



Upcoming Events

1/14: Par 3 Tournament 10:00am

2/5: Super Bowl Super Ball

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 @ 11:00 - GH Dogfight

Local Knowledge:

• Handicap Fees:

The annual handicap fee will be charged to member accounts this month. Anyone that would like to discontinue their use of the GHIN system or would like to be added for 2017 should contact the Golf Shop by January 15th.

• New Start Times for Winter

During the winter months, please note the new start time of 11:00am for our Saturday Dogfight and 10:00am for the SMGA Tuesday matches.

• Hole In One

Congratulations to Joey Joiner on his hole in one made on December 26th; Hole #3, 143 yds, 8 iron. Tee it up & aim to add your name to our Hole In One archive in 2017. View the archive at www.goldenhillsgolf.com

• Driving Range Special

Maintain or fine-tune your game with our Driving Range Special. Place \$100 on your e-key and get an additional **\$25** added **FREE!** Get the deal, lots of practice and keep your game in shape for the spring season.

• Match Play

Match Play competition ended last month with a new Champion being crowned for 2016. See page 2 of The Link for details & visit our website to view the pairings and recap.

• Get 1 Months 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

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News from the Golf Shop

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Once again the Member Christmas Open House was a rousing success. Over 85 people enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, cocktails and fellowship during the fun filled evening. Thank you to all of our members who attended and enjoyed the Open House with us at Golden Hills.

As we bring one year to a close and embark on a new one many people take this opportunity to reflect on where they are and where they would like to be. Your golf game is no different. The 2017 golf season will have many opportunities to enjoy the great game of golf at the best course in town, Golden Hills. We are excited about all that 2017 has to offer and hope to see you and your family enjoying your time at the club.

The 2017 tournament season will begin on Saturday, January 14th with our Par 3 Tournament. In January, where temperatures can be chilly, this format is a great way to enjoy a round of golf that does not take as long to complete. Every hole will be set up as a par 3 with closest to the pins on all holes. In addition, there will be net and gross prizes using 50% of handicap. The tournament is open to all members and their invited guests. Play will begin at 10:00am with a shotgun start. The entry fee for the event is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members. You can sign up in the Golf Shop by calling 957-3355. If you do not have a group to play with, the Golf Shop staff will be happy to pair you with others looking to play in this fun filled event.

The Men's Golf Association finished up their season on December 3rd & 4th with the 2016 MGA Championship. Unseasonably cool temperatures, in the upper 40's to low 50's, greeted the golfers both days and made scoring difficult. At the end of the weekend it was two golfing buddies, Mike Calkins and Tom Spilker, who took home the top prize in the gross and net divisions. Mike won the gross division with a score of 153. Tom won the net division with a score of 140. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen. Visit www.goldenhillsgolf.com to

view complete results from Championship. At the year end meeting, following play, MGA officers for 2017 were elected and include: President: DeWayne Heffley, Vice President: Mike Ruddy, Treasurer: Bill Danielson, Alan Gibson - Handicap Chairman and Trent Whitfield - Tournament Chairman.

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 10:00am. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game, come and join this great group of guys each Tuesday morning at 10am. To sign up, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm each Monday.

During the winter months the Ladies Golf Association will continue to meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Whether beginner or scratch golfer, all are invited to play. Also a reminder that the 1st Saturday of every month is Ladies Day. Members are encouraged to invite guests to come play after 11:00am for only \$25. We hope all of you will take this opportunity to show off your club.

Take advantage of the Driving Range Special we will have available throughout the month of January. Drop by the Golf Shop and place \$100 on your e-key and you will get an additional \$25 added Free! Practice time is invaluable during the winter months as a means to keep your game in shape. Get the deal, along with lots of practice and keep your game in shape for the spring season.

As we move through the winter months, please be aware of the potential for frost delays and hazards. Driving a golf cart or walking on grass covered in frost causes damage to the leaf blade. Always check with the Golf Shop staff for updated information on playing and practice conditions, which includes both the driving range and putting green. Stay aware and know that we will do our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Your Golf Staff,

Steve Larick, Ryan Murphy & Mac Warzecka

Ladies Golf Association

Welcome to 2017! We are looking forward to another amazing year for our Ladies Golf Association. For 2017, our new officers will be working together to make more ladies feel welcome to play and enjoy participating with the LGA. Current members and all ladies with an interest in golf are encouraged to join us throughout the year for our weekly play dates, tournaments, meetings and social events.

For those unable to attend our LGA Christmas Party on December 3rd, you missed an amazing time. The festivities included the presentation of the 2016 awards and prizes. We had great participation in 2016 and it made for a great selection in all award categories for the year. Congratulations to the following 2016 awards winners: Ringer Boards Winner: Darlene Seguin; Birdie Tree Winner: Nancy Dodge; Shot of the Year Winner: Cindy Remington; Most Improved Golfer: Regina Sellers.

The 2017 LGA Board has been selected and installed. Those serving for the new year include: Pres. - Lana Ames; V.P. - Darlene Seguin; Sec-Treas. - Cindy Remington; Events - Sally Ademy & Sandlapper/ WSCGA Rep - Nancy Hanna. This month the board will be meeting to discuss events, tournaments, initiatives and other plans for the year. Keep an eye out on more news to come from this great new group of leaders of our LGA.

The Women's South Carolina Golf Association will hold its State Rep and Annual Meeting at Forest Lake Club on January 17. The first One Day State event for 2017 will be held on March 14th @ Rivertowne CC (Mt. Pleasant). The WSCGA Team Championship will be held on March 21 & 22 at Seabrook Island Club - Crooked Oaks Course (Johns Island). For more information on these and other upcoming WSCGA and Sandlapper events contact Nancy Hanna at: hanna8645@bellsouth.net

The LGA morning Play Days will continue through the winter with 10:00 a.m. tee times each Thursday. We welcome all ladies of the club to come out and join us, regardless of age or skill level.

For more information on the LGA contact: LGA President, Lana Ames at: falagolfers@aol.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Happy New Year! With the beginning of 2017, we look forward to another year of Senior Men's golf outings and the great fellowship it affords. As we gear up for the year ahead, please remember to pay your 2017 SMGA dues of \$20 by January 31. Remittance can be made at the first match of our new season on Tuesday, January 3rd or at any of the following matches in January. In order to keep you well informed on happenings throughout the year, we ask that you also submit your updated contact information with your dues remittance.

The Senior Men's Golf Association Christmas Party proved to be yet another festive and fun evening of fellowship. The catered meal and open bar, along with the warm and welcoming setting our clubhouse, set the mood for a relaxing night. We thank our fellow senior men and their spouses for your attendance and look forward to all the social events to come in 2017.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn't so accommodating for our SMGA matches in December. Our Tuesday matches were rained out on November 29th and December 6th, 13th & 20th. By the last Tuesday in the month, luckily, Santa prevailed and we were able to hold a match on December 27th. Results were as follows:

Dece. 27 - Points: 1st - Dave McElrath (+10); 2nd - Kirk Wirth (+9); 3rd - Rick Green (+7); 4th (tie) Curtis Cooley & John Curry (+6)

If you are looking for a friendly group of golfers or reason to get out to play, the SMGA gladly welcomes your participation. Our Tuesday matches feature formats that change each week, with play beginning at 10:00am. You can register by contacting the Golf Shop by 4:00pm each Monday. Call (803) 957 - 3355 to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy a round of golf with fellow Golden Hills members.

For more information on the SMGA, contact Rich Antinozzi, SMGA President, at (803) 960 - 8706 or email: rja1055@aol.com

Match Play 2016 Results:

We would like to thank all members who participated in the 2016 Match Play tournament. 34 players teed it up in September with the opportunity to call themselves the 2016 Match Play champion. The tournament, played every two weeks in the fall, is a handicapped event with all players receiving 80% of their handicap. There were some great matches along the way including a quarterfinal match between Ricky Epperson and Trey Gray that ended up going 22 holes with Ricky ending up victorious. In the semifinals, Ricky wound up running into a buzz saw in Vaughn Dozier losing 2 and 1. On the other side of the bracket, Tony Redman cruised through his matches with some stellar play to reach the finals. In the final match between Tony Redman

and Vaughn Dozier neither player could find their "A" game on the front nine, which left their match standing all square through 9 holes. Tony took a 1 up lead through 11 holes but Vaughn turned it on playing the last 7 holes in 1 under par to claim a 2 up victory and the 2016 Match Play Championship. Well done Vaughn!

Courtside Notes :



Are you interested in participating on a Golden Hills tennis team for league play? If you would like to participate or find out more information, contact: info@goldenhillsgolf.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.