

Golden Hills Golf & Country Club

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 3: SMGA
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 7: GH Shootout
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 10: SMGA
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 17: SMGA
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 21: Par 3
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 24: SMGA
10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 31: SMGA
10:00 a.m.

**PAY YOUR DUES
1 YEAR IN
ADVANCE &
RECEIVE 1
MONTH'S DUES
FREE!**

**CALL
803-957-3970
WITH QUESTIONS.**

Welcome

New Members:

- Mr. John Smith
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Slapnik
- Mr. William McCamy
- Mr. Preston McCamy

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News from the Golf Shop

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy holiday season! Did anyone receive any new golf equipment or apparel for Christmas? If so, come try it out at the golf course this month. We've had a mild start to winter and hopefully this pattern will continue so everyone can come enjoy the golf course.

If you didn't get exactly what you wanted for Christmas, come by the Pro Shop and check out our amazing "After Christmas Specials." We have all your golfing needs and we're fully stocked in our newest line, Under Armour. We have many unbelievable deals going, with some items marked as low as 50% OFF!!

We will be charging handicap fees to everyone's account who keeps their handicap at Golden Hills this month. The fee is \$25/member. If you would like your handicap to be added or removed, contact the pro shop by January 10th.

Please keep the rules of the golf course in mind as you play. As you

know, some areas on course remain roped off year round, but with winter's arrival and moisture on the ground, please be mindful of where you drive the golf carts. They are to stay on the cart paths on all par 3's, around every tee box, and every green. You may also notice some areas of the fairways that are more saturated than the rest. Please steer away from those areas as well. We want the golf course in tip top shape for the upcoming spring season.

We have several new and exciting tournaments planned for 2012. For starters, on January 21st we will be having a Par 3 Tournament. This will be a 2 man best ball tournament, with no handicap. Every hole on the course will be converted to a par 3, which will provide for a fun change of pace. Please sign-up in the Pro Shop no later than noon on January the 20th. We will also begin a **Golden Hills Shootout** for the 2012 season. It will start at 10 am on the 1st Saturday of every month. You will be required to

let the Pro Shop know that you are playing by 5 pm the Friday beforehand. Every shootout will have a different format, with the Pro Shop staff determining the pairings. Everyone is invited to participate.

It's also time for a new MGA, SMGA, and LGA golf season. Each association hosts different events throughout the year and a season end championship. For more information call the Pro Shop at 957-3355.

Last, but not least, our decade long course record has been broken by our very own head pro, Steve Larick. As many of you know, Steve is a tremendous golfer, who can hit just about every shot you can imagine. He went out on December 13th, with our Senior men's group, and shot a staggering 63 with no bogies and 8 birdies. He would like to play a round with as many members as he can, so if you haven't played with him yet, call him to set something up.

Golfingly, *Your Pro Shop Staff*

2012 New Rules of Golf

Golf's governing bodies, the USGA and the R&A, review the Rules of Golf and tweak them as deemed necessary, every 4 years. The latest iteration of the Rules will kick in on Jan. 1, 2012. There were only a handful of substantive changes, but they will certainly be noted by certain PGA Tour players.

OLD RULE	NEW RULE	INTERESTED PARTY
A player is permitted to listen to music or radio broadcasts on a personal device during a round.	Prolonged usage is banned, so best to leave the iPod at home.	Richard Zokol listened to music on a Walkman in the 1982 Tour season. He was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame last year.
A player who is late for his tee time is DQ'd, unless the event is using an exception, which calls for a two-shot penalty.	The DQ is dead. All tournaments will now use the exception.	At last year's Northern Trust Open, Dustin Johnson missed his 7:32 am t-time for the 1st round. Luckily for DJ, the PGA Tour was already using the exception.
If a player or his caddie alters sand in a hazard before the shot is played, he is slapped with a two-shot penalty.	Get a head start on raking, but don't mess with the line, stance or potential lie.	At the '08 Zurich, Stewart Cink stood in 1 bunker to play a shot, then hit into another. His caddie raked the 1st bunker before Cink played again. Result = 2 strokes.
Once a player addresses the ball, if the ball moves for any reason, a one-stroke penalty is assessed.	If it's "virtually certain" the player didn't cause the movement, there is no penalty.	During the final round of last year's Zurich Classic, Webb Simpson was leading when a gust moved his ball on the 15th green, costing him a shot. He lost in a playoff.



Congratulations
to our
2011 Match Play Champion
Mike Ramsey

View the complete tournament
bracket at
www.goldenhillsgolf.com

Ladies Golf Association

We ended the year with a fabulous Christmas party and are looking forward to a great 2012! Our new officers are: President - Nancy Dodge; V. Pres.- Karen Yarborough; Sec/Treas. - Carolyn Brooks. Other LGA volunteers include: Events Chair - Diana Dorey; Sandlapper Rep - Tia Davis; One Day State Rep - Carolyn Brooks; Newsletter - Vicki Cyr; Ringerboard & Birdie Tree - Pat Brockman.

We would like to recognize the following winners of our annual 2011 Awards: Ringer Board: Tia Davis (improved by 42 strokes); Birdie Tree: Nancy Dodge; Shot of the Year: Stacey Hewson - Hole in One on hole #3; Most Improved: Diana Dorey. Congratulations!

We will be sending out emails in January reminding everyone of our first 2012 LGA meeting at the Lexington Library on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00 PM. Save the date! For more information on the LGA, contact: Carolyn Brooks,-GHLGA Sec/Treas, at 803-359-7070 or email csbrooks@sc.rr.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Happy New Year, guys! We had a great year of golf in 2011 and we're looking for a repeat in 2012! Here are the results from our Tuesday tournaments since the last Newsletter:

Nov. 29, Individual Handicap: 1st - Bob Amory (66), 2nd - Bubba Rinehardt (67), 3rd - Robert Davis (69), 4th - (tie) Curtis Cooley & Larry Mixson (70).

Dec. 6, Two-man team Handicap: 1st - Dave Reynolds & Steve Upperman (135), 2nd - Curtis Cooley & Rich Antinozzi (136), 3rd - Ed Sarokas & Rick Green (137).

Dec. 13, Modified Stableford Points: 1st - Dave Reynolds (+8), 2nd - (tie) Mark Gardner, Bubba Rinehardt & Kirk Worth (+4), 5th - Dean Davis (+3), 6th - Mike Moore (+2).

Dec. 20, Two-man team Handicap: 1st - Lonnie Griffin & Knut Brockman (139), 2nd - (tie) Barry Long & Clarence Simmons; John Price & Leon Pfeiffenberger (140), 4th - Bubba Rinehardt & Dean Davis (141).

Of note: Dave Reynolds had an Eagle on #11 with a 4-iron!

Now for some NEWS for our scheduled play in 2012. All participants are due to pay a \$20 registration fee at their FIRST TOURNAMENT in 2012. Anyone failing to pay this one-time fee will not be eligible to share in the winnings of our every Tuesday tournaments. Also, the 2012 schedule will be set up so that on every 2nd Tuesday, we will play a Ryder Cup format. You will need to register by the proceeding **Monday, 12:00 Noon**, by calling Bubba Rinehardt at 803-739-4807. The 1st 20 players to call will be included in the Ryder Cup for that Tuesday. Others may play on that day, but will not be participants in the Ryder Cup or its winnings! Any questions about this new twist, please call Bubba or Rich Antinozzi. We had some fun tournaments and great fellowship during our Tuesday matches in 2011. We hope the New Year will be just as good or even better. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 50 or above, is eligible to participate in our every Tuesday matches. During Fall/Winter months, we tee off at 10:00 A.M.; Spring/Summer, we start at 9:00 A.M. SPECIAL NOTE: Beginning in January, we will be keeping the TUESDAY ONLY score of each of our players, to establish the Tuesday Handicaps of each player's competitive round. Once established, this will become each players Tuesday Handicap for our matches. You will still need to keep your overall scores in the computer for your personal handicap. May your golfing be even better in 2012!

The Court Report

If you are interested in participating on one of the league teams playing out of Golden Hills, contact Melissa Kneece at: (803) 530-7293 or email tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com

Members can reserve courts on the tennis page of our website www.goldenhillsgolf.com Select "Reserve a Court" and you will be able to register and have a password sent to your inbox. Complete details on how to use the online reservation system are available upon request.

Note: Courts aren't available during league matches or team practices.

Tennis Court Rules:

- * Court reservations may not be made earlier than 48 hrs. in advance.
- *Court reservations may not exceed 90 minutes unless previously approved by the Golden Hills tennis coordinator.
- *Cancellations must be made at the earliest possible time. Reservations will be held for 10 minutes after the scheduled play time. After that time, the court will be available to any member waiting to play.
- *League matches & team practices have priority for courts.

League Play Rules:

- *Each team will have one (90 minute) practice/ week.
- *Make-up matches have priority over practice time. A team with practice time during a league match will have to give up their practice. Arrangements for an alternate practice time must be made between the tennis coordinator & the team captain.
- * Team practices may begin 2 weeks prior to the official league season.
- *All captains MUST notify the tennis coordinator of any make-up match scheduled at Golden Hills.