



Upcoming Events:

- 4/11: Masters Pick a Pro
- 4/13: BC Foundation 12:30 pm
- 4/18: Blood Drive 1:00-6:00 pm
- 4/18 & 4/19: **Member - Member**
- 4/19: LGA Couples 10:00 am
- 4/20: Gray Collegiate 10:00 am
- 4/21: MDA 9:00 am
- 4/23: ServPro 11:00 am
- 4/27: Lexington Sertoma 12:30 pm
- 4/28: Preservation Spec 10:00 am
- 4/30: Emma Longstreet 12:30 pm

Tuesday's @ 9:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday's @ 12:30 pm - GH Dogfight

Thursday's @ 10:00 am - LGA

Fri/Sun @12:00; Sat @11:00 - GH Dogfight

Local Knowledge:

• From The Superintendents Desk

If you missed the email with the latest update from the Superintendents desk, visit our website to view a copy. You will find the update on the Newsletter page, under the "members" tab.

• Lexington BloodStock Drive

Save a life by donating at the annual Lexington BloodStock Drive! Drop by the clubhouse on April 18th, from 1-6pm, to donate and enjoy Buck's Pizza, Zaxby's and more! Contact Adam in the Golf Shop if interested.

• **Loyalty Rewarded** As a Thank You for trusting your game to Titleist Pro V1, if you purchase 3 dozen ProV1 or ProV1x by April 12th you will receive 1 dozen FREE. Contact the Golf Shop to take advantage of this offer and get ready for golf season!

Hours:

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

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News from the Golf Shop

This month brings warmer days, lush fairways and ample opportunities for you to tee it up at Golden Hills Golf & Country Club. Master's Week is quickly approaching and we are honored to welcome golfers from around the world as they travel to Augusta to watch the pros tee it up for the first major event of the year! Our course will be buzzing with play that week, so remember to reserve your weekly tee times by contacting the Golf Shop. We look forward to seeing you enjoy your home course and everything we have to offer throughout the month!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MGA Stableford Classic last month. We had an amazing turnout, despite the weather troubles on Saturday. Sunday brought sunny skies and competitive scores, which made for a great overall tournament. Chris Ulmer and Jeff Jones tied for the Championship at +8 in the stableford format. Three players followed closely, only 1 point behind, to finish in a tie for 3rd. They were Alan Gibson, Charles Gray, and Scott Wilson. If only 1 more putt had dropped! Once again, thank you to all who participated. For a complete list of results visit our website.

Don't miss your chance to partner with a pro in this years Masters. Golden Hills is offering you a great way to participate and enjoy one of the premier events in golf, with our **Masters Pick a Pro** tournament on Saturday, April 11th. How does the tournament work? Each golfer will have the opportunity to pick a Masters participant that made the cut out of a hat. Then, while your partner tees it up

in Augusta, you will tee it up with us at Golden Hills. At the conclusion of your round, we will add your net score with the score of your Masters partner in order to get your team total. You can sign up with your own foursome and make a tee time or we will be glad to find a group for you to play with for the round. We hope to see you Masters Saturday for this fun event.

April kicks off a season of exciting and competitive tournaments at Golden Hills starting with our annual **Member - Member** on April 18th & 19th. Find a partner and sign up for this esteemed tournament that proves to be a great time year after year. The event is a 36 hole competition with 4 different formats: 1st 9 Holes – Modified Alternate Shot, 2nd 9 Holes – Captain's Choice, 3rd 9 Holes – Best Ball and 4th 9 Holes – Aggregate Team Score. Tee times for both days will begin at 9:00 am sharp. Contact the Golf Shop staff to sign up or to find out more information.

Our Golf Shop is loaded with Spring apparel from your favorite vendors like Nike, Adidas, Foot Joy and more! Stop by to check out this season's latest styles and our exclusive sales. Members get an instant 10% savings on all shirts, shorts, shoes & accessories. Also, don't forget to check out our winter clearance rack that is now 30% off! Golden Hills is your one stop shop for all your golfing needs!

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick & Adam DeLoach

A Better Course ~ Maximizing the Experience for Everyone

This time of year is exciting as the course turns green and the fairways become rich. Regardless of the time of year, we set out each day to provide you the best playing experience possible. While our golf shop staff, rangers and maintenance crew must adhere to their responsibilities; to be a truly better course we need your cooperation as well.

The Rules of Golf are the backbone of the game. The first section of the Rules of Golf is etiquette. Important aspects of golf, such as spirit of the game

and safety, are covered. Also included in the etiquette section is care of the course. Raking bunkers, fixing divots and ball marks, and adhering to the posted rules for golf carts are discussed. The basic tenet of the etiquette section in the Rules of Golf is that by following some simple guidelines, the enjoyment of the game can be maximized by **everyone**.

With this in mind, we ask that you respect the course by following the Rules of Golf, club rules and direction from our golf personnel. Be mindful to keep

golf carts off all par 3's and designated fairways in order to ensure good playing conditions for you and your guests. Trash receptacles are placed throughout the property to discard any trash or unwanted items and to keep litter off the course and property.

As we gear up for a great season of golf, join us in our efforts to make Golden Hills a better course and help us maximize everyone's enjoyment of the game.

Ladies Golf Association

The glorious golf season has arrived! Grad your clubs and tee it up with us each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Join us for 18 or a quick 9 hole round, either way we welcome your participation.

Sunday, March 15th provided us with a great day to kick off our 1st LGA Couples Tournament of 2015! We had 10 teams participate in the "Play it Forward" format and enjoy the delicious meal prepared by Vicki Cyr following play. The event winners were: 1st: Annemarie & Jerry Keene; 2nd: Vicki & Paul Cyr; 3rd: Regena & Ralph Sellers.

Join us for the Couples Tournament this month on Sunday, April 19th. Play will begin at 10:00 am and the format will be Net Best Ball. Results will be tallied and a wonderful meal will be served following our round. Sign up is available in the Golf Shop and we look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Other great golf events occurring this month: One Day State - April 13th @ Wachesaw Plantation (Murrells Inlet) & April 14th @ Furman University Golf Club (Greenville). Fun & Funky - Solheim Cup - April 14th @ Spring Valley. Jane Covington Classic - April 20th @ Orangeburg CC.

Our next LGA meeting will be held on April 9th at 6:00 p.m. We meet at the Wings & Ale in Lexington. You are welcome to join us for the meeting and stay to enjoy dinner as well.

We welcome ladies of all skill levels, so if you haven't participated with us in the past make this the year that you experience the LGA. If you would like more information on our association, contact Annemarie Keene at snauzers@yahoo.com or (803) 318-3107.

Senior Men's Golf Association

Azaleas, Augusta and April combine to mean one thing for us; **Golf Season** is finally here! Join us this month to enjoy the spring blossoms and weather in our weekly SMGA matches. Please note that our start time will move back to 9:00 am beginning April 7th.

Results from our March events were as follows:

March 9, Points: - 1st - Gary Liles (+6); 2nd - Dave McElrath (+3); 3rd - (tie) Robert Davis & Steve Johnston (+2); 5th - Jerry Keene (0)

March 17, Handicap: - 1st - (tie) Nick Rinaldi & Joe Ecker (63); 3rd - (tie) Steve Upperman, Robert Davis & Gary Liles (65); 6th - Mark DiMaggio (68); 7th - (tie) Dan Sass & Dwight Johnson (69)

March 25, Points: - 1st - Nick Rinaldi (+9); 2nd - (tie) Kirk Wirth & Rick Green (+6)

Congratulations to all the winners above!

As always, we encourage any member of our club, age 55 and over, to join our great group of senior golfers. The SMGA plays each Tuesday and the format changes for each match. We always try to keep it both challenging and fun. Call the Golf Shop by 6:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match in order to be added to the roster.

Make the most of the arrival to Golf Season and join us for golf at its finest at Golden Hills throughout the month ahead.



Lesson From The Pro

The term **connection** (being, getting or staying) is one of the most widely used terms in the golf swing. If you were to look it up online you would find thousands of websites and blogs trying to explain, in way to much detail I might add, this subject. The term being or staying connected refers to the relationship of the right shoulder, hip and arm as they move forward on the downswing to impact. Tiger used to talk about being stuck which meant that his hips and shoulders were moving so fast to impact that his arms could not catch up, so the club would be "stuck" behind his hips.

Here's a simple drill to help you feel **connected** during the swing. Place the grip of the club in your belly button with your arms extended holding on to the shaft of the club. Keep the shaft at a ninety degree angle to your belly button and simply turn and return. You should get the feeling of your hips, shoulders and arms moving together. If you would like additional information on connection or any other aspect of your game, I will be happy to entertain your questions. May all your drives be long and straight!

- Steve Larick



Swim team registration has begun! If you haven't done so already, register on our website under the "swim" tab. If you have questions about our program or participating on the Golden Hills Gators team, contact Head Coach, Jennifer McLeod at goldenhillsgators@gmail.com

We're looking forward to another **fantastic** swim season!

Courtside Notes:



Tennis Tip ~ You cannot strike the ball correctly without being in balance. Arriving at the ball with good balance requires that you have taken the right steps with your feet in order to get there. To improve your footwork, incorporate the following drills into your practice sessions: 1. Lateral movement 2. Forward & Backward movement & 3. The ability to recover back to the ready position.

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 by visiting our website 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