



Upcoming Events:

8/8: Grand Reopening 9:00am

8/16: LGA Couples 10:00am

8/22 & 8/23: Ryder Cup vs. Ponderosa

Weekly Events Beginning August 8th:

Tuesday's @ 9:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday's @ 12:30 pm- GH Dogfight

Thursday's @ 8:00 am - LGA

Fri/Sun @ 12:00; Sat @ 10:00 - GH Dogfight

Local Knowledge:

• From The Superintendents Desk

If you missed the July update from the Superintendent, visit our website to view a copy. You will find it on the Newsletter page, under the "members" tab. It's exciting insight on the great things taking place at Golden Hills.

• Grand Reopening Sale

Enjoy **50% off** all apparel in the Golf Shop throughout the weekend of our Grand Reopening on August 8th & 9th. Stop in to see our great selection of shirts, shorts, raingear & more and take advantage of the huge savings!

• Reciprocal's End August 7th

With the reopening of our greens on August 8th, our reciprocal agreements with neighboring clubs will officially end on August 7th. We thank you and the reciprocal clubs for supporting us during the renovation period.

• Don't Forget Your Tee Time

The anticipation has been building all summer and we look forward to filling the tee sheets with golfers this month & throughout the fall. Be sure to call ahead or go online to book your tee time.

• Bird's Eye View:

Visit our website to see videos & photos of work that has occurred on the course this summer. The footage offers an incredible view of the hard work and transition that has taken place on of our course. Wow, it just keeps getting better!

• Guest Day

The 3rd Wednesday of each month is "Guest Day". Guests accompanying a member can play for only \$22. Invite a guest out this month & show off your new course!

• Junior Golf Camp

Junior Golf Camps will be held this fall for ages 7-17. The 1st camp will be held on Sept. 12th at 9am. See "News From the Golf Shop" for more information.

Golden Hills

Grand Reopening ~ August 8th, 2015

The Experience Only Gets Better!

News from the Golf Shop

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well. We are very excited to announce that the golf course renovations are nearly completed. The project has been documented on the website for you to see the transition of the greens from the beginning to the end product. We believe you will find that the wait has been well worth it! Please be mindful when playing the course that the greens are new and need to be babied. This will include your help in making sure that we all take care to fix the ball marks and sand the divots in the fairways. The golf course is in fantastic shape and I am sure we all would like to see it stay that way.

We are going to have a **Grand Reopening** tournament on August 8th for members and their invited guests. The tournament will begin at 9:00 with a shotgun start. The format will be best 2 net balls of each foursome with 80% of handicap. If you are inviting a guest we prefer that they have an established handicap. If you are planning on playing you may sign up as a 4 person team or with 3, 2 or 1 person and the golf shop will help to pair you with a team. We will have several golfers on standby so everyone will be paired up. The cost will be \$30 per member, which includes your cart fee, lunch and prizes. Sign up as soon as possible by stopping by the Golf Shop or calling 957-3355. Space will be limited to the 1st 120 players. Throughout the week-end everyone can also take advantage of our Grand Reopening Sale in the Golf Shop. Enjoy 50% off all apparel on August 8th and 9th!

The **Golden Hills/Ponderosa Ryder Cup** will be returning to Golden Hills on August 22nd and 23rd. Your Captain, Alan Gibson, will be calling eligible members to extend an invitation to participate on this years team. Results from the Club Championship determines eligibility. So far the home team has had the advantage and kept the cup every year. Let's bring the cup back to Golden Hills!

The Senior Men's Golf Association has been enjoying their visits to other clubs in the area during our course renovation period. They will travel one last time to the Ponderosa on August 4th, before returning to tee it up at their home course on August 11th.

It will be really good to see our senior men back each Tuesday playing at Golden Hills!

The men's dogfight group will continue to travel during the first part of August. We will continue to send out emails on Tuesday's to inform the group of where they are playing. Please be sure to call the Golf Shop at Golden Hills to sign up by 5pm the day before so we can allocate the correct number of tee times at our neighboring courses.

For the first time at Golden Hills, we will offer a **Junior Golf Camp** on Saturdays at 9am this fall. The 1st camp will be on September 12th. A full schedule of days will be scheduled by the 1st of September. The camps will include work on the full swing, short game, and golf course etiquette. The camp will be limited to the 1st ten sign-ups and will last an hour and a half. If we get enough kids to sign up we will also do a camp from 10:30-12. The age group will be from 7-17. This is a great opportunity to introduce your son or daughter to the great game of golf. You can sign up in the Golf Shop by calling 957-3355 or email me at slarick@windstream.net.

This fall will also bring back our infamous **Ladies Chip and Chatter**. I will be soliciting all ladies for days and times that would work best for the group. In the past they have been held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 or 6 pm. I believe the 6pm hour works better for some of our working ladies to attend and would like to stay at that time. Please let me know if you plan on attending and which day or days' work best for you.

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your patience and loyalty during this arduous project. I know each of you is anxious to get to play your home course that was voted best in the Midlands for 5 consecutive years. Your patience will be greatly rewarded when you see the excellent condition of your course. We look forward to seeing you all at the club again!

Your Head Golf Professional,
Steve Larick

Ladies Golf Association

Tee it up with us each Thursday morning at 8:00 am for an 18 hole round or a quick 9; either way we welcome your participation. If you would like to join us, simply contact the Golf Shop and the staff will be glad to assist you.

The Golden Hills LGA will be competing in a Match Play tournament against the Columbia CC LGA on August 12th. Contact Nancy Dodge at (803) 892-2793 for additional information.

Mark your calendar and join us for our **Couples Tournament** on August 16th at 10:00am. We look forward to having a great turnout for the competition on our newly renovated course; as well as for the food and social time together following play. Call the Golf Shop to register at (803) 957-3355.

Other golf events occurring this month: One Day State - August 11th @: Rose Hill Golf Club (Bluffton); Holly Tree CC (Simpsonville) & Barefoot Resort-Fazio Course (N. Myrtle Beach). Sandlapper Tournament - August 18th @ Woodlands CC. Contact Vicki Cyr at sccyr6@gmail.com for more information.

This fall will bring back our infamous **Ladies Chip and Chatter**. Our club professional, Steve Larick, is soliciting feedback on days and times that work best for the group. Contact Steve to let him know if you plan on attending and which day and time works best for you. You can reach him by calling 957-3355 or email: slarick@windstream.net.

Our LGA Championship Tournament will be held on September 26th with an 11:00 am shotgun start. There's still time to join the LGA (at a reduced rate for the remainder of the calendar year) and enjoy all the benefits of being an LGA member, including the opportunity to play in our LGA Championship.

Join us for our next meeting on August 13th at 6:00 pm at the Wings & Ale in Lexington. For more information on the LGA contact: Annemarie Keene at snauzers@yahoo.com or (803) 318-3107.

Senior Men's Golf Association

There's no place like home! It will be great to have our weekly matches return to Golden Hills on Tuesday, August 11th. While we have enjoyed visiting other clubs in the surrounding area during our course renovation period, it will be nice to wrap up our travels at the Ponderosa on August 4th. If you wish to participate in any of our matches, you only need to contact the Golf Shop at Golden Hills by 5:00 pm on the Monday preceding the day of play.

Results from our recent events were as follows:

June 30, Points (Ponderosa): - 1st - (tie) Doc Griffin & Scott Zhang (+8); 3rd - Jim Anitll (+7); 4th - Kirk Wirth (+6); 5th - Dave Reynolds (+5); 6th - (tie) Ray Chiellini, Rick Green, Ed Sarokas & Dave McElrath (+3)

July 7, Full Handicap (Woodlands): - 1st - Frank Smith (67); 2nd - Kirk Wirth (69); 3rd - (tie) Chuck Felkel, Nick Labbate & Dave Reynolds (70); 6th - Ray Chiellini (71); 7th (tie) Dennis Roberts, Joe Ade-my & Rudy Fleischhacker (72)

July 14, Points (Ponderosa): - 1st - Ray Chiellini (+16); 2nd - Kirk Wirth (+8); 3rd - Scott Zhang (+7); 4th - (tie) Randy Russell & Dave Reynolds (+6)

July 21, (Ponderosa): Cancelled due to heat.

The format for our events change each week; making them challenging and fun. Play begins each Tuesday at 9:00 am. If you are a member, age 55 & over, we encourage you to join our senior group. To participate, call the call the Golf Shop by 5:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match at 803.957.3355.

~ We look forward to seeing you back at Golden Hills this month!



Way to go Gators! Another exciting and successful swim team season has been completed and we couldn't be more proud of our Gator team & family! Thanks to all of our determined swimmers, coaches, parents and supporters for a fantastic experience. As always, we end the season looking forward to the next. *Enjoy the rest of your summer!*

The fun continues this month while you swim, lounge and relax poolside at Golden Hills! The pool is open from 11:00am - 9:00pm daily. The 2015 Pool Newsletter, available on our website, is your quick guide to news & fun at the pool.



Interested in having a pool party? It's hard to beat a poolside party at Golden Hills. Look under the "swim" tab on our website to make a Pool Party Reservation.

Our snack bar is stocked with your favorite ice cream, snacks and beverages. Pack your sun screen, grab a towel and join us for summer fun!

Courtside Notes:



Use the Whole Court

Most tennis players tend to forget to take advantage of the geometry of the court. Start with the two most important shots: the serve and the return. Both strokes start the point. Practice those as often as possible. Then switch to your cross-court shots. The more confident you feel with these, the less stressed you'll be when it comes to changing direction.

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: tennis@goldenhillsgolf.com