



Upcoming Events:

- 1/9: Par 3 Tournament 10:00am
 1/16: Ladies Game Night 5:00pm
 1/31: MGA Red Tee Open 12:00pm
 2/7: Super Bowl - Super Ball 12:30pm

Weekly Member Play:

- Tuesday's @ 10:00 am - SMGA
 Wednesday's @ 12:30 pm - GH Dogfight
 Thursday's @ 10:00 am - LGA
 Fri/Sun @ 12:00; Sat @ 10:00 - GH Dogfight

Local Knowledge:

● USGA Rules Changes for 2016

Six significant revisions to the USGA Handicap System will take effect January 1, 2016. For the average golfer, the 2 with the most impact are rounds played alone or played using an anchored putting stroke are no longer acceptable for posting scores. Contact Steve in the Golf Shop with questions on the revisions.

● GHIN Handicap

Handicap Fees will be charged to member accounts this month. Anyone that would like to discontinue their handicap or be added for 2016 should contact the Golf Shop by January 15.

● Get 1 Month Dues Free

Pay your dues 1 year in advance and get the 12th month free. To take advantage of this offer email: info@goldenhillsgolf.com

● Match Play

We've reached the finals in the Match Play competition. Visit our website to keep track of who remains & the final pairings.

● Clubhouse Rental

Our clubhouse is available for your next social event! The main & private dining rooms, bar & 2nd floor lounge provide the perfect venue to host a wedding reception, birthday party, baby shower or corporate event. To view photos of past events we have hosted visit our Facebook page and view the banquet rental album.

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Generational Membership Special

With a focus on the family, Golden Hills is offering a limited time Generational Membership Special. The offer is being extended to the parents or adult children of current members. We recognize the importance of sharing time together with family and want to make Golden Hills a place for family legacies to be created. Interested family members may join with No Initiation Fee if they submit their application and first month's dues by January 31, 2016. The time has never been better to become a member and have your entire family enjoy countless rounds of golf, sets of tennis, days cooling off in the pool or relaxing at the bar and outdoor patio. For more information or to request an application drop by the Golf Shop or email: info@goldenhillsgolf.com

News from the Golf Shop

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Now it is January and that time when many of us reassess our busy lives and think about what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives during the next year. With that in mind, we want Golden Hills to be at the top of your list for ways to get more enjoyment out of life. 2016 is going to be an incredible year at Golden Hills and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Our 2016 tournament season will begin early this season with a Par 3 tournament scheduled for January 9th. Every hole will be set up to play as a par 3. The entry fee for the event will be \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members, which will include closest to the pin on every hole with low net and low gross prizes. The tournament is open to all members of the club and their invited guests. Play will begin with a 10:00 shotgun. You can sign up in the Golf Shop by calling 957-3355. If you do not have a group to play with, the golf staff will be happy to pair you with other golfers looking to play in this fun event.

The Men's Golf Association is raring to go for 2016! The schedule for the first half of the year is set, so mark the following dates on your calendar: The Red Tee Open will be held on January 31st at 12pm. Play will be individual stroke play with 75% handicap and all players will be playing from the red tees. Other events include: Saturday, February 20th - 2 Man Texas Scramble; Saturday, March 19th - 1 Day Handicap Tournament; Saturday, May 21st & Sunday, May 22nd - Team Match Play (Ryder Cup format). MGA Officers for 2016 are: Pres. – Dwayne Heffley; V.P. – Chip Whitaker; Treas. – Bill Danielson. Dues for the 2016 MGA season are \$25 and are due by January 31st. You may drop the dues payment off at the Golf Shop or remit to Bill Danielson on or before the January tournament.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues to grow and is looking forward to another great year. SMGA play during the winter months is on Tuesday mornings at 10am. Come join the fun with this great group of guys. If you wish to play please call the Golf Shop by 4pm on Monday.

In response to requests for more opportunities for our senior men to play during the week, beginning this month we will begin blocking off a few tee times each Thursday at 9:30am. Initially there will be no need to call in to play, if you arrive at the club by 9am. If you are running late please call the Golf Shop and let us know so we can include you. This is being done independent of the SMGA and is open to all members of the club ages 55 &

up. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a round of golf with other Golden Hills members.

Calling all ladies! Starting this month we will host a Ladies Game Night where you can come and let your hair down, while enjoying wine and light hors d'oeuvres. Our first night will be Saturday, January 16th at 5pm in our second floor lounge. The cost will be \$10 per lady, so make sure to invite your all your girlfriends and join us! To sign up or for more information contact Adam DeLoach at adam@goldenhillsgolf.com.

The Ladies Golf Association continues to play on Thursday mornings at 10am. Whether beginner or scratch golfer, all are invited to play. The last 2 Chip and Chatters that were rained out have been rescheduled for March 15th & 22nd at 5:30pm. Anyone interested in participating in a group clinic or sharing a lesson with a friend during the winter months, can contact Steve at (803) 957-3355.

The 2016 Super Bowl Superball and viewing party will be held on Sunday, February 7th. Play will begin with a 12:30 shotgun start. The entry fee for this event will be \$45 for members and \$65 for invited guests. The format will be a Captains Choice. Entry includes gift certificates for winning teams, the Super Bowl viewing party and entry into a Super Bowl numbers board. If you are planning on watching the 50th Super Bowl this year, make Golden Hills the place to be. If you are not able to play in the tournament, you are welcome to come to the party for \$15.

Over the past year there has been confusion as to what qualifies as a round of golf that needs to be posted for handicap purposes. Effective January 1, the USGA has changed the rule regarding this issue and everyone needs to be aware of the change. In 2016, rounds played as an individual are not to be posted. Only rounds played with 2 or more persons shall be posted. This rule change applies to 9 hole rounds as well. As always, if you have any questions about the rules of handicapping and score posting procedures, my door is always open to you!

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 by January 15. If you are interested in establishing a handicap for 2016, drop by the Golf Shop and we will be glad to assist.

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

Ladies Golf Association

We welcome the arrival of 2016 and another year of great events for our LGA. Our group of ladies continues to grow and we welcome anyone that would like to participate in our association this year. Give us a try, you'll be glad you did!

A great time was had by all at our Christmas and year end celebration last month. Year End Award winners were: Birdie Tree - Nancy Dodge (17 birdies); Ringer Board - Annemarie Keene (improved by 48 strokes); Shot of the Year - Vicki Cyr (On June 16th, Vicki had a "hole in one" on Hole #3. The green was a temporary green, as GHCC was under course construction. Even though the hole was a shorter distance than normal, the temporary green did not lend any advantage for a ball to run into the hole. Vicki hit her tee shot slightly pin high and with backspin it rolled into the hole for a fabulous "hole in one".); Most Improved Golfer - Nancy Hanna. Congratulations to all award recipients!

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We invite you to join us each Thursday morning at 10am, as we will continue play through the winter months. The WSCGA will hold its State Representative Meeting on January 19 at Forest Lake Club. The first One Day of the year will be held on March 8 @ DeBordieu Club (Georgetown) & Berkley Hall-North Course (Bluffton).

The LGA Officers are finalizing plans for 2016 and we're looking forward to a great schedule of events. If you would like more information on the LGA contact: Annemarie Keene, LGA President, at: snauzers@yahoo.com or (803) 318-3107.

Senior Men's Golf Association

The SMGA has amassed a great group of senior men and we look forward to continued growth throughout the year ahead. As we gear up for a new year of matches and social activities, we hope you will consider joining us. If you have an interest in joining any of our SMGA events, we would welcome your participation. Our weekly Tuesday matches feature formats that change each week; which makes them challenging and fun. Golden Hills members, age 55 & over, can register to participate by calling the Golf Shop by 5:00 pm on the Monday preceding our Tuesday match at 803.957.3355. Play begins each Tuesday at 10:00am.

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

Dec. 1, Points: 1st - Rudy Fleischhacker +7; 2nd - Steve Johnston +5; 3rd - Mark DiMaggio +4; 4th (tie) - Curtis Cooley, Gene Wilson, Robert Davis & Knut Brockmann +3

Dec. 8, Handicap (Net): 1st - Jerry Keene (58); 2nd - Dan Sass (60); 3rd - Harry Smith (62); 4th (tie) Bob Amory, Steve Vonville & Vic Labatte (64)

Dec. 15, Points: 1st - Gary Liles +7; 2nd - Nick Rinaldi +5; 3rd (tie) Curtis Cooley, Steve Johnston & Vic Labatte +4; 6th - Steve Vonville +3

Again, we look forward to the year ahead and hope you will consider participating in any of our weekly matches. For more information on the SMGA contact Rich Antinozzi at (803) 960-8706 or email: rja1055@aol.com

Courtside Notes :



Get in the game for 2016 with Stephens Tennis! Oliver and Milena Stephens are both very active in the tennis industry and are both active members of the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR), the International Tennis Performance Association (ITPA) and United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA). They offer a wide range of Adult and Junior Programs as well as offer private lessons and mentoring. A sampling of current classes being offered includes: • **Adult Group Lessons** offer something for everyone. We cater to beginners, intermediate and advanced players and offer a fun and pressure free environment with a fully planned and structured outline. Our ratios are generally smaller than at other facilities as the most important thing to us is your improvement. We have an Adult Beginners class on Sunday from 5-6p.m. and we have a ladies clinic every Wednesday from 10a.m.-12noon. • **Cardio Tennis** is a Heart Pumping Workout! For Adults only, this program is a one hour fat burning, high energy workout set to music. Be careful, its very addictive! Wednesday 9-10a.m. Saturday 10-11a.m. • **Junior Performance:** Designed for 11-18 year olds who wish to play High School Varsity, College or even Professional Tennis, this program is designed to work on Athletic Development, Match-Play and Tactical skills. Having coached and mentored many City, State and National champions, we are confident of making you the best player you can be! The Performance Group meets: Mon/Wed 4.30-7.00p.m. Sunday 2.30-5.00p.m. For more information please refer to their website: StephensTennis.com or email Oliver at OliverStephensTennis@gmail.com

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 more information on tennis at Golden Hills, contact Adam DeLoach at (803) 957-3355 or adam@goldenhillsgolf.com