

## Golden Hills Golf & Country Club

### Upcoming Events:

- 3/3: **GH Shootout**  
10:00 a.m.
- 3/6: SMGA 10:00 a.m.
- 3/12: Virginia Wingard  
1:00 p.m.
- 3/13: SMGA 10:00 a.m.
- 3/17 & 18: **MGA Invitational**  
10:00 a.m.
- 3/18: LGA Couples Tourn.  
1:00 p.m.
- 3/19: Lake Murray Rotary  
12:00 p.m.
- 3/20: SMGA 10:00 a.m.
- 3/27: SMGA 10:00 a.m.
- 3/29: Emma Longstreet  
Memorial 12:30 p.m.

The 2012 Tournament schedule is available on our website.

Be sure to check it out and mark your calendar accordingly!

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### Welcome

#### New Members:

Mr. Tom Carnes

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Weaver

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### News from the Golf Shop

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well! February brought near record warm weather to the area which made it a great time to dust off the clubs and play some golf. With Daylight savings time beginning on March 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll gain extra time in the evenings for a late 9 hole round.....*the perfect way to end a work day!*

In February, we held the first annual Play It Forward Tournament. The format gave everyone a unique perspective on the game with the opportunity to play from shorter tees than normal. Mike Collins was the tournament winner, with a net score of 61.

The Men's Golf Association will be holding its annual **MGA Invitational** on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, the **Golden Hills Shootout** will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. I hope we will have a big turnout for these two wonderful events.

Golden Hills is excited to introduce the newest member of our staff, Matt Van Laan. Matt is a Lexington High School graduate and junior at USC majoring in economics. Matt is excited to be with us during his entry into the golf business. Please make him feel welcome into the Golden Hills family.

Now is a great time to find some amazing deals on winter apparel in the golf shop. We are also very excited about the arrival of our first spring/summer line of apparel from Under Armor. It, along with other great new merchandise, will begin arriving toward the middle of March. Drop in to stock up on the deals for winter items and to get ready for the spring golf season.

I hope to see you all at the club this month.

Golfingly,  
Steve

### Senior Men's Golf Association

We've had some fantastic "winter" weather the past two months for golf. Who would have guessed we would be out on the course in short sleeves, with some guys wearing bermuda shorts, in **February**? Hopefully, we'll have some of those days in March, too. Below are the results of our matches since the last newsletter:

**Jan. 31, Two-man Team full handicap Match:** 1st - Ed Sarokas & Bud Cain (137), 2nd - (tie) Steve Johnston & Leon Pfeifferberger and George Cobb & Gene Wilson (140), 4th - Curtis Cooley & Joe Ecker (141)

**Feb. 7 and 14th, Two-day Handicap Tournament with Best Ball:** 1st - Larry Mixson (55), 2nd - (tie) Mike Blakley, Frank Smith & Lonnie Griffin (58), 5th - (tie) Robert Davis & Steve Johnston (59). **Also:** First Round Low Net (Feb. 7) - Chuck Felker; Second Round Low Net (Feb. 14) - Gene "Cowboy" Wilson.

**Feb. 21, Ryder Cup Match:** "A" Team won over "B" Team, 12 to 9. Congratulations to Bubba; his team finally won!

Congratulations to all of the above winners for the past month. It is my understanding that the Senior Men voted by ballot to require all putts to be holed out, rather than our usual practice of "gimmie" putts. While I was not present for that vote, if the majority want to follow that practice, which, after all, is the USGA rules, that's fine with me...as long as everybody adheres to that rule. I hope that there's no resentment among our guys who wanted to continue the "gimmie" putt (i.e. within the putter head and the leather). If this information is incorrect, please notify your trusted reporter, Dave Reynolds. Thanks!

As always, Golden Hills senior men, age 50 or above, are invited to join us each Tuesday for an 18 holes match. We vary the format and try to keep it challenging but fun! Hope to see you at the club this month!



## Ladies Golf Association

Thanks to all the ladies that joined us at our first meeting of the new year last month! We're excited to have such a great group of ladies that enjoy golf at Golden Hills!

The proposed 2012 LGA schedule is as follows:

### Couples Tournament:

March 18th: 1:00 - Hosted by Lois Tessier  
 April 22nd: 1:00 - Hosted by Pat Brockman  
 May 6th: 1:00  
 June 10th: 9:00  
 July 15th: 9:00  
 August 19th: 9:00  
 September 16th: 1:00  
 October 21st: 1:00  
 November 11th: 1:00

### GHLGA Member/Guest

September 22nd: 10:00

### GHLGA Club Championship:

October 28th: 1:00

We invite all Golden Hills members to join us at the first "Couples Tournament" on March 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be hosted by Lois Tessier. If you are interested in hosting one of our post tournament gatherings, please email Diana Dorey at [DDorey@unum.com](mailto:DDorey@unum.com)

The first One Day State of 2012 will be held on Tuesday, March 13. The 2 course choices are: Three Pine, in Woodruff, or Fripp Island Club, on Fripp Island.

We have been invited to participate in the Timberlake Invitational, "Fore the Birdies and the Bees". It will be held on April 18, 2012 (Rain Date April 23, 2012), with registration at 8:30 am and a shotgun start at 9:30. The format will be a Texas Scramble "with a Buzz". The entry fee of \$40 includes golf, Breakfast, Lunch and Prizes. Deadline for is April 11th. Contact Carolyn Brooks for a registration form by emailing [csbrooks@sc.rr.com](mailto:csbrooks@sc.rr.com)

The GHLGA has set up tee times at 10:00 a.m. each Thursday. The only exceptions will be when tournaments are scheduled; which will simply mean we will play on Wednesday instead. We invite you to join on the 1st Tee each week! When the time changes, and days are longer, we will set up a time for the working ladies to play nine holes after work.

The Ringer Board is up and ready for you to start posting your scores. At the end of the year, the Chairman tally's the squares and determines who improved their stroke the most.

For more information on the LGA contact:  
 Carolyn Brooks  
 GHLGA Secretary & Treasurer  
 Home: 803-359-7070  
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## Going Green ~ *In More Ways than One This Spring!*



We're on course to "go green" by April 1st! Beginning next month your statements will be sent out via email. Therefore, we need each member to send the email address at which you would prefer to receive your monthly statement and newsletter. Please submit your email address to: [dian@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:dian@goldenhillsgolf.com) or call 803-957-3970. Members without internet access can use the same contact information to discuss billing

options. Due to increasing member requests, we have also added an automatic monthly draft feature. Members that would like to have their credit/debit card drafted to cover their monthly charges should call Dian at 803-957-3970. Additional details on these and other exciting updates will follow through emails and your monthly newsletter.

We are putting the finishing

touches on our **NEW WEBSITE**. Our staff has been working diligently over the past few months to put together a spectacular new site. Among the new features, a "Member Business Directory" will allow you to post information about your business, "Golf Connect" will help you find other people to play with and you will be able to sign-up for golf tournaments and view tournament results on the website.

## Gearing Up to Make a Splash

"It's that time again! On March 3rd, registration will be available **online** for returning swimmers. To register, simply go to the "swim" page at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com) and click on the link to "Online Registration."

2011 team members & their siblings who meet the minimum swimming requirements will be guaranteed a spot on the team if they are registered & paid by April 1, 2012.

If you have friends who would like to join the team, but were not on the team last year, please refer them to the team's website for registration information or have them contact Jared Rypkema at [jared@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:jared@goldenhillsgolf.com)

Online registrations will not be accepted from anyone other than current (2011) families before April 2. Sponsorships are also available! For every \$500 you obtain in team sponsorships, you will receive one free swim team membership. Swim Team memberships are \$75 for GH members & \$135 for non-members, with a multi-swimmer discount for additional swimmers.

For more information on the upcoming swim season including important dates, practice & meet schedules and city meet dates visit [goldenhillsgolf.com](http://goldenhillsgolf.com) or email: [jared@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:jared@goldenhillsgolf.com)

## The Court Report

Spring league play is underway. We wish all the Golden Hills teams the best of luck!

Members can reserve courts on the tennis page of our website

[www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com)  
 Select "Reserve a Court" and you can view available courts/times and make a reservation. If you have questions, contact our Tennis Coordinator, Melissa Kneece, at (803) 530-7293 or email [tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com)

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.