

# Golden Hills Golf & Country Club

## 2015 ★ A Year in Review

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2/1/15: **Super Bowl Super Ball** ~ 4 Man Team, Captains Choice: Gross Champions - Alan Gibson, Phillip Gibson, Paul Morario, Robbie Davis; Net Champions - Gene, Scott & David Wilson, Ron Stills

4/11/15: **Masters Pick A Pro** ~ Contestants score added to Pro's score from Saturday's round for a net score (Pro selected by blind draw).  
Winning Team: Michael Slapnik / Rory McIlroy

8/8/15: **Grand Reopening** ~ Tournament & day of celebration, as the newly renovated greens & course improvements were reopened for play

8/22/15 & 8/23/15: **Ryder Cup**  
Golden Hills wins vs. Pondersa; 15.5 to 12.5  
Phillip Gibson, Shawn Miller & Paul Morario starred in the matches going undefeated with 3-0 records.

11/22/15: **Turkey Bowl** ~ 4 Man Team, Texas Scramble: Champions - Ron Stills, Gene, David & Scott Wilson



### Milestones

Golden Hills Gators Swim Team (*158 swimmers strong!*)

Kid's Triathlon - June 27, 2015 (*100+ kids*)

Stephens Tennis debuts @ GH November 1, 2015

Turkey Trot (*450 participants*)

### Men's Golf Association

2/21/15: **MGA Draft** ~ Net & Gross Winning Team  
Tony Redman, Ricky Epperson, Michael Slapnik, George Lesesne

3/15/15: **MGA Modified Stableford** ~  
1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Chris Ulmer & Jeff Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Alan Gibson, Charles Gray & Scott Wilson

10/31/15 & 11/1/15: **MGA Championship**

**MGA Champion: Norman Asmer**

**MGA Net Champion: Ron Stills**

### Ladies Golf Association

5/2/15: **LGA Member-Guest** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Wilma Shaw & Dena McCutchen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annemarie Keene & Sandy Wallace

Fall 2015: **Ladies Chip & Chatter**

9/26/15: **LGA Championship**  
LGA Champion: Nancy Dodge  
LGA Net Champion: Connie Liley

Oct. 9-11: **Fall Retreat to Lake Lure**

10/27/15: **LGA Invitational**

### Member-Member Championship:

(April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)

Champions: Chip Whitaker & Bill Danielson

2<sup>nd</sup> (tie): Phillip Gibson/Joey Joiner & Rick Kester/Brian McGill

### 2015 Club Championship:

(May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>)

Ladies Champion: Nancy Dodge

Ladies Champion - Net: Annemarie Keene

Men's Champion: Alan Gibson

Senior Champion: Dave McElrath

### Senior Men's Golf Association

2015 SMGA Champion:

Rick Green

October 17, 2015: Annual BBQ Cook-off

December 9, 2015: SMGA Christmas Party

### Additions to the Hole In One Archive:

1/22/15: Tony Banks, Hole #3, 156 yds, 6 iron

5/8/15: Nick Rinaldi, Hole #7, 145 yds, 8 iron

5/17/15: Mike Calkins, Hole #17, 145 yds, 6 iron

11/14/15: Austin Shirley, Hole #3, 165 yds, 7 iron



Members of Golden Hills proved their loyalty throughout the year. It did not go unnoticed & earned a heartfelt Thank You from everyone at Golden Hills. We look forward to a phenomenal 2016!



## 2015 Year in Review

Since the calendar now reads January, it is time to break down the golf year that was. 2015 began with excited anticipation over the golf course renovations planned for summer. It was with heavy hearts and minds that we set out to take on the tremendous task before us and deliver an experience second to none for our members and their guests. The renovation project exceeded expectations and the buzz over the course conditions was at a near all-time high by the end of August. In October we were hit with the wrath of a 1,000 year flood and abnormal rainfall that did its best to dampen our spirits. However, our dedication and commitment held true as we proved that no matter what happened in 2015; the Golden Hills experience will continue to only get better!

Tournaments are an exciting element of the calendar year and we strive to make each event unlike any other. The 2015 tournament season got started in February with the Superbowl Superball. Unseasonably warm weather led to low scores and some great golf. The team of Alan Gibson, Phillip Gibson, Paul Morario and Robbie Davis were the gross champions with a score of 56. In April we hosted our Masters Pick A Pro, where Michael Slapnik mastered his game and shot a net 65. The following week we held our Member-Member. It turned out to be one of our most exciting tournaments of the year, with 3 teams separated by only one shot. In the end, long time members, Chip Whitaker & Bill Danielson captured the championship title with a score of 161. Finishing just 1 shot back and in a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> were Phillip Gibson/Joey Joiner & Rick Kester/Bryan McGill. May brought the coveted Club Championship where our men, women and seniors battled it out for the acclaimed title of Club Champion. The tournament proved to be one for the record books as each division winner: Alan Gibson (Men's Champion), Nancy Dodge (Ladies Champion) and Dave McElrath (Senior Champion) have all held the title in multiple years. As member play lightened in the summer months, our course was a buzz with improvements. After weeks of hard work, dedication and prayer we kicked off the re-opening of the golf course with a Grand Opening tournament on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 golfers supported the re-opening and all had a grand time. Two weeks later, the Golden Hills Ryder Cup team was victorious against the team from Ponderosa, 15.5 to 12.5. Phillip Gibson, Paul Morario and Shawn Miller shined in their cup matches going undefeated with 3-0 records. Our final tournament of 2015 was our annual Turkey Bowl where we hit the links and then enjoyed a nice reception following play. The Wilson family (Gene, David & Scott) and Ron Stills shot a stellar score of 116 and were crowned Turkey Bowl Champions.

Our members make Golden Hills the success it is today and our growing golf associations including the MGA, SMGA & LGA all work endlessly to create a social and welcoming atmosphere. Starting with its first tournament in February, the MGA Draft, to their year-end Championship, the MGA experienced a strong year. Norman Asmer claimed the MGA Championship title and Ron Stills won the MGA Net Championship after two days of competitive play. The LGA had a jam-packed year, which included their Member-Guest where Wilma Shaw & Dena McCutcheon played to win. With events ranging from monthly Couples Tournaments, a Ladies Chip & Chatter fall series, to the LGA Championship, where Nancy Dodge was crowned champion & Connie Liley claimed the net title, our ladies had an unforgettable year. Our senior men experienced continued growth throughout the year and consistent participation in their weekly matches. They overcame wet weather and seemingly never ending delay's to the final round of the 2015 SMGA Championship. True competitors, they persisted and Rick Green managed to out shine the field in capturing both gross and net SMGA Champion titles.

2015 was a year of challenges, achievements and adversity but through the ups and downs, we found our resolve and remained committed to providing our members with an improved club and playing experience. That commitment is what drives us each day and it will not falter in the days, weeks or years ahead. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to all that's in-store for 2016.

Sincerely,

Your Golden Hills Staff