



Upcoming Events

2/4: Super Ball 12:30 Shotgun
 2/22: Casino Night 6:00-9:00pm
 2/24: MGA - Play It Forward 10:00 Shotgun
 3/1: Gator Golf Gathering 12:00 Shotgun

Weekly Member Play:

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00;
 Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00
 Shootout: Saturday & Sunday ~ Make your own tee time
 before 1:00pm
 LGA: Monday @ 10:00; Thursday @ 10:00
 SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00

Local Knowledge:

• Casino Night:

Join us at the club on February 22 for Casino Night. Test your hand at Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold'em & Dealers Choice Poker. Regardless of your outcome at the tables, the evening will be filled with excitement and fun. Read more in "News From the Golf Shop" & get dealt in on the 22nd!

• Driving Range Special ~ *Extended*

To help you maintain your game we've extended the Driving Range Special through February. 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.

• Potential Delays

Please continue to be aware of the potential for frost delays in the days ahead. Driving a cart or walking on grass covered in frost can damage the leaf blade prior to the growing season. Always check with the Golf Shop for updated information on playing & practice conditions, which includes both the driving range & putting green. Thank you!

• Hole In One

Congratulations to Cindy Remington on her hole in one made on January 9th; Hole #3, 98 yds, PW. Tee it up & aim to add your name to our Hole In One archive in 2018. View the archive at www.goldenhillsgolf.com

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News from the Golf Shop

2018 started with a reminder that we do have winter in South Carolina. With near record cold temperatures, time for golf was limited. Fear not, spring will be here before you know it and we have several events planned this month that you can really get excited about. We're prepared to help you enjoy your time at the club and get the most out of the year ahead.

Our tournament season began on January 13th with the Par 3 Challenge. The format turned every hole into a par 3. In addition to Net and Gross winners, we also had closest to the pin competitions on every hole. Despite the chilly and blustery conditions, 45 energetic golfers teed it up, ready to compete. Todd Lindsey and Shawn Miller proved to be the masters of the challenge as they tied for low gross with 3 over par 57's. Shawn went on to be crowned the Net Champion with a score of 51. Charlie Newton, Dale Steverson and Chris Moran finished in a 3 way tie for 2nd, with scores of 52. We would like to thank all who participated in this unique event. You can view complete results by visiting our website, under the "Golf" tab click on 'tournament results'.

Next up on the tournament schedule is the Super Ball on Sunday, February 4th. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 12:30. The format is a two person net best ball using 80% of handicap. You can sign up as a 2 person team or individually and have the Golf Shop staff pair you with someone. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and show them a good time at Golden Hills. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members. There will also be an optional \$20 per team cash buy-in. If you would like to play, call the Golf Shop at 957-3355 to register. We hope to see you all for a Super Sunday on the 4th.

Feeling Lucky? Regardless of your outcome at the tables, everyone attending will be a winner at our Casino Night this month. We've planned a fun and lively evening for you to enjoy at the club on February 22. From 6:00-9:00 pm, you can test your hand at Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold'em and Dealers Choice Poker. The entry fee is \$30 and all players will be given \$40 in chips to start. You can buy back in at any time before 8pm; for \$20 get \$40 in chips. Payout will be determined by the number of

chips at 9pm. Heavy hors d'ouevres will be provided and we'll have Happy Hour pricing all night. Bring yourself, your spouse or invite a friend. It's going to be a night of great food, games and fun. Sign up by February 20th by contacting the Golf Shop.

The Golden Hills Men's Golf Association will kick off their tournament season on February 24th with the Play It Forward golf tournament. The format is individual stroke play using 100% of handicap. Ages 54 and under will play the green tees. Ages 55-69 will play the black tees. Ages 70 and over will play the red tees. This is a fun way to test the course and your skills from a different set of tees. As a reminder, MGA dues for 2018 are \$25. If you have not paid them yet, you can drop off a payment for the MGA in the Golf Shop or on the morning of the Play It Forward.

During the month of February our Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play at 10:00am each Tuesday morning. If you are new to the club, a newly minted senior or just looking for more playing opportunities, join this great group of guys for golf, fun and fellowship at the club!

Our Ladies Golf Association has kept their games active with play each Monday and Thursday morning. They tee off on these days at 10:00am. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride; all are welcome to join the LGA for a little fun on the links.

Of course, if you are going to play in any of our upcoming events, it helps to have your game in tip top shape. Don't wait until halfway through the season to get a tune-up. Whether you need a little assistance up for your game, new grips for your clubs, a new Callaway driver, fairway woods, irons or a putter, your Golf Shop staff is prepared to help you with all your needs. Let us help you make 2018 your best golf year ever!

Your Golf Staff,

Steve Larick, Ryan Murphy & Mac Warzecha

Ladies Golf Association

We invite ladies of all levels of play to join us for our standing tee times each Monday and Thursday morning at 10:00am. Keeping your game active during the winter months is much easier and enjoyable when you have a great group of fellow golfers to play with each week. If you would like to join us, contact the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding day to reserve your spot.

Preliminary plans for our Couples Tournaments have been made and LGA officers will meet this month to finalize our slate of events for 2018. Our LGA will, once again, compete in the Ladies Handicap Match League this year. If you would like more information on participating on our team or if you have ideas for other events this year, we would like to hear from you. Contact Darlene Seguin, at seguindar@yahoo.com if you would like information on participating in the Ladies Handicap Match League. If you have suggestions, questions or simply would like more information on the Ladies Golf Association, contact Lana Ames, LGA President, at falagolfers@aol.com.

The Women's SC Golf Association will hold the first One Day of the year on February 6th. The event will be a Four Ball played at The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island. If you would like more information on WSCGA and Sandlapper events contact our State Representative, Sally Ademy at: joesally8922@yahoo.com

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!

Senior Men's Golf Association

Despite losing two of our weekly matches to cold weather, the matches that were held last month had good participation. Thankfully, many of our senior men went on to get in a little extra play on a few unseasonably warm and sunny days. We're a hardy group and optimistic that we will enjoy more golf, competition and great fellowship in the month ahead.

We will hold our annual SMGA meeting on February 13, after our regular play. It's important that all our senior men make every effort to attend. If you can't play golf that day, please try to be available for the meeting around 2:30pm. The meeting will serve as a chance for you to share any suggestions or concerns that can make the SMGA better.

The SMGA Council has made one change to the rules that was put into effect at the end of January. The two stroke penalty for playing from the black tees has been eliminated. Anyone with an established handicap from the black tees will see no change. We will keep in place the age requirement that you must be 70 years old to play from the black tees. Handicap will be based solely on par 71 and will not take into consideration slope of the course, yardage, etc., as does the GHIN system. The Council also discussed the need for different forms of play, in addition to points and handicap currently being used. Ideas mentioned included: Captain's Choice, Pick Your Partner and 2 or 4 Man Blind Draw. These and other suggestions will be up for consideration out our annual meeting.

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

January 9 - Points: 1st - Gerry Carter (+6); 2nd - Mike Ruddy (+5); 3rd - Nick Rinaldi (+4); 4th (tie) John Curry & Jim Davis (+3)

January 23 - Handicap: 1st - Steve Johnston (65); 2nd - Knut Brockmann (66); 3rd - Mac Moore (67); 4th (tie) Ray Chiellini, Mark DiMaggio & Frank Jansen (68)

If you are interested in joining any of our SMGA events, we would welcome your participation. Our weekly Tuesday matches begin at 10am and are open to Golden Hills members age 55 & over. You can register by calling the Golf Shop by 4:00 pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355. For more information on the SMGA contact Rich Antinozzi at (803) 960 - 8706 or email: rja1055@aol.com

Gear Up for a Fast Start To 2018! There's a common misconception that when the cold weather comes, golfers place their bag of clubs in a closet and don't take them out again until March. If you take your game seriously, you know it doesn't have to be that way. You can get work done on your game during the winter that will give you a fast start to great golf and lots of enjoyment in the months ahead.

One point of emphasis you should be focusing on is making solid contact. Since the grass is dormant, you're likely to be hitting off a perfect, flat lie on turf all winter, which makes striking the ball solidly much easier than hitting out of rough, or from an uphill, downhill or side hill lie in the fairway. Use this time to work on all of your game -- half swings, 1/4 swings, 3/4 swings and full swings, chips and putts. Make these types of swings with all clubs to see how far each one carries starting with a 1/4 swing. Get those dialed in then turn your focus to chipping, pitching and putting because that's where you're going to save all your shots in a round.

If you're having trouble with any aspect of your game, now is a good time to take lessons. By the time the spring season rolls around you can feel comfortable with any swing changes and lessons learned.

While you're at it, use this time to test out new equipment. You probably have some thoughts on equipment changes you need to get your bag in shape for the new season. There are all kinds of practical reasons why you should assess your equipment--your clubs are outdated, your swing has changed, or your grips are worn.

Utilize the winter season to assess your game and make changes so you can hit the ground running this spring. If you need help, it will only take a few minutes for an assessment from a member of our Golf Shop staff to point you in the right direction. Stop by anytime, we're always here to help you with your game and enjoyment of time spent at Golden Hills!

Super Ball

February 4, 2018

2 Man Team - Net Best Ball

12:30 Shotgun



February 22 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Test your hand at Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold'em & Dealers Choice Poker. Regardless of the outcome at the tables, it's going to be an action packed, fun filled evening.
Get Dealt In & Join us on the 22nd!

Play It Forward

February 24, 10:00 Shotgun

Join the MGA as they kick off their tournament season with the Play It Forward tournament. Format: Individual Stroke Play ~ 100% of handicap. Ages 54 & under will play the green tees; Ages 55-69 play the black tees; Ages 70 & over will play the red tees.