



Upcoming Events:

2/1: Super Ball 12:30 pm & Super Party 6:00 pm

2/20: MGA Draft 6:00 pm

2/21: MGA Tournament 11:00 am

3/4: Gator Golf Gathering 1:00 pm

Tuesday's @ 10:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday's @ 12:30 pm - GH Dogfight

Thursday's @ 10:00 am - LGA

Fri/Sat/Sun @ 12:00 pm - GH Dogfight

Golden Hills
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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Local Knowledge:

● **Hole In One:** Congratulations to Tony Banks on his hole in one made on January 22nd, Hole #3, 156 yds, 6 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!

● **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 to stay informed on what's happening at Golden Hills.

● **Tournament Results:** Keep tab 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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You Spoke, We've Listened

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response from you to keep the course open during our greens renovation project, we've reconsidered our original plans. In order to allow you to play **your** course throughout the summer, we will set up temporary greens on holes being renovated and modify yardages and par respectively. Reciprocal arrangements will still be available for use at local clubs during the renovation period as well. We want to make the work being done as seamless as possible for you. This is going to be a great year for the club, as your playing experience will be greatly enhanced by the improvements being made and your overall enjoyment of Golden Hills will follow accordingly.

News from the Golf Shop

Thank you for your continued support and voting Golden Hills G&CC the 2015 **Best Golf Course & Best Neighborhood in Lexington Life Magazine!** We strive to be "as good as the best and better than the rest". With the plans we have slated for 2015, indeed we guarantee the experience will only get better.

Give the one you love a gift they'll love for Valentine's Day. Golf, it's a universally known love language (for enthusiasts of the game at least) and our Golf Shop staff can help you select the perfect item that speaks to your loved one. Whether it's footwear, equipment, accessories or apparel, we're the one stop shop for Valentine's and all your golf needs throughout the year.

The Men's Golf Association will host their first tournament of 2015 on Saturday, February 21st, at 11:00am. The festivities will begin with an MGA Social on Friday, February 20th at 6:00pm, where food, beer and wine will be provided. The tournament will be a 4 man team event with two different formats. Two Gross Best Balls of the foursome is one format and Two Net Best Balls of the foursome is the other. There will also be Closest To The Pin contests on all par 3's. The number of teams will be determined by the total number of people signed up for the tournament. The lowest handicap players equal to the total number of teams will be Captains and they will draft their tournament teams at the Friday evening social. (ex: If we have 40 players sign up there will be 10 teams. The 10 lowest handicap players will be Captains

and they will draft their teams in a Snake Draft format: 10 thru 1, 1 thru 10 until all teams are filled). To sign up or if you have questions, please contact the Golf Shop staff. If you would like to join the MGA or have an interest in seeing what they are all about, we encourage you to attend the Friday night social!

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 or to reserve your next tee time.

Have you ever considered using the convenient amenities of our Men's Locker Room? The spacious changing room, shower and lockers are available to you daily. If you are interested in renting a locker or using our facilities upstairs, contact Adam in the Golf Shop.

Keep in mind that our beautiful clubhouse is available for room rental for your next social event! Our main dining room and 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.

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick & Adam DeLoach

Ladies Golf Association

Don't let your clubs get dusty or forget about your game this winter, join our LGA Play Days. Keep in the swing by teeing it up with us each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Call the Golf Shop if you would like to join us for 18 or a quick 9 hole round.

We are planning a great year for the LGA with lots of casual and tournament play opportunities. Our LGA membership also affords an opportunity to play in Sandlapper, One Day State & Match Play tournaments. On a really fun note, we have Spring & Fall golf trips planned, as well as a Summer & Christmas party. While our complete calendar of events is still being finalized, we wanted to have you go ahead and make note of the following events and dates: May 2nd - LGA Member-Guest; September 19th - LGA Championship; October 29th - LGA Invitational. Pencil those into your calendar for now and look for more to come soon.

Our ladies were well represented at the annual WSCGA meeting, held at Forest Lake Country Club, last month. The meeting included two proud moments for our Golden Hills ladies. Nancy Dodge was re-elected to the WSCGA Board for another 2 year term. We are proud of Nancy's commitment and dedication in supporting and promoting ladies golf in SC! Carolyn Brooks was acknowledged for her dedicated service as the Golden Hills WSCGA State Representative for an impressive 17 years. With her dutiful service and warm personality, Carolyn helped increase participation in events and growth in the association. We applaud these ladies and all the members of our LGA for their commitment and service.

The first LGA meeting of the new year will be held on February 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the Wings & Ale in Lexington. Ladies of all skill levels are welcome to join the LGA. We're looking forward to an amazing year and now is the perfect time to join us!

If you would like more information on the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at snauzers@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

Well, what can we say about golf at Golden Hills in January? Cold...yes; Wet...yes; Windy...yes. However, the maintenance staff has done an amazing job in keeping our course playable. February will likely bring more of the same weather, but don't let it deter you from participating in our weekly Tuesday matches. Joining us is the best way to keep active during the winter and your game primed for spring!

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

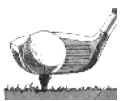
Jan. 6, Individual Handicap: - 1st - Steve Johnston (63); 2nd - (tie) Dan Sass & Scott Zhang (67); 4th - Bill Hastings (68); 5th - (tie) Larry Mixson & Dave Reynolds (69); 7th - (tie) Bud Cain & Rick Green (70).

Jan. 20, Points Match: - 1st - Harry Smith (+10); 2nd - (tie) Scott Zhang, Kirk Wirth, Larry Mixson, Gary Liles (+5); 6th - (tie) Bob Amory, Jim Antill, Rich Antinozzi (+1)

Jan. 27, 9 Holes Blind Draw: - 1st - Rick Green (33); 2nd - (tie) Mark DiMaggio & Robert Davis (34); 4th - Scott Zhang (35).

On Jan. 20th, the Senior Men's Golf Association held a general meeting at which our Head Pro, Steve Larick, informed us of his contacting numerous golf clubs in the midlands about allowing us to continue our Tuesday matches while our course undergoes major refurbishing during the summer months. We also determined to have a three-man Board of Directors and elected Rich Antinozzi, Curtis Cooley and Jerry Keene. Additionally, Ray Chiellini agreed to replace Dave Reynolds as our news reporter. Anyone desiring a full report of the meeting may contact Rich Antinozzi.

We encourage any member of our club, age 55 and over, to join our great group of senior golfers. Our group plays each Tuesday at 10:00 am. Call the Golf Shop by 6:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match in order to be added to the roster. Try us....you'll be glad you did!



How to Own the First Tee

- Practice the drive you want to hit off the first tee as the last swing before leaving the range. In fact, practice it a few times before you head to the tee. Go through your normal warm-up, then tee up 3 balls and practice your entire driving routine 3 times. Start behind the ball, visualize the fairway, walk into the shot. If you usually take a practice swing, go for it. Then line up and let it rip.

Be Ready for Emergencies

- Leaving the ball in the bunker is a golf emergency. Master a controlled fat shot and explode out of the sand with these basics: 1) Take a wide stance so your setup feels stable. 2) Stay centered over the ball as you swing back. 3) Keeping your lower body firm, release the clubhead down and through the sand. 4) Make sure to hit the sand an inch or two behind the ball and accelerate to the finish.

To practice, push a tee down into the sand so only its top is exposed, and set a ball on it. Open your stance (aiming left of the target), then open the clubface (aiming at the target). Swing back and through, using the bottom of the club to dislodge the tee. The ball, tee and sand will come out together.

"NOTHING BEATS PRESSURE LIKE PREPARATION."

Courtside Notes:



Ensure that winter doesn't affect your game:

- Stretch! When muscles are cold they are more tense, so stretch at least double of what you normally do. Also, add another 10 minutes to your practice when warming up.
- Adjust: Since the ball bounces less in cold weather, your topspin will not be as effective. Switch to these shots instead: Drop Shots; Slice and Flat Serves.

Looking to pick up the game or in need of a lesson? Contact Hobson Performance Tennis & USPTR professional, Morné Hobson, at (803) 719 -1385 or Hobson1@windstream.net

Reserving a court is easy and available anytime at 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 Adam DeLoach at: (803) 957 - 3355 or email tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com