

June 2025

Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club



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President's Message

Dear Members,

With summer upon us, Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club is in full swing! We had the Opening Pool Party and Memorial Day celebration all in one weekend—and somehow avoided most of the rain! We are on track for one of the rainiest months of May in Chattanooga history—hopefully the rest of the summer will be beautiful and dryer! Our team has been hard at work preparing the course and facilities for a fantastic summer season. The Grounds team is working hard on the course for the increased summer play. Look forward to a new menu coming out soon to enhance your dining experience.

I encourage everyone to take part in upcoming tournaments, social events, and family activities. Your continued support and engagement are what make our club special. Let's enjoy a season of great golf, family fun, and a safe and happy Summer!

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 June 2025:

Welcome To:

Justin Barnes (Junior), Accountant with Blue Cross Blue Shield, and wife
Kathryn (Director, Playcore's Impact Parks) and children Emma (4) and
Collin (2)



From the Clubhouse Clubhouse Newsletter June 2025

Summer is here! We had a wonderful turnout for a opening pool party. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the event a success. **The next Poolside Cookout will be Friday July 4th. Make plans to enjoy for live music poolside on Saturday June 14th & June 28th. Josh Branum will be playing on June 14th 5 to 8.** The Middle Creek Band will be playing June 28th from 6 to 9 . Both artists will be 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 remember to sign in at the pool gate. There is \$7 guest fee.



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



- Saturday June 14th Live Music Poolside by Josh Branum
- Saturday June 28th Live Music Poolside by The Middle Creek Band
- Friday July 4th Poolside Cookout

Getting to know Billy Winters



Our club's new head golf professional Billy Winters is a native of western Massachusetts, where his grandfather introduced him to golf at age seven. Growing up, he also played ice hockey and was a snow skier, but it was golf that captured his interest the most. He played competitively and knew by his junior year in high school that he wanted to pursue a career in the game.

After working for a local golf resort in Massachusetts, he was hired at age 21 by Golf Digest Schools, where he learned how to be a golf instructor. For five years, he worked for the Golf Digest instructional academies in the winters in Palm Beach and in the summers at The Greenbrier in West Virginia, one of America's oldest and most famous resorts.

When The Greenbrier decided to start their own teaching operation, they hired Billy, then only 26, to be their first Director of Instruction, a year-round position he held for the next 15 years. During his years at

The Greenbrier, Billy taught alongside Nick Faldo, Lee Trevino, and David Leadbetter, and he also earned his Class A PGA Professional status. More importantly, he met and married his wife Alicia there, and they had their two sons, Will and Jace.

In 2022, Billy decided to leave The Greenbrier and move to Chattanooga for a non-golf business opportunity. However, he still wanted to teach golf lessons, so he was able to work out an arrangement with SMGCC to teach at our club in his spare time. This started in the spring of 2023 (Doug Fisher was his first Signal student), and he stayed very busy teaching our members over the last two years.

When our club was interviewing head pro candidates last fall, several members contacted Billy and encouraged him to apply for the job. After an extensive search that yielded many outstanding candidates, the board hired Billy in December, and he joined the staff in early January.

About his new position, Billy said, "I'm really enjoying it. I still teach a bunch, but I'm also responsible for daily operations, running tournaments, and merchandising." As far as teaching is concerned, he said, "I love making people better, from newbies to advanced players." He obviously is good at it. He is one of only 16 golf teachers in Tennessee to currently hold the "Best Teachers in Every State" designation, as voted on by his golf pro peers and conducted by Golf Digest. He also earned this designation several times in West Virginia when he was working at The Greenbrier.

As for SMGCC, Billy believes, "The best part of this club is the membership – it's like one big family," and he is hoping to implement some ideas that he has for our practice facility and for various tournaments.

Billy and his family live on Signal and love being a part of the community. His son Will is 11 and will be a 6th grader at SMMHS, and Jace is 7 and attends Nolan. Away from the course, Billy plays guitar and describes himself as a "huge music guy – classic rock mainly." He also is a big pro sports fan. Having grown up in Massachusetts, he closely follows the Red Sox, Celtics, and Bruins, but when it comes to football, he is a rabid Washington Commanders fan, usually traveling to see them in person once each season.

We wish Billy all the best in his new role at our club!

Golf News

Dear Members,

As we turn the page into June and summer officially kicks off, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible energy we've seen around the club—and to thank each of you for being part of it.

Signal Mountain Invitational – A Tremendous Success!

The 2024 Signal Mountain Invitational, held May 16–18, was a resounding success. From the competitive spirit on the course to the camaraderie among players and spectators, it was a tournament to remember. This event has a deep and proud history, and thanks to your continued support, we're building on that tradition.

A heartfelt **thank you** goes out to all of our generous sponsors who made this year's Invitational possible:

Chambliss Law - Kirby Yost & Mike St. Charles, Doug and Chris Fisher, Andy Guth, The Hamilton Firm, Mike & Meg Mauney, High Rock Valuation, Insight Investments and Insurance, Paul Stagmaier, MSA Business Technology, Bobby & Donna Morrison III, Jack Chrisman, Tom Dixon, Suzanne Caplenor, Jon & Maryellen Cook, Chee Chee Allen, Bobbie Lynn Morrison, Marshall Mize, Bruce & Doris Chambers, Larry & Barbara Burns, David & Lynne Marks, Greg & Amy Russell, Jean Cates, Alan Cates, Pinnacle Hauling, Roger & Judy Field, Andrew Hausler, Andrew Holt, Charlie Rowland, Billy & Alicia Winters, Scott Pierce, Teeter's Pressure & Soft Washing, Grayson Garrett, Mac Hedges, Meyers Security, Rick & Pamela Morrison, Dewayne McCammish, Core Insurance Advisors - Steve Hordos, Scott Patten, and Mike Jenkins.

While we did experience a slight dip in sponsor levels this year, I'm already working on a refreshed sponsorship structure for next year's Invitational. The goal? To maintain the strong foundation we've built while introducing a new **Premier Sponsor** tier to elevate the experience and engagement. I look forward to sharing more details soon as we continue to reinvigorate this storied event.

Member/Member Recap

A round of applause to all those who braved the elements in this year's Member/Member! The fog was so thick it felt like a scene from a mystery novel—but that didn't stop our members from showing up and playing their hearts out. Interestingly, Saturday's scoring average topped Sunday's, proving that when one sense (like sight) is diminished, our others—especially feel—step up. The lesson? Trust your game, aim for the center of the green, and let your instincts do the rest. Watch your scores drop!

The Mountaineer

Please note that the fee for The Mountaineer will be applied to your June monthly bill. If you are on the list and will be unable to play in The Mountaineer this year, please let the Golf Shop know as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead to Summer

Memorial Day has come and gone, and that means summer is in full swing at the Club. Whether you're planning to hit the pool, enjoy a round with friends, or simply take in the views from the patio we have a fantastic season lined up. Stay tuned for more events, family fun, and great golf.

Thank you all for making Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club the special place it is. See you around the club!

Warm regards,
Billy Winters

Golf News



Putts From The Fringe

Summer! At least according to the kids being out of school. We are still yet to see the summer heat and humidity. Perfect temperatures and heavy rains have our fescue roughs very happy, while the bermuda remains lethargic. All in all, the course is rounding into shape. Keep in mind that the bermuda taking its time to become dense is nothing new—an old USGA Turf Advisory Consulting Report from 2008 says, “Members should be reminded that common bermudagrass takes on average until early July to thicken up and provide the desired surface.”

After the Signal Mountain Invitational, we immediately went to work aerating and vertical mowing the tees, fairways, and surrounds. This process will take 2–3 weeks. We’ll get as much done as possible on Mondays when the course is closed and sneak in a few fairways in the morning during the week. This process becomes less disruptive as we are able to mow and clean up the plugs and clippings. The recovery time for this type of work would be faster in July, but we want to get it in before we’re due for our second round of summer pre-emergent herbicide applications. This type of work disturbs the weed-preventing barrier in the soil that we get from pre-emergent products.

You will likely see some new faces working out on the golf course. I’m excited about our summer staff, consisting of several UTC and Signal Mountain High School students. This group is off to a good start, and I think they’ll make a difference when it comes to attention to detail.

It feels good to have this irrigation project behind us. We’re now focused on getting the system dialed in to be more efficient and seeing areas fill in around the golf course. I think we’re set up to have a great summer.

Thank you!
Tyler



SMLGA NEWS

The ladies golf season is underway. We are excited for the Cathy McIntire Best Better tournament the first week in June. We also have a play day with the ladies from Council Fire on June 14 to promote camaraderie and fun on the golf course. Don't forget to join the Wednesday night clinics at 5:30. Call the pro shop to sign up.

Holly Battle
LGA President

SMLGA News



**Mahjong is offered on Wednesday 11:30am lunch
12:15pm-2:00pm play OR**

Thursday at 6:00 pm dinner; 6:45pm - 8:00pm play.

Beginners are welcome!

**Each week, by Tuesday evening, Members email to
hrcash1@epbfi.com ONLY, if YES, you are coming, and specify
whether you are attending day or night.**

**Thank you
Leaba Cash**

SMGCC BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 19th 6:00PM

Three Days in June by Anne Tyler

Thursday, July 17h 6:00PM

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

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 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 Men's Club Championship	21 Men's Club Championship
22 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Men's Club Championship	23 Club Closed	24	25 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	26	27	28
29 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	30 Club Closed					

July 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	3	4 4 th of July Scramble / Shootout #2	5
6 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	7 Club Closed	8	9 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	10	11	12 Ladies Club Championship
13 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Ladies Club Championship	14 Club Closed	15	16 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	17 Book Club	18 Mountaineer	19 Mountaineer
20 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm Mountaineer	21 Club Closed	22	23 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	24	25	26
27 Sunday Brunch 9am – 2pm	28 Club Closed	29	30 Wine Wednesday \$16 House Wines	31		



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(423) 886-5767

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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

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Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club

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