

May 2025

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

Dear Members,

I am thrilled to announce golf season is officially underway! The irrigation renovation has been successfully completed and came in on budget.

A big thank you to Tyler Guy, our Course Superintendent, for outstanding management of this project.

We are kicking May off with the popular Member-Member tournament this coming weekend as well our Derby Viewing Party on Sunday, May 3rd.

The Party will include food specials, derby-themed drinks, and live music following the conclusion of the tournament.

Please also be sure to mark your calendars for May 23rd. We are hosting a Family Pool Party to open the summer swimming season.

I know everyone will be excited to celebrate the end of the school year and relax poolside with friends.

Finally, please join me in welcoming new members, The Ramsey Family and Frank and Lori Powell, and the Stansell Family, who is returning to the SMGCC community.

Respectfully,
Alan P Kelley

President's Message



The Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members and returning members for May 2025:

Welcome To:

Alex Ramsey (Junior), Senior Sales Manager, wife, Sarah Ramsey, and children Kate (4), Madison (4) and Luke (3)

Frank Powell (Full), Financial Advisor, and wife, Lori



From the Clubhouse
Clubhouse Newsletter
May 2025

Spring Fun & Summer on the Horizon!

April brought us our unforgettable Dueling Pianos Party, what a blast! The music was incredible, and huge thanks to Tina and her team for the fantastic food, drinks, and service. If you missed it, don't worry, there's plenty more fun ahead!

Our Easter Egg Hunt was also a great success. The kids scooped up eggs in record time, and families enjoyed a gorgeous day outside with live music and festive drinks.

Next up: the Kentucky Derby Watch Party! Join us as we cheer on the horses at 6:57 PM on May 3rd. Josh Branum was such a hit at the Egg Hunt; we're bringing him back for live music after the Member-Member concludes. Tina and Richard will be serving up Derby-themed drinks and delicious specials you won't want to miss.

Please note we've decided to cancel May's Ladies Night Out. May is a busy month for many, so we'll revisit this event when things settle down.

The pool opens at the end of May, and we're kicking off summer with a Family Pool Party on May 23! Expect a DJ, a fun menu, and lots of energy to start the season right.

And there's more to come—stay tuned for our live music schedule. If you know talented musicians who would be a great fit for our events, send them our way!

As always please contact us at SMGCCsocial@gmail.com with your ideas, feedback and recommendations musicians!

Mother's Day Brunch May 11th 11:00-2:30

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 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.*

Upcoming events

- * May 3rd Derby Watch Party
- * May 11th Mother's Day
- * May 23rd Family Pool Party
- * May 26th Memorial Day

OPENING POOL PARTY

FRIDAY
MAY 23

SPECIAL MENU
EVENING DJ
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN US FOR A

KENTUCKY

Derby Party

Saturday, May 3rd

5-9 pm

Live music

Derby drinks & food specials

RSVP to reserve your table



2025 Haskew Cup

Can the Good Guys Make it Four in a Row?



Wayne Palmer, Haskew Cup co-founder
and longtime SMGCC Captain

Since 2003, the male golfers of SMGCC and Black Creek Club in Chattanooga have contested the annual Haskew Cup, a two-day Ryder Cup-style tournament that is one of the highlights of our club's golf calendar. This year's tournament - the 20th - will be hosted by Black Creek on October 4th-5th, as Signal will be looking to extend our winning streak to an unprecedented fourth consecutive victory in the event.

Our team will be comprised of 31 members who will qualify for the team over the next few months, plus our club's head professional Billy Winters. There are three different times when members can post scores to be used for Haskew Cup qualifying – on three specific qualifying days during the summer, during this month's Signal Mountain Invitational, and during next month's Club Championship. Each member's qualifying score will be their two best scores from these different events.

The tournament was created by our club's Wayne Palmer and his friend Gary Haskew, who was a longtime member of Black Creek. Wayne has served as Signal's captain for many years and has an obvious love for the event. He said, "It is exciting that over 20 years after Gary and I first created this tournament, the passion is still there for both clubs to continue to grow friendships while competing in tournament golf."

The rivalry between the two teams is friendly, and the results have been very even over the 19 times the tournament has been played. Both teams have won the event nine times – thanks to Signal's recent hot streak, winning four of the last five and the last three in a row.

The two clubs have a differing of opinions on the 2017 edition. Black Creek was leading after the first day, but torrential rains on Sunday forced a cancellation of the event. Black Creek claims that year as their 10th victory, while Signal views it as a rain out. (There also have been three years since 2003 when the tournament was not held.) The home team has won all but three of the tournaments, with our team winning for the first time at Black Creek in 2023.

The tournament includes three rounds of match play formats. After a Friday night cocktail party and dinner at the host club, Saturday features two-man team matches with Four-ball in the morning and Foursomes (alternate shot) in the afternoon, followed by Singles matches on Sunday.

The team will include players of a variety of handicap levels, from scratch players to those with 12+ handicaps, along with several slots for senior players. Last year, a club-record 57 members tried to qualify, a sign of how popular this event has become over the years.

Be on the lookout for more information about this year's qualifying process (to be e-mailed soon), and keep in mind that the first chance to start posting qualifying scores is the Signal Mountain Invitational, to be played May 16-18.

Golf News

As we turn the page to May, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on a fantastic start to the 2025 golf season here at Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club.

April Highlights:

April brought the return of two of our most anticipated weekly events—**Thursday Night Game and Friday Night Couples Golf**—both of which kicked off with great participation and fun competition. It's always great to see familiar faces back on the course and to welcome new ones into the fold.

We also celebrated **Ladies Opening Day**, which was a tremendous success. A big thank you to all who participated and helped get the season started on such a high note. We're looking forward to an exciting year ahead working alongside the LGA.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

There's a lot to look forward to in May:

- **Member-Member Tournament: May 3–4**
- **Signal Mountain Invitational: May 16–18**
- **Memorial Day Scramble: May 26**

Signal Mountain Invitational Sponsorship Opportunity:

We are currently seeking sponsors for the Signal Mountain Invitational. For just **\$100**, your name will be displayed on our **Sponsorship Banner**—proudly positioned at the putting green throughout the tournament. As a token of our appreciation, you'll also receive an invitation to our **Sponsors Party**, held **May 16th at 6:00 PM at the Pool**.

If you're interested in being a sponsor, please call the Golf Shop at your earliest convenience.

We're off to a strong start, and I'm looking forward to a great season ahead. See you on the course!

Warm regards,

Billy Winters

Head Golf Professional

Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

Golf News



Putts From The Fringe

Our irrigation project is finally wrapped up, which means we can now put all our energy into getting the golf course in the best shape possible. This project pulled resources away from our regular operations and slowed short-term progress, and as a result, the attention to detail around the course has been lacking. It will take us some time to catch up and recover. This golf course is like a pitcher coming out of Tommy John surgery, we aren't quite ready to throw 100 mph yet.

That said, I'm encouraged by the green up in the fairways. Even with the scars left behind from construction, we're ahead of schedule when it comes to color and turf density. We haven't been able to settle into a regular mowing routine due to rocks in the fairway and rain, but by the first week of May, we should have the chance to mow the course wall to wall multiple times. This will improve the overall presentation significantly.

Unfortunately, our irrigation contractor will need to return for repairs to some greens drainage that was damaged during the project. Poor drainage in certain areas has led to algae growth, which we'll have to fight to eliminate before summer. This is all part of the process, I would have been shocked if we didn't have to bring the crew back for some adjustments.

I expect to see continued improvements in the golf course every week through May and June, and I'm excited to see how much we can achieve with this new system, not just because of improved irrigation coverage and control but also because we'll experience fewer interruptions due to leaks.

Thank you all for your patience throughout the winter and spring. We had to take a step back to install this system, we are now starting our two steps forward at full speed.

Thanks,
Tyler



SMLGA NEWS

April 17th was the LGA opening day for the 2025 season. 25 ladies took part in a 9 hole select shot format. A fun time was had by everyone, including those who joined us for lunch. A special thank you to Billy Winters, Fritz Johnson and Tyler Guy who came up and greeted the ladies and welcomed them back to the course. Closest to the hole winner was Bonnie Hamilton and Straightest Drive winner was Michele Purchase. Winning Team at 1 under par was List St. Charles, Laura Newbourne and Donna Morrison.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. You can sign up for 9 holes or 18 holes whatever your comfort level. Please mark your calendars starting in May for the Wednesday night clinics the pro shop will be hosting. Weekly at 5:30. Keep an eye out for information on how to sign up. Also plan to join us on May 29th at 9:30 for our Member Member/Member Guest day. Sign up sheet is in the ladies locker room.

Look forward to sunny skies, warming weather and great comradery.

Holly Battle
SMLGA President



SMGCC BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 15th 6:00PM

Operation Mincemeat by Ben Macintyre

Thursday, June 19th 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!



May 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3 Member / Member Derby Watch Party
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 11-2:30	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 LGA MM/MG	30	31

June 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 Club Closed	3 Cathy McIntire Best Better	4 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	5 Cathy McIntire Best Better	6	7
8 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	9 Club Closed	10	11 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	12	13	14
15 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	16 Club Closed	17	18 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines One Day Mem- Mem/Mem-Guest	19 Book Club	20	21
22 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	23 Club Closed	24	25 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	26	27	28
29 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	30 Club Closed					



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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

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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

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