



Upcoming Events:

- 1/5: GH Shootout 10:00 am Tee Times
- 1/6: GH Dogfight 12:00 pm Tee Times
- 1/12: MGA 1-2-3 Tourn. 10:00 am
- 1/13: GH Dogfight 12:00 pm Tee Times
- 1/19: GH Dogfight 11:00 am Tee Times
- 1/20: Par 3 Tourn. 12:30 pm
- 1/26: GH Dogfight 11:00 am Tee Times
- 1/27: GH Dogfight 12:00 pm Tee Times
- 2/3: **Super Bowl Super Ball** 12:30 pm

Winter Golf Tip:

Practice, Practice, Practice!
 Maintain/fine-tune your game with our *Driving Range Special* Place \$100 on your e-key, get an additional \$25 ADDED FREE!

Local Knowledge:

o HOLE IN ONE ARCHIVE

The archive has made its debut on our website under the "Members" section. Be sure to visit the archive to check your entry or those of fellow members. Keep us posted of your ultimate shot made at GH by remitting as much info as possible (Hole, Date, Yardage, Club) to dian@goldenhillsgolf.com

o **Personal Coolers** are *not allowed* at **any time** on the golf course. Coolers & Beer Specials are available 7 days a week in the Bar & Grill.

o An automatic draft is available for Members that would like to have their credit/debit card drafted to cover their monthly charges.

o Fall/Winter Hours:

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
 Sat & Sun: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

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News from the Golf Shop

A year filled with great golf, exciting tournaments, and action packed events is beginning at Golden Hills Golf & Country Club! The year of 2013 is definitely going to be our best yet, and we want you and your families to be part of it. Our list of tournaments is growing and we are creating new ways for all of our members to get involved in the many great opportunities at our club. Please come join us and tee off 2013 with memorable times at Golden Hills!

With the addition of several exciting new tournaments to our 2013 schedule, this year will surely be one to remember. The complete tournament schedule will be posted on our website and will be available in the Golf Shop by the end of the month. Please stop by or visit online to pick up your copy. In partnership with the Men's Golf Association, we will get the year kicked off on January 12th, with a 1, 2, 3 Tournament. The format is a 3 man team-net best ball, with 1 net best ball on holes 1,4,7,10,13 & 16; 2 net best balls on holes 2,5,8,11,14 & 17 and 3 net best balls on holes 3,6,9,12 & 15. Players may make up their own team or, if you do not have a team, the golf staff will pair with a team. A shotgun start will be held at 10:00am. However, plan to come at 9:00am for the 2013 MGA Elections. We are hoping to grow the association in

the year ahead, so come early and enjoy a full day of fun. Mark it down on your calendars!

The new additions and changes to the weekly dogfights were a great success during the month of December. The participation is up and everyone seems to be enjoying a little extra competition during their round. Anyone interested in getting on the email list can respond to lfancher@pga.com and I will be sure to get you added. The dogfights are held every Friday at noon, Saturdays at 11am and Sunday at noon. Please contact the golf shop for more information or if you are interested in joining the group.

As you are probably already aware, the handicap posting station was shut down at the end of December. The "handicap holiday" is due to the Carolina's Golf Association changing the handicap program from GolfNet to GHIN. GHIN is the most widely used handicap program in the nation and is operated by the USGA. You, the golfer, will not notice much difference other than the layout of the screen and a few new features. This is a great change and everyone involved with the switch is excited about moving forward. The posting station should be ready for your scores sometime between January 7th & 15th. The **annual handicap fee** will be charged to mem-

bers using the system this month. Therefore, if you do not want to renew for 2013, notify the golf shop before **January 10th**.

The golf shop is continuing its sale on all short sleeve golf shirts in stock. Buy 1 shirt for \$45, Buy 2 for \$70 or buy 3 for \$90. Don't miss this great opportunity to stock your closet with great new apparel for the upcoming golf season. Please stop in and check out everything we have to offer and, remember, if there is ever anything we do not have, we will do our best to get it in for you.

As we move forward into the winter months, please be aware of the potential for frost delays in the mornings. Driving a cart or walking on grass covered in frost can cause major damage to the leaf blade prior to the growing season. Please be aware of these conditions and stay off the grass until it has been cleared by your golf shop staff.

In conclusion, I want to thank everyone that came out to the Christmas Drop-In this past month. We love seeing the membership take part in events here at Golden Hills and growing participation can only lead to more fun filled events.

Happy New Year!

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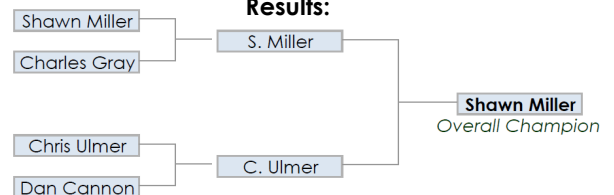


Results:

- 1st: Dean Davis, Kevin Steagall, Ray Wright & Mickey Hamilton
- 2nd: Phil Collins, Jamie Mabe, Ronnie Platner, Marcel Sterling
- 3rd: David Scoggins, Chip Whitaker, Shawn & Adam Wallace

Match Play 2012

Results:



Sweet 16

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| Frank Pinckney | Tony Banks |
| Robert Davis | Larry Baines |
| Jeff Jones | Mike Moody |
| Shawn Wallace | Dwayne Heffley |

Qtr. Finals

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| Paul Morario |
| Rick Green |
| Ron Stills |
| David Huff |

Ladies Golf Association

Welcome to the New Year! We're gearing up for an exciting year ahead and invite you to join in on the fun.

We held our annual Christmas celebration last month, with 9 holes of golf, followed by a party at the home of Karen Yarbrough. Karen was a gracious hostess and prepared a wonderful Christmas feast for everyone. Special recognition was given for the following awards: Most Improved Golfer - Annemarie Keen; 2012 Birdie Tree Winner - Vicki Cyr & 2012 Ringer Board Winner - Annemarie Keen.

Newly elected officers for 2013 are as follows: President - Karen Yarbrough, V. P. - Christy Canada, Sec./Treas. - Carolyn Brooks. In addition, Annemarie Keen and Erin Hansen will co-chair as the Events Committee and Tia Davis will serve as the Sandlapper Chair. We will not hold a LGA monthly meeting this month, however the board will meet to discuss plans for the year.

Don't pack your golf bags away for winter! We will continue to play through the season, weather permitting. We invite any ladies looking to play during the week to join us each Tuesday at 10:30 am and/or Thursday at 10:00 am for the LGA's standing tee times. Please note that each Thursday at Golden Hills is Ladies Guest Day. Take advantage of this opportunity to invite a friend out to play for only \$27! LGA guests can also play on the 3rd Saturday of the month, after 12:00 pm, for only \$27! To join us or for a tee time, contact the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355.

For more information on the LGA contact: Carolyn Brooks at 803-359-7070

Senior Men's Golf Association

The weather gave us a mixture of a few nice days and a few yucky days for golf in December. Regardless, we managed to hold a few interesting and fun tournaments.

We're looking forward to what's in store for 2013. With that in mind, please remember that your \$20 fee for participating in the Senior Men's events is due and payable the first of January. You can give the fee to our Sec/Treas Rich Antinozzi or mail to him at: 903 Wingfield Ct. Columbia, SC 29212. Also, since the first Tuesday is on New Year's Day, our first match has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 2nd at 10:00am. Remember to phone

Bubba Rinehardt, (803) 739-4807, if you plan to play.

December results are as follows:

Senior Men's Championship (36 holes) Dec 4 & 11: *Gross Winner* - Ed Sarokas (156); *Net Winner* - Nick Rinaldi (128). **Congratulations** to our two Champions. Also, winners of the pot on Dec 11th: 1st - (tie) Mike Blakeley & Kurt Worth (63), 3rd - Larry Baines (65), 4th - (tie) Gene Wilson & Nick Rinaldi (66), 5th - Curtis Cooley (67). In addition, Closest to the Pin on #3 and #17 were both won by Dean Davis.

Dec. 18, 2 Man Blind

Draw: 1st - Jerry Keene &

Larry Mixson (133), 2nd - Keith Morgan & Knut Brockman (135), 3rd - Mark Gardner & Bob Amory (136), 4th - Larry Baines & Barry Long (137), 5th - Curtis Cooley & Ed Sarokas (139).

We are proud to announce that George Cobb, Golden Hills and SMGA member, has been elected President of the Senior Golfers of SC. George will assume his new position on April 1, 2013. Congratulations and best wishes!

Here's hoping each of you had a blessed and merry Christmas and that 2013 will bring you **happiness and good health!**

With the cold weather upon us, use the following tip to help keep you and your game in tip top shape: It is important to stretch before playing golf anytime of the year; however in the winter months it's imperative. On the 1st tee or practice range spend valuable time doing

several "head-to-toe" golf stretches. Hold each stretch for 15 - 20 seconds. Avoid stretching beyond the point of pain & never bounce to stretch. Stretch one side of the body, then the other. Repeat the stretches three or four times for each side. An easy stretch to help improve

your shoulder turn is to put a golf club behind your back & between your arms, bend from the waist slightly & slowly rotate your shoulders level as if you are making a backswing and a forward swing.

Courtside Notes: *USTA Changes for 2013*

The USTA has restructured its leagues into new age divisions to be called "League Types". The previous Adult League will change to 18 & OVER and the previous Senior League will change to 40 & OVER. Both the 18 & OVER League Type and 40 & OVER League Type will play two singles and three doubles positions (except in 2.5 and 5.0+ as stated below).

The previous Super Senior League will restructure to 55 & OVER, 65 & OVER and 75 & OVER. The 55 & OVER League Type, 65 & OVER League Type and 75 & OVER League Type will all play 3 doubles positions. (NOTE: League Type 55 & Over will play local league in Spring; League Types 65 & Over and 75 & Over will play local league in Fall).

League Types playing this Spring are as follows: **18 & OVER:** Levels: 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5 ~ 2 singles, 3 doubles; Levels: 2.5; 5.0+ ~ 1 singles, 2 doubles. **40 & OVER:** Levels: 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 4.5+ (may have two 5.0's on team) ~ 2 singles, 3 doubles; Level: 2.5 (South Carolina only) ~ 1 singles, 2 doubles. **55 & OVER:** Levels: 3.0; 3.5; 4.0; 9.0 Combined ~ 3 doubles. Players must play at least two (2) matches in the above League Types to qualify for ad-

vancement to State Championships. For more information on the 2013 changes visit the tennis section of our website.

The Spring Season for All League Types will start February 10th. If you are interested in playing on a Golden Hills team, contact our Tennis Coordinator, Melissa Kneece at (803) 530-7293 or email tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com

You can reserve a court on our website and a reservation is required prior to playing. To make a reservation visit the tennis section of our website at www.goldenhillsgolf.com.

Hobson Performance Tennis (HPT) offers clinics and lessons for members and our local tennis teams. If you are looking to pick up the game or are in need of a lesson, contact HPT. USPTR certified professional, Morné Hobson, offers junior and adult clinics/lessons for all levels. Call or email Morné at (803) 719-1385 or Hobson1@windstream.net

