



## Upcoming Events:

Tuesday's @ 10:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday's @ 12:00 pm- GH Dogfight

Thursday's @ 10:00 am - LGA

Friday's @ 12:00 pm - GH Dogfight

Saturday's @ 9:00 am - GH Dogfight

Sunday's ~ Tee off btw 12-12:45 pm

## Local Knowledge:

● **Handicap Fees:** The annual handicap fee will be charged to member accounts this month. Anyone that would like to discontinue their use of the GHIN system or would like to be added for 2015 should contact the Golf Shop by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

● **Stay In The Know:** Have you been receiving our e-news? If not, you may be missing out on the latest news from around the club. Send your email to: [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com) to keep informed on what's happening at Golden Hills.

● **Driving Range Special!** Maintain or fine-tune your game with our *January Driving Range Special*. Place \$100 on your e-key and get an additional \$25 added **FREE!**

● **Hole In One:** Congratulations to Dan Cannon on his hole in one made on December 19<sup>th</sup>, Hole #3, 141 yds, 9 iron. View our Hole In One Archive by visiting our website. Tee it up in 2015 with sights on adding your name to the archive!

● **Tournament Results:** Keep tabs on tournament results throughout the year by visiting our website or Facebook page.

### Hours:

Mon - Fri: 7:45am - 6:00pm  
Sat & Sun: 7:30am - 6:00pm

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## News from the Golf Shop

Many people look forward to the New Year for a fresh start on old habits, so get your golf habit teed off this month at Golden Hills! Our staff is excited for all that 2015 has to offer and we hope to see your family enjoying time at club. Stay active and current with everything we have to offer by visiting [goldenhillsgolf.com](http://goldenhillsgolf.com) for upcoming tournaments, member events and weekly play dates.

Everyone had a fantastic time at our Member Christmas Open House! Thank you to all the members who attended and socialized while also doing a little last minute Christmas shopping. We hope your family had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and rang in the New Year with those closest to you.

Keep your golf swing active this winter by playing a round with the SMGA, LGA or Dogfight during their weekly play dates! These groups are always happy to welcome new members to join their round and it is a great way to become more involved in the club. Call the Golf Shop at 803.957.3355 for more information on their tee times or to reserve your personal tee time.

Keep in mind that our beautiful clubhouse is available for your next social event! Our main dining room & bar area is the perfect venue to host your wedding reception, birthday party or baby shower. To view photos of past events we have hosted you can visit our Facebook page and view the banquet rental album. For more

information and availability you can contact our bar staff or [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com).

Our head golf professional, Steve Larick, is always available to schedule lessons to work on your game! He offers individual or package lessons that you can purchase in the Golf Shop. This time of year is the perfect opportunity to improve your stance, long game, putting or knowledge of the course for a competitive edge during your next round. To schedule your next lesson or for more information you can contact the Golf Shop.

Take advantage of the Driving Range Special we have available throughout the month of January. Drop by the Golf Shop and place \$100 on your e-key and you'll get an additional \$25 added **FREE!** Practice time at the range is invaluable during the winter as a means to keep your game in check. Get the deal, lots of practice and watch your game improve in time for the spring golf season.

Please note that we will be charging the annual handicap fee to members currently enrolled in the GHIN system at the club this month. If you would like to discontinue your handicap, you must contact the Golf Shop or email- [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com) by January 15. If you are interested in establishing a handicap for 2015, drop by the Golf Shop and we will be glad to assist.

*Steve Larick & Adam DeLoach*

## MGA Championship Results:

Thanks to everyone who participated in the MGA Championship last month. After a tightly contested first round, John Ziegler blew the field away in round 2 with his best round of the year. His net 61, for a 2 day total of 131, left the rest of the field playing for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Net division. Chip Whitaker, on one good hip, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 143. Alan Gibson won the Gross division with his usual steady play and a score of 155. Phillip Gibson finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at 158. Additional division winners were as follows:

**Net:**  
John Ziegler - 131  
Chip Whitaker - 143  
Mike Moody - 144  
Robbie Davis - 146  
Charlie Newton - 146

**Gross:**  
Alan Gibson -155  
Phillip Gibson -158  
Greg Erickson - 160

2015 is poised to be a great year for the Men's Golf Association under the new leadership of Dwayne Heffley - Pres., Chip Whitaker - Vice-Pres. & Bill Danielson - Treas. In addition, the following committees have been installed for 2015: Tournament Committee - Chairman: Alan Gibson: The Tournament committee will choose the format & details of each MGA tournament. Rules & Handicap Committee - Chairman: Trent Whitfield: The Rules & Handicap committee will determine & monitor appropriate handicap regulation & will also review & submit rules for MGA tournaments. Social Committee - Chairman: Mike Moody: The Social committee will oversee scheduling & event preparation of socials, dinners or special events. Communications Committee - Chairman: Adam DeLoach: The Communications committee will disperse meeting minutes, amendments to the by-laws, tournaments information & related MGA information.

*Come & join the fun in the new year!*

## Ladies Golf Association

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another amazing year for our Ladies Golf Association. We encourage our members and other ladies with an interest to join us throughout the year for our weekly play dates, tournaments, meetings and social events.

We would like to recognize the recipients of our annual awards that were presented for 2014 at our Christmas Party last month. Nancy Hanna won the Ringer Board with an improvement of 43 strokes. Diana Dorey won the Birdie Tree with 20 birdies in 2014. Nancy Dodge was our Shot of the Year winner and Annemarie Keene reigned as Most Improved Golfer. Carolyn Brooks was honored with a beautiful crystal Lifetime Achievement Award and a dozen roses for her dedicated service on the LGA board for the past 17 years. Congratulation ladies!

The newly installed officers & position chairs for 2015 are as follows: Annemarie Keene - Pres., Dawn Clark - V. P., Lois Tessier - Sec/Treas., Darlene Seguire - Events Chairperson, Vicki Cyr - WSCGA & Sandlapper Chairperson, Nancy Dodge - Handicap Chairperson.

The LGA morning Play Days will continue through the winter with 10:00 a.m. tee times each Thursday (weather permitting). We plan on scheduling a card/dice game or two for the cold days and possibly a couples card/dice game during the winter months as well. Special thanks to the Golden Hills staff for offering use of the clubhouse on the days it's too cold to play to keep our group going strong through the winter months!

Watch your emails for news on first meeting of the new year along with other information about our 2015 LGA calendar! We're looking forward to another amazing year!

If you would like more information on the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at [snausers@yahoo.com](mailto:snausers@yahoo.com) or (803) 318-3107. The LGA is a great way to get to know the other wonderful ladies at the club!

## Senior Men's Golf Association

What a great group of guys we've got in our Senior Men's group. We had a great Christmas banquet at our clubhouse last month. The evening was filled with wonderful food and fellowship among friends. Special thanks to Rich Antinozzi and Jerry Keene for their organizational skills and the Golden Hills staff for making the evening memorable. We also enjoyed some really fun tournaments in December, although one was rained out.

The results of our matches since the last report are as follows:

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9-hole Blind Draw:** 1st - (tie) Gene "Cowboy" Wilson & Bob Amory (33); 3rd - Jim Antill (34); 4th - George Cobb (35); 5th - (tie) Dean Davis, Ed Sarokas, Jerry Keene & Rick Green (36).

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, "Points" Match:** 1st - Dave McElrath (+11); 2nd - Jim Antill (+7); 3rd - (tie) Robert Davis & Dave Reynolds (+4); 5th - Larry Mixson (+3); 6th - (tie) Rick Green & Dean Davis (+2).

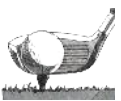
**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Individual Handicap:** 1st - Steve Johnston (63); 2nd - Dave Reynolds (65), 3rd - Bud Cain (66); 4th - Jerry Keene (67); 5th - (tie) Larry Mixson, Bob Amory & Dean Davis (69).

### Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - "Rained Out"

Just a reminder to all of our Senior players, remember to turn in your \$20.00 "participation" fee to our treasurer, Rich Antinozzi, on your first outing in the New Year. These funds help to underwrite our social events during the year.

Life is good and the golf is great at Golden Hills. So, if you haven't joined us, we encourage you to do so this month. Our group plays each Tuesday at 10:00 am. Any male member of our club, age 55 or more, can participate with our group. Just call the Golf Shop by 6:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match and you can be added to the roster.

We look forward to seeing you all in our 2015 events! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Master Winter Shots

- Alter your driver set-up in the wind - You can produce a lower ball flight with less spin by teeing the ball slightly lower than normal, moving it an inch or two further back in your stance and ensuring you turn your body weight through the shot to stay on top of the ball at impact.
- Limit ground contact with irons - The wetter ground reduces your margin for error with your irons. So take an extra club to account for less carry. Roll and lean your spine angle slightly away from the target at address to encourage a more sweeping impact that picks the ball off the turf.
- Pay attention to your lie in wet rough - Cloggy wet rough will grab your club more, so don't be over ambitious with your club selections for recovery shots.
- Favor a simple chip and run - Wet fairways and softer and slower greens can cause fat and short chip shots. Play more chip and runs with straighter-faced clubs like a 9-iron or pitching wedge.
- Allow for less break on slower greens - There will be more friction with the ball with dormant greens and wet conditions, so putts will slow quicker and not take as much break.

## Courtside Notes:



Winterize Your Game:

- Dress in removable layers so you can shed/add layers to find the perfect temperature
- Hit the ball harder, and keep it lower. Remember it won't bounce as much!
- Stash a few hand warmers in your bag. They are great in between matches & you will come back feeling better than your opponent!

If you are looking to pick up the game or in need of a lesson, contact Hobson Performance Tennis & USPTR certified professional, Morné Hobson, at (803) 719-1385 or [Hobson1@windstream.net](mailto:Hobson1@windstream.net)

Spring league play will get under way soon. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming league on a Golden Hills team, contact our Tennis Coordinator, Melissa Kneece at (803) 530-7293 or email [tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com)

Reserving a court is easy and available anytime by going online at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com). Under the "tennis" tab, members can view available courts and times, then make a reservation. If you have questions or would like information on tennis at Golden Hills, contact our Tennis Coordinator, Melissa Kneece.