



### Upcoming Events

# Par 3 Challenge

January 13th: 10:00am Shotgun Start

#### *Weekly Member Play:*

Tuesday @ 10:00 am - SMGA

Wednesday @ 12:30 pm- GH Dogfight

Monday & Thursday @ 10:00 am - LGA

Fri/Sun @12:00; Sat @ 10:00 - 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 like to be added for 2018 should contact the Golf Shop by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### • 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.

#### • Get 1 Months Dues Free

Pay your dues 1 year in advance and get the 12<sup>th</sup> month **FREE.** To take advantage of this offer email: [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com)

#### • Hole In One

Congratulations to Dewayne Heffley on his hole in one made on December 15<sup>th</sup>; Hole #3, 142 yds, 8 iron. Tee it up & aim to add your name to our Hole In One archive in 2018. View the archive at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com)

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## News from the Golf Shop

Many of us will use the arrival of the New Year as a chance to reassess our increasingly busy schedules and think about what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives in the year ahead. 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. Whether it's spending more time cutting a few shots off your handicap, lounging by the pool this summer or enjoying time together with friends and family, your membership provides numerous opportunities for relaxation and fun. We are excited about all that 2018 has in store and look forward to seeing you and your family at the club throughout the year.

The 2017 MGA tournament season came to a close over the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> with the playing of their Championship. Every year the MGA crowns a Net & Gross Champion. This year's tournament brought great excitement as the tournament came down to the last hole and the champion in the Net division had to be decided by the low round on Sunday. Doc Griffin and Yeomin Yoon tied for first in the Net division with a score of 132 and Doc Griffin was declared the champion with a round of 66 on Sunday to Yeomins' round of 68. Finishing third, 3 strokes back at 135, was Woody Lucas. In the Gross division, Alan Gibson shot 72 on Sunday for a 2 day total of 149 to capture the Gross division crown. Todd Lindsey finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gross division, with a 2 day total of 153. Congrats gentlemen on your outstanding play and to all the members of our MGA for a great 2017 tournament season! Visit our website at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com) for tournament and closest to the pin results.

MGA Officers for 2018 were elected during the annual meeting held at the conclusion of last months Championship. They are: President - Dewayne Heffley, V. P. - Robert Rice, Treas. - Frank Pinckney, Tourn Dir. - Gregg Erickson & Handicap Chair - Rick Kester. The officers are all looking forward to the new year and the addition of a few new fun formats and events.

We would like to thank all who attended the Member Christmas Open House again this year. Over 100 people enjoyed heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, cocktails and fellowship during the fun filled evening. Thanks again to all our members who attended and for your continued support of Golden Hills.

The 2018 tournament season will begin with the

Par 3 Challenge on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. In January, where the temperatures can be chilly, this is a great way to enjoy a round that does not take as long to complete. Every hole will be set up as a par 3, with closest to the pin prizes on each hole. In addition, gross and net winners will be declared using 50% of handicap. Play will begin at 10:00 with a shotgun start. The entry fee for the event is \$30 for members and \$50 for invited guests. You can sign up by calling the Golf Shop at 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.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association continues to grow and is looking forward to another great year. During the winter months, the SMGA plays each Tuesday morning at 10:00am. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game, make plans to join this great group of guys. To sign up, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm each Monday preceding play.

Throughout the winter months the Ladies Golf Association will be playing on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Whether beginner or scratch golfer, all are invited to play. Also, as a reminder, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month is Ladies Day. Members are encouraged to invite guests to play after 11:00am for only \$25. We hope all of you will be able to take advantage of 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 extra \$25 added Free! Practice time is invaluable during the winter months as a means to 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 and roots. Always check with the Golf Shop staff for updated information on playing and practice conditions, which include 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 Warzecha

## Ladies Golf Association

We welcome the arrival of 2018 and another year of great events for our Ladies Golf Association. Our group of ladies continues to grow and we encourage anyone interested to participate in our association this year. Give us a try, you'll be glad you did!

Last month we wrapped up 2017 with our annual LGA Christmas Party. The event included great food, a gift exchange, award presentations and lots of merriment! Among the awards announced for 2017 were:  
Most Birdies - Nancy Hanna, Ringer Board - Annemarie Keene, Shot of the Year - Cindy Remington and Most Improved - Darlene Seguin.

As always, we invite ladies of all levels of play to join us each week for our standing tee times. Please note that during the winter months our play days and times are now Monday and Thursday at 10:00am. If you would like to join us, contact the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding day to reserve your spot.

The WSCGA will hold its State Representative and Annual Meeting on January 17 at Seawell's Banquet Facility in Columbia. The first One Day of the year will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be a Four Ball played at The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island. For information on WSCGA and Sandlapper events contact our State Rep, Sally Ademy at: [joesally8922@yahoo.com](mailto:joesally8922@yahoo.com)

We are looking forward to 2018, hoping it's filled with good weather, Club Matches, Golf Trips, Tournaments and our own Ladies Play Days.

If you would like to learn more about the Golden Hills LGA, please contact LGA President, Lana Ames, by emailing: [falagolfers@aol.com](mailto:falagolfers@aol.com).

The Golfer's Creed is the definition of what golf is, and why over the course of time it has remained the game it is. The creed is credited to Robert Forgan. Mr. Forgan was an internationally renowned banker, a world-class golfer, and a master storyteller. It was said, he was born with a golf club in his hand. He was born in the birthplace of golf, St. Andrews, and his father was a master golf club manufacturer. As he matured, Mr. Forgan developed an interest in banking and rose rapidly in the industry. Throughout his banking career, he remained an accomplished golfer. Forgan's expertise was such that he was often asked to give speeches and it was at an event in 1899 that he spoke of the Golfer's Creed, which should never be forgotten. Unlike the rules of golf, the creed captures the true essence of the game. It reads as follows:

**Golf is a science, the study of a lifetime, in which you may exhaust yourself, but never your subject. It is a contest, a duel, or a melee, calling for courage, skill, strategy and self-control. It is a test of temper, a trial**

## Senior Men's Golf Association

**Happy New Year!** As we head into 2018, we're looking forward to another year of Senior Men's golf outings and the great fellowship it affords. In gearing up for the year ahead, please remember to pay your 2018 SMGA dues of \$20 by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Remittance can be made at the first match of our new season on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 include your contact information with your dues remittance.

The delayed but much anticipated year end SMGA Party will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The event will be held at the Golden Hills Clubhouse and will feature a delicious meal catered by the Olive Garden. The cost is \$20/couple or \$10/person. If you haven't done so already, please send your RSVP to Ray Chiellini at: [dober2plus1@gmail.com](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

Results of our matches since the last report are as follows:

**December 5 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Steve Johnston (+5); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rick Green (+4); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Ray Chiellini, Mark DiMaggio & Dean Davis (+3)

**December 12 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Dave Reynolds (65); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Jerry Keane & Kirk Wirth (68); 4<sup>th</sup> - Mark DiMaggio (69)

**December 19 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Ray Chiellini (+9); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Dean Davis & Jim Davis (+6)

If you are interested 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 4:00 pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355. Play begins each Tuesday at 10:00am.

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

**of honor, a revealer of character. It affords a chance to play the man and act the gentleman. It means going into God's out-of-doors, getting close to nature, fresh air, exercise, a sweeping away of mental cobwebs, genuine recreation of tired tissues. It is a cure for care, an antidote to worry. It includes companionship for friends, social intercourse, opportunities for courtesy, kindness and generosity to an opponent. It promotes not only physical health but moral force.**

The creed doesn't mention the quality of turf, the type of clubs to be used, how long the course needs to be or how good a player needs to be; there is no mention of handicap, gender, race or social status. The Golfer's Creed encapsulates everything one would want to know about the wonderful game of golf. It's a nice reminder of why we are fortunate to be associated with the game and, in a broad sense, how we should act as human beings.