3-4 – Kistler Cup Finals

October 5- Superintendent's Revenge

October 23 – Member and 3

October 24- Ladies Closing Day

October 26-27 – Malarkey Cup

November 2- Putting Tournament



Putts From The Fringe

October is my favorite month of the year. Along with being in the middle of football season, we enjoy the best weather and playing conditions on the golf course. This year has been challenging for course conditions, and I'm reaching the time of year when I can reflect on what we missed and what we can improve for next year. A dry summer, preceded by back-to-back harsh winters that led to widespread winterkill throughout the region, has kept us playing defense all year.

Winterkill and drought have compounded to make weed control an issue later in the summer. Our pre-emergent programs, on paper, should cover us through September, but we typically see efficacy drop off by the end of July. The post-emergent herbicides available to us can damage the turf, especially during drought conditions. Most herbicide labels state, "do not apply to drought-stressed turf." I have been reluctant to take any actions that may set us back as we are dry heading into fall once again. Next year, we will have more supplemental pre-emergent options, particularly around the greens, as we will be able to use products that require immediate irrigation to prevent turf damage.

We have also raised our mowing heights on tees, fairways, and approaches to the highest setting on our mowers, and we have reduced our mowing frequency to the lowest level since I started in 2021. Traffic is a significant contributor to winterkill and affects turf playing conditions when the grass is not actively growing. At a recent superintendent roundtable event, superintendents from the best clubs in town discussed strategies to reduce cart traffic and winterkill. This fall, we will decrease the amount of traffic caused by our department during leaf season. Some strategies to reduce cart traffic when the grass is dormant or not growing include raising cart fees for part of the year, implementing cart path-only days, and rotating holes to be cart path-only throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

You can help protect the golf course by being aware of cart restrictions, using the 90-degree rule, avoiding driving through high-traffic areas, and reducing unnecessary cart traffic. I often see golfers taking shortcuts with carts that may provide a more direct route but do not result in fewer steps walked. Please help protect the golf course by understanding the impact of cart traffic and reducing any unnecessary traffic.

Irrigation still set to start this month, thank you again for your continued support!

Tyler





SMLGA News

Under sunny skies, the LGA recently held the 1st Annual St. Charles Invitational. It was truly heartwarming to see so many ladies come together to honor and remember our dear friend, Jean St. Charles, in such a meaningful way.

The event was a great success, and it was evident that all the teams put in tremendous effort to make the day special. The format of the competition, 1,2,3,4, requiring all 4 scores on hole #9, brought both fun and challenges, reflecting the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship that we aimed to foster. We believe that Jean would have been delighted with our choice of play and the incredible turnout.

Lunch & awards followed the round of golf, with the team of Karen Burns, Michele Purchase, Lisa St. Charles & Debbie Lambert coming out on top of the 1st flight. Winners of the 2nd flight were Deedee Raulston, Bonnie Hamilton, Nancy Hora & Lynn Heck.

Our sincere thanks to Paul & his staff, Tyler & his crew & Joe & his team for their help in making our event truly memorable!

Happy Fall,
Maryellen



**St Charles Invitational:
1st Flight Winners**



**St Charles Invitational:
2nd Flight Winners**



SMGCC BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Oct 17th 6:00PM

One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow by Olivia Hawker

Thursday, Nov 21st 6:00PM

TBA

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!



October 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	Club Closed	1	2 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	3 Kistler Cup Finals	4 Kistler Cup Finals	5 Super- intendent's Revenge / Shootout Finale
6 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	7 Club Closed	8	9 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	10	11	12
13 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	14 Club Closed	15	16 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	17 Book Club	18	19 Oktoberfest
20 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	21 Club Closed	22	23 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines Member & 3	24 Ladies Closing Day	25	26 Malarkey Cup
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November 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Family Fall Festival and Halloween Celebration Fall Putting Tournament
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(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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