



Upcoming Events

- 10/4: Stag Night 5:20pm
 10/8: Dickerson Foundation 1:00pm
 10/11: Eye on the Cure 1:00pm
 10/14: Couples Tournament 10:00am
 10/15: MCEC/WIRE 1:00pm
 10/18: Jay Criscione Memorial 12:00pm
 10/20: LGA Championship 11:00am
 10/22: Palmetto Place 12:00pm
 10/23: SMGA Championship 9:00am
 10/28: MGA - No Alibi 12:00pm
 10/29: Liam's 1 Up Type 1 12:00pm
 10/30: SMGA Championship 9:00am

Welcome Jimmy Koosa, Director of Instruction

In an effort to grow & enhance your enjoyment of the game, we are proud to announce the addition of Jimmy to our golf staff. If you are new to the game or looking to improve any aspect of it, we are now positioned to get you golf ready like never before! Read more about Jimmy in "News from the Golf Shop" & his personal message on page 2.

Weekly Member Play:

LGA: Monday & Thursday @ 8:30am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Shootout: Saturday & Sunday ~ T-Times

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News from the Golf Shop

It's official, fall has arrived. You can't always tell in September, as temperatures can remain in the 90's, but crisp mornings and cooler days are on the way. October is a great month for golf; while the course is still green, trees begin their transition, temperatures moderate and there is just enough daylight to get those late afternoon 9's in. We hope you and your family will take time to enjoy the outstanding conditions the maintenance crew has created for you and play more golf this month! Whether it is a late 9 after work or 18 with the family or friends, we look forward to seeing each of you in the days ahead.

The Golf Shop continues to be stocked with your favorite clothing from Footjoy, Adidas, and Travis Matthew as well as equipment from Callaway. If you are not playing Callaway equipment you are playing the 2nd best. This month we are offering several special on shirts, shorts and putters. Bridgestone is also offering 2 dozen E6 for only \$40 till the end of the year. As always, members continue to receive 15% off apparel in the Golf Shop. Christmas is right around the corner and it is never too early to begin shopping for the golfers in your family. Don't forget, if we don't have what you're looking for in stock we can order it and typically have it delivered within a week. Come by today and take advantage of these specials while supplies last.

Our 2018 Men's Ryder Cup team traveled to Leesville over Labor Day weekend to take on the team from Ponderosa CC. The home team has always claimed the victory but this year our team bucked the trend and captured the cup, bringing it back to Golden Hills to reside until next year! The 14 gentlemen from each team play two formats during the first day of the competition, Best Ball in the a.m. and Alternate Shot in the afternoon. Day two consists of all 14 from each team playing individual matches against each other. This year's highly competitive matches came down to the last couple of groups, with Rick Kester birdying 16 & 18 to win and Alan Gibson parring the 18th to tie and secure the cup by a score of 14.5-13.5. Our men had an outstanding weekend of play and the win was a true team effort.

Stag Night continues to be a fabulous evening of fun and fellowship at the club. Last month's 9 hole format was an individual modified stableford points competition. Several of our gentlemen displayed impressive rounds but in the end it was Frank King with a score of +10 narrowly defeating

Todd Lindsey at +9. Congratulations Frank! This month's Stag Night will be held on Thursday, October 4th. It will be the last one of the year since we will begin to lose daylight and can no longer hold the event and finish before dark. We are moving the start time up 10 minutes to 5:20 to give us a little cushion to finish before dark. The format will be a 3 man team 2 net best balls on the even holes and 1 net best ball on the odd holes. We will be limited to the first 39 players that sign up so call early. Let's fill it up for the last Stag Night of the year!

We had 48 gentlemen tee it up in the MGA's Yellow Ball tournament on September 22nd. The Yellow Ball tournament is actually 2 tournaments in one. While one golfer is playing the yellow ball the other 2 are playing a net best ball. Teams only get 1 yellow ball for the 3 some. If the yellow ball is lost, they are out of the yellow ball competition but are still in the net best ball competition. This year only 7 of the 16 teams returned with the yellow ball after 18 holes. The team of Tommy Morin, Dwayne Brandon and Joe Pawluk were victorious with a score of 65. In the Net Best Ball competition the team of Mike Ruddy, Dale Welch and Chris Martin were victorious by 1 shot over 2 teams with a score of 58. Congratulations to both teams! Be sure to visit our website for complete tournament results. The next MGA tournament is the "No Alibi" which will be held on October 28th at 12:00. In this individual event, players will play in 3-somes and will receive mulligans instead of strokes. So, if you are a 15 handicap you will receive 15 "do overs". You can choose your own group of 3 or have the Golf Shop pair you up.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue their weekly competitions each Tuesday morning at 9am during October. If you have not played with these gentlemen before, now is a great time to join in the fun. If you would like to play, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the preceding Monday to register. Also this month, the SMGA will hold their annual Championship on October 23 & 30. The format is individual stroke play. You can enter for your chance to be crowned Champion by dropping by or calling the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

In closing, it's with much pleasure that we introduce our new Director of Instruction at Golden Hills, Jimmy Koosa. For the past 7 years as your Head Golf Professional, I have felt the need to add someone in this position to our staff in order

to help us grow the game of golf at Golden Hills. We could not have gotten a finer person and golf professional than Jimmy Koosa. He has been a teaching professional in the Columbia area for many years. He's a champion of the game and is widely respected. When he came looking for a place to "hang his hat" until he retires, I could not have been happier. Jimmy will be of great value to us in developing programs for women, youth, men, senior men; well everyone! He will be assisting us in teaching members and non-members alike. As always, Ryan and I will be available for instruction but with the addition of Jimmy we are going to take your enjoyment and passion for the game to another level. Please join us in welcoming Jimmy with open arms.

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick & Ryan Murphy

Ladies Golf Association

Enjoy the wonders of fall with us at Golden Hills! Tee times are set aside each Monday and Thursday at 8:30am for ladies interested in playing 9 or 18 holes. Whether beginner or advanced, if you would like to play, contact the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding day to sign up. Please note that on October 18 & 22, the t-times will be moved up to 8:00am due to outside events. Make the most of the days ahead and join us for a spectacular month of golf.

We invite you to join us on October 14th for a Couples Tournament. The format will be Odd or Even and play will begin at 10:00. Grab your partner and join us on the 14th!

Our annual LGA Championship will be held on October 20. The format will be individual stroke play with both Net & Gross winners. Play will begin at 11:00am. Sign up in the Golf Shop for your chance to be crowned a 2018 Champion.

Other great opportunities to play this month include: WSCGA 9 & 18 One Day - October 22: Columbia CC; Sandlapper - October 23: Stoney Point (Greenwood); Mid Carolina Gold Cup - October 26: Mid Carolina Club (Prosperity); LHML/Awards Lunch - October 31: Columbia CC. If you would like more information on WSCGA, Sandlapper or other events contact our State Representative, Sally Ademy at: joesally8922@yahoo.com

If you would like more information on the Golden Hills Ladies Golf Association, contact LGA President, Lana Ames at: falagolfers@aol.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Cooler temperatures and amazing views of fall's foliage will provide us with even more enjoyment of golf in the coming weeks. Coupled with the excellent condition of our golf course, you will not find a better way to enjoy the season than by play with the men of our SMGA. All senior men, age 55 & over, are welcome to join us for a little friendly competition each Tuesday morning at 9am. If you would like to participate, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 4:00 pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

The SMGA Championship will be held on October 23rd & 30th. The format is individual stroke play (100% handicap). Net and Gross division prizes will be awarded to those finishing in the top 3. We're looking forward to the 2 rounds of competition and crowning a new champion. Register your participation by contacting the Golf Shop.

Our Senior Men's Ryder Cup team lost the last regular season match against Santee last month by a score of 12 - 6. Team captain, Ray Chiellini, thanked each player that stepped up to the challenge and participated on the team this season. We'll look forward to more fun and success on the links next year!

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

Sept. 4 - Points: 1st - Kirk Wirth (+8); 2nd - Mark DiMaggio (+7); 3rd - Mike Ruddy (+6); 4th (tie) Ray Chiellini, Gerry Carter, Dan Sass & Scott Zhang (+5)

Sept. 11 - Handicap: 1st - Robert Davis (65); 2nd (tie) Steve Johnston & Scott Zhang (66); 4th - Bob Amory (68); 5th (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Ray Chiellini & Don Elliot (69)

Sept. 18 - Points: 1st - Chuck Felkel (+7); 2nd - Lee Sessions (+6); 3rd (tie) Bruce Lyles & Jim Anderson (+4); 5th (tie) Jim Antill & Rich Turgeon (+2)

Sept. 25 - Handicap: 1st (tie) Rich Turgeon & Scott Zhang (65); 3rd - Chuck Felkel (66); 4th - Knut Brockmann (67); 5th (tie) Jim Anderson, Rick Green, Frank Jansen & Jerry Keene (68)

New SMGA council members were installed last month. Those selected & their division of labor are as follows: Ray Chiellini - Spokesman/News Reporter, Treasurer, Ryder Cup Capt. & SMGA Championship Asst.; Jerry Keene - Dir. of Social Events, Asst. Treasurer & Head of Bylaws Committee; Mike Blakely - IT Director/Weekly Pairings, Bylaws Committee; Mike Ruddy - Tournament Results Chair & SMGA Championship Director; Bill Lorenzen - Ryder Cup Asst. Capt., Bylaws Committee & Format Director.

For more information on the SMGA contact Ray Chiellini at (803) 518-4215 or email him at: dober2plus1@gmail.com

Local Knowledge:

• Match Play

Competition is underway in our annual Match Play Tournament. Follow the pairings & results by visiting our website.

• Hole In One

Congratulations to Dan Cannon on his hole in one made on 9/3/18; Hole # 17; from 118 yds, with a PW. Tee it up & aim to add your name to our Hole In One Archive at www.goldenhillsgolf.com

Message from Jimmy Koosa:

Hello folks,

I am Jimmy Koosa, your new Director of Instruction at Golden Hills. I am very excited for this opportunity that the Berry family and your golf professionals, Steve and Ryan, have given me. I am truly looking forward to implementing programs for juniors, men, women & seniors. I will be working closely with Steve & Ryan to make these successful. In addition, I will be available for private lessons pretty much everyday. Just give me a simple phone call and I can get you scheduled. I look forward to helping all of the membership, as well as outside patrons, in introducing them to our great facility.

Sincerely,
James L. Koosa
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