

April 2025

# Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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# President's Message

Dear Members,

I am thrilled to report the installation of our new irrigation system is nearing completion! This investment in our infrastructure will not only enhance the quality of our greens and fairways but will contribute to sustainable water management for years to come. We are proud to prioritize the health of our course, ensuring that it remains enjoyable for all skill levels.

To celebrate this milestone, we will be organizing a special demonstration of the new irrigation system in the coming weeks. This will be an excellent opportunity for members to learn about the technology and techniques we are implementing. Drinks will be provided so please keep an eye on your email for the date.

Another fantastic addition to our course you may have noticed are the additional bluebird houses. We now have 17 houses! A big thank you to Mike Mauney for taking care of these. I have already seen them out there nesting.

Finally, please join me in welcoming the newest members to our community Brian and Jillian Eischeid and their children, Briston Reese, and a welcome back to Braden Selby and his children. I look forward to meeting them all and seeing them enjoying the facilities.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. You are truly what makes our club so great.

Respectfully,  
Alan P. Kelley

President's Message



Just like "Saturday Night Live," SMGCC now has its own Five-Timers Club, as Team Know It All won the Trivia Night competition held on March 1, making Wells Blake and John & Nancy Stagmaier the first-ever five-time champions. The only team with its own table centerpiece commemorating each of their previous titles, Team Know It All will need to add another pennant to their flagstick after their impressive wire-to-wire victory. Pictured above (from left to right) is the winning team of John & Nancy Stagmaier, Ansley McWilliams, Wells Blake, Emily Blake, Elissa Clark, Lydia McWilliams, and George Clark.



## From the Clubhouse April 2025

### Spring is here! Join us for Easter Sunday Brunch 10am -3pm

Chef Richard will lay out a delicious brunch buffet with all your favorite.  
Look for email blast for details and menu

### Swim Lessons for your Kids at the Club Pool

Swim Lessons are available through our Licensed Swim Instructor Brandis White.  
Contact Brandis at [brandis.white53@gmail.com](mailto:brandis.white53@gmail.com) to set up lessons. *These lessons are for Club members only.* Book your lessons early to ensure your child gets a lesson slot.  
*No outside swim instructors are allowed to teach at the Club Pool.*

Our **March Ladies' Night Out** was a lovely evening of white and sparkling wine tastings, thanks to Tina and her team for creating such a beautiful event! We're looking ahead to **May's Ladies' Night** stay tuned for details. Details for **Easter celebrations**, including the **Family Egg Hunt**, will be shared soon and more exciting events to come. But first, don't miss **Dueling Pianos on April 5-** A high-energy night with signature cocktails, small bites and a fun photo booth! Don't know what dueling pianos are? Check out the details below. There is still time to RSVP! You'll also notice new **QR codes** on all the tables - Scan these to view all our upcoming events and RSVP with ease on our new online system. Have feedback or want to connect? Reach us at [SMGCCsocial@gmail.com](mailto:SMGCCsocial@gmail.com).

### Join us for a night of Dueling Pianos, April 5th. \$45/person

What are Dueling Pianos? Think Pat O'Brien's in New Orleans. Dueling pianos is a high-energy, interactive musical experience where two pianists perform on facing pianos, taking song requests from the audience. Instead of a formal concert it's more of a lively, comedic show where the musicians engage in the crowd, encourage singalongs, and "battle" by trying to out play or out-entertain each other. The music will span all genres and be a fun, unpredictable night! It will be a mix of live music, comedy shows, and a karaoke party! Guests are welcome.

### [Social Calendar and RSVP Here!](#)

Save the Date:

April 5 - Dueling Pianos

April 11 - Couples Golf Starts

April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 20 - Easter Brunch

May 3 - Kentucky Derby Party

May 8 - Mother's Day Ladies Night Out with Rose Tasting

May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch

May 23 - Family Opening Pool Party

May 26 - Memorial Day BBQ

From the Clubhouse



# Golf News

Dear Members,

Spring is finally here, and that means one thing for golfers — The Masters is right around the corner! It's an exciting time of year as the season kicks into full swing, and I couldn't be more excited to see everyone out on the course. March brought in the good weather that we all have been waiting for.

At the end of March we saw Chandler move on to the Council Fire Golf Club. Chandler was a huge asset to me during my first few months here at the club. We thank him and wish him well in his future endeavors.

I am pleased to announce the hiring of our new Assistant Professional, Fritz Johnson. Please swing by the Golf Shop and give him a warm welcome. Fritz is a PGA Class 'A' Member and brings a wealth of knowledge in tournament operations and teaching.

As always, we have some great events planned for the spring and early summer, so keep an eye on the calendar. If you need anything or have questions about your game or the upcoming schedule, don't hesitate to ask the Golf Shop.

Here's to a fantastic season — and hopefully a green jacket for your favorite player! My pick this year is Rory.

See you on the course!

Billy

*Golf News*



## Putts From The Fringe

### Bumpy Putts From The Fringe

It sure does feel like “just that time of year” out on the golf course, when the playing conditions have not caught up the weather. Waiting for this bermuda to green up can be a painful process but I am encouraged at the amount of green up I am seeing. After two harsh winters with excessive winter kill, I think we are going to get through this year relatively well. We have made some changes to our operation to protect the turf from winter kill, but I think the majority of the credit goes to mother nature being a little kinder to us this past winter than the two previous.

One of the biggest issues this time of year is the prolific poa annua patches, specifically around greens. This weed poses a unique challenge and despite significantly lowering the poa populations around the greens, it is still disruptive of golf. Our options to remove poa are limited due to herbicide resistance but we are treating it and slowly removing it. Over the last two years I have worked closely with Dr. Brosnan, the turf herbicide extension specialist at The University of Tennessee and we have had a plan in place that will continue to gradually reduce the poa annua on the golf course this time of year. As someone who is playing a bump and run with a hybrid from off the green whenever possible, I understand the frustration.

We are reaching the end of our irrigation project, at the time of this writing we have roughly 90% of the irrigation heads installed. As they are closing in on finishing the project, the contractor has begun to work on the punch list items to get the golf course put back together. This renovation has been a major disruption to the golf course and it will take months to recover from and years to realize the full benefits. We have seeded several areas in the rough and am excited to finally be able to reach those areas with water. There will be extensive seeding this fall when the timing is better for establishment.

Spring is the toughest stretch for this golf course, I appreciate everyone’s patience and believe that we have a lot to look forward to this summer and beyond.

See you on the course!

Tyler





# *Tina Arms*

## **SMGCC's New Clubhouse Manager**

Getting to know Tina Arms

When Joe Fidelibus retired from SMGCC earlier this year, the club was very fortunate to have a worthy successor already on the staff. Joe often said that he hoped his co-worker Tina Arms would succeed him at the club, which is exactly what happened when she made a seamless transition into the role of Clubhouse Manager on March 1.

Tina was born and raised in Chattanooga. Her first club job was on the beverage cart at Council Fire Golf Club, starting there shortly after Council Fire first opened in the early 1990's. She ended up working at Council Fire for 27 years and moving up the ranks, eventually serving for almost 20 years as their Food and Beverage Manager/Director of Club Services.

She left Council Fire and came to SMGCC in March 2021. For the last four years, she served as our club's "front of the house" manager, making sure that everything ran smoothly in the bar and dining room and helping coordinate countless special events hosted by the club. In fact, Tina says that event planning is her favorite part of her job, and she's looking forward to trying some new event ideas, such as the dueling pianos show coming up on April 5. Her favorite annual event at Signal is the Mountaineer, our club's member-guest golf tournament played every July.

She likes working at SMGCC and interacting with the members. She also enjoys her co-workers on the current staff and stays in touch with many former co-workers and employees from over the course of her career. She's only been in her new position for one month but already has filled all the pool staff positions for this coming summer, so she's off to a great start.

Tina and her husband John live in Soddy Daisy and enjoy spending time on their boat. They have a daughter and two grandsons who live on Signal. They spend a lot of time with their grandsons, six year-old Weston (who goes to Nolan and enjoys playing baseball and basketball) and five month-old Krew.

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to congratulate Tina on her new position at the club. We're lucky to have her!

## SMLGA NEWS

The LGA is looking forward to opening day on Thursday April 17. We have a 9:30 start and a meeting and lunch to follow. If you would like to join us this year on Tuesday and Thursday mornings please email [SMLGA1922@gmail.com](mailto:SMLGA1922@gmail.com). While we wait for warmer weather and opening day we continue to celebrate our ladies and their birthdays.

Holly Battle  
SMLGA President



## SMGCC BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Apr 17th 6:00PM

**Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi

Thursday, May 15th 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](mailto:squirtzer@aol.com). Come join us for an evening of fun!



# April 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	3	4	5
6 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	7 Club Closed	8	9 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	10	11 Couples Golf Starts	12
13 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	14 Club Closed	15	16 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines  One Day Mem- Mem/Mem-Guest	17 Ladies Opening Day  Book Club	18	19 Easter Egg Hunt
20 Easter Brunch	21 Club Closed	22	23 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	24	25	26 Spring Putting Tournament
27 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	28 Club Closed	29	30 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines			

# May 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3 Member / Member
4 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Member / Member	5 Club Closed	6	7 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	8 Mother's Day Ladies Night Out w/ Rose Tasting	9	10
11 Mother's Day Brunch	12 Club Closed	13	14 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines  One Day Mem- Mem/Mem-Guest	15 Book Club	16 Signal Mountain Invitational	17 Signal Mountain Invitational
18 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm  Signal Mountain Invitational	19 Club Closed	20	21 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	22	23 Family Opening Pool Party	24
25 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	26 Memorial Day BBQ  Memorial Day Scramble / Shootout #1	27	28 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	29	30	31



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(423) 886-5767

Ollies  
Press: 0

Pro Shop & Tee Times  
Press: 1

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, Tina Arms  
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**

tarms@smgcc.org

## **Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club**

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