



Upcoming Events:

5/3: LGA Couples 10:00 am

5/11: Wildcat Wrestling 10:00 am

5/14: AllSouth Soldiers & Vets 12:00 pm

5/16 & 5/17: Club Championship

5/18: STSM 11:00 am

Tuesday's @ 9:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday's @ 12:30 pm - GH Dogfight

Thursday's @ 9:00 am - LGA

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

Local Knowledge:

• Welcome Alex Mende

We have been delighted with the addition of Alex Mende to our Golf Shop Staff. He has a courteous and friendly personality, along with a passion for the game of golf. Be sure to introduce yourself & join us in making him feel welcome at GH.

• Junior Golf Program

Our golf staff has planned a great way for your junior to spend summer while improving their golf game. Contact the Golf Shop for details.

• Renovation Background

Learn the background of the upcoming renovations by visiting our website; look under the Golf tab.

News from the Golf Shop

We hope to see your family dive into summer by playing a round, serving up a match or taking a lap around the pool at Golden Hills. Take advantage of all the amenities we have open for your family and guests and make this a terrific summer. If we can help you with the use or enjoyment of anything at the club, please let us know by dropping by, giving us a call or shooting us an email. We're always glad to hear from you and assist in whatever way we can.

This year's Master's tournament proved to golfers everywhere that Jordan Speith will be a force to be reckoned with for the next 20 years. The 21 year old young man from Texas blew his competitors away with some awesome golf for 4 days, tying the tournament record of 18 under par held by Tiger Woods. While Jordan was blowing away the competition in Augusta, so was Michael Slapnik & Rory McIlroy in the annual Golden Hills Pick A Pro contest. Michael shot a sterling round of net 65, while his partner played Augusta National in 68 strokes. This was good enough to best Kirk Van Laan and Ian Poulter by 2 shots. Thanks to all who participated in this fun filled event and be sure to check out how the rest of the field finished by visiting our website.

Thanks to all who participated in the 2015 Member/Member golf tournament! Saturday brought mostly sunny skies and some great golf. There was a first round tie in the 2nd flight between the team of Dr. Bob

Garrison & Dr. Sandy Davis and Rick Kester & Bryan McGill, with a score of 62. Heavy rains Sunday morning brought a 1 hour delay in the tee times and sloppy conditions, but Chip Whitaker and Bill Danielson were able to overcome a 6 shot deficit to claim the 2nd flight and overall Member/Member championship with a total score of 161. Congratulations to all and thanks again for weathering the conditions on Sunday.

This month we are looking forward to the coveted 2015 **Club Championship** where members get a chance to sink their putts for the acclaimed title of club champion! Join us on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday, May 17th for this exciting 2 day, 36-hole challenge. The format will be individual stroke play with tee times starting at 8:00 am each day. Step up to the challenge and register in the Golf Shop for your chance to become a 2015 Club Champion!

As we gear up for summer, our staff is excited to welcome the upcoming course renovations. Below you can read more about the renovation and we will keep you updated on its progress and other events. Please remember that we will continue to be here and available for you throughout the renovation. If you have questions, please feel free to stop by or call us at 803.957.3355.

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick, Adam DeLoach & Alex Mende

SUMMER 2015 RENOVATIONS THE EXPERIENCE ONLY GETS BETTER!

We have been able to arrange reciprocal agreements with several local clubs during our golf course renovation this summer. Beginning on May 26th, members of Golden Hills will have access to 16 courses that will offer a reciprocal. These clubs and their members have been generous to provide opportunities for our members to play at their clubs as we have done for many of them in the past.

Advance tee times are required at all clubs in order for reciprocal rates to be honored. It is important to note that tee time arrangements at all private clubs must be arranged by contacting a member of the Golden Hills Golf Staff. Our staff will contact the club professionals at the respective club to arrange the times. Our staff will do their very best to honor both your requests for facility and tee times. However, there may exist a time where we are unable to accommodate your specific club or tee time. In such cases, we will provide alternative options for another facility and/or time. Select courses have agreed to allow

members to contact them directly for tee times. In these instances, courses will have access to our member roster in order to validate members of Golden Hills before booking a tee time.

A list of the courses and details related to the reciprocal arrangements was sent via email to our membership last month (if you didn't receive a copy, let us know). You can utilize the list throughout the renovation project as a reference for: reciprocal rates, range availability/rates, days/hours of operation, tee time requirements & other relevant items. In regard to each course, we ask that you always abide by the following rules: Wear Collared Shirts, No Denim, No T-Shirts and No Personal Coolers. Members violating these or any respective club's rules will have their reciprocal privileges revoked for the duration of the renovation period. Rates and availability for non-Golden Hills members will be subject to each club's standard guest fee.

As a reminder, the course at Golden Hills will

remain open during the renovation project. 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. In consideration of the circumstances and as a sign of our appreciation for your continued support, **member cart fees during the renovation period will be reduced to \$13 for 18 holes and \$8 for 9 holes.** Additionally, **each Thursday will be Guest Day;** wherein guests included in your tee time will only be charged \$16.

We will continue to provide updated information on the renovation project and other special events being planned at the club for your participation throughout the summer. Take advantage of seeing, experiencing and playing some of the local clubs in our area during the summer but continue to play and keep active at Golden Hills as well. Our staff will be here each day to welcome and assist you in an effort to make the work being done as seamless as possible.

Ladies Golf Association

We are kicking off May in a big way with two great tournaments on back to back days. On May 2nd we will hold our annual Member/Guest and on May 3rd our monthly Couples tournament will be held. Both events will begin at 10:00am and we invite anyone interested to participate in either or both of these wonderful golf outings.

The sun filled days that lie ahead will provide many great opportunities to enjoy time out on the course. With this in mind, we invite you to tee it up with us each Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Join us for an 18 hole round or a quick 9, either way we welcome your participation.

As noted above, our Couples Tournament will be held on May 3rd. Play will begin at 10:00 am with a Net Best Ball format. The event is being held earlier in the month than typical due to the Club Championship being held on May 16th & 17th. We encourage all of our lady golfers to sign up and participate in the Championship this year. The ladies division is as much about the great the experience and camaraderie created as the competition. Get signed up and we look forward to a great weekend of golf!

Other golf events occurring this month: One Day State - May 5th @ Pickens CC (Pickens) & Ft. Jackson GC (Columbia). WSCGA Senior Championship - May 12th & 13th @ CC of Lexington.

Our next LGA meeting will be held on May 14th at 6:00 pm at the Wings & Ale in Lexington. Please join us for the meeting and stay to enjoy dinner as well.

Make this the year that you experience the Golden Hills LGA. For more information contact: Annemarie Keene at snausers@yahoo.com or (803) 318-3107.

Senior Men's Golf Association

With all the April showers we had last month, we should experience a bounty of May flowers and, hopefully, plenty of golf this month! Join us each Tuesday morning at 9:00am throughout the month for our SMGA matches. Each week features a diverse group of our senior men teeing it up for a competitive, yet friendly round. It's golf season, make the most of it by participating with us.

Results from our recent events were as follows:

March 31, 9 Hole Blind Draw: - 1st - (tie) Jerry Keen & Vic Labbate (Net 34); 3rd - (tie) Dean Davis & Robert Davis (Net 36); 5th - Joe Mack (Net 37)

April 7, Full Handicap: - 1st - Bob Amory (61); 2nd - Larry Mixon (62); 3rd - Joe Ecker (64); 4th - Frank Smith (65); 5th - Dan Sass (67); 6th - (tie) Vic Labbate & Rudy Fleischhacker (68)

April 14, Two Man Best Ball: - 1st - Scott Zhang & John Curry (56); 2nd - Ray Chiellini & Steve Johnston (57); 3rd - (tie) Knut Brockman/ Jim Antill and Vic Labbate/Joe Ademy (59)

April 21, Full Handicap: - 1st - Joe Mack (63); 2nd - Gary Liles (66); 3rd - Dave Reynolds (67); 4th - (tie) Dean Davis, Steve Johnston & Scott Zhang (68); 7th - (tie) Dan Sass, Nick Rinaldi, Bob Amory & Rich Antinozzi (69)

By changing the format each week, our events are always challenging and fun. If you are a member, age 55 & over, we encourage you to join our great group of senior golfers. To participate, simply call the call the Golf Shop by 6:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match at 803.957.3355.

~ Tee it High & Let it Fly!

Swim, Lounge and Relax this summer at your Golden Hills swimming pool! The pool will be open from 11:00am - 9:00pm starting Saturday, May 23rd. You will need a new key to gain access to the pool. You can receive your key, with a \$5 refundable deposit or by trading your key

from last season, from one of the lifeguards on duty beginning May 23rd.

Both group and private swim lessons will be offered this swim season. Dates and registration information is available on our website. We encourage you to sign up early for the

group lessons, as the sessions tend to fill up quickly each year.

Interested in having a pool party? It's hard to beat a poolside party at Golden Hills; fun will be had by all! You can request a Pool Party Reservation on our website under the "Swim" tab.

To compliment your fun at the pool, our snack bar will be stocked with your favorite ice cream, snacks and beverages. Pack your sun screen, grab a towel and join us for a fantastic summer!



The swim team will begin practice this month! If you haven't registered, don't delay. Register on our website under the "swim" tab before the remaining spots have been filled and practice begins.

If you have questions about our program or participating on the Golden Hills Gators team, contact Head Coach, Jennifer McLeod at goldenhillsgators@gmail.com

Courtside Notes:



Reach To the Top For a Better Serve

The serve is considered the most important stroke in the game. Yet, even top players in the sport struggle to maintain a consistent delivery. It's all in the toss.

When your serve isn't working, you may become tentative and let your toss drop below the ideal contact point. This only makes things worse. Whenever your serve goes astray, force your tossing arm to extend upward completely before releasing the ball. Then reach to the top and strike the ball before it begins to drop. Before you know it you will be hitting consistent first and second serves in your matches.

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 any questions or would like information on tennis at Golden Hills, contact Adam DeLoach at: (803) 957 - 3355 or email tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com