



### Upcoming Events

2/3: Super Bowl Super Ball 12:30pm

2/13: Winter Golf Clinic 6:00pm

2/23: MGA ~ Wild Rules 10:00am

2/26: Gator Golf Gathering 1:00pm

2/28: Farm Bureau 1:00pm

### **Weekly Member Play:**

**Ladies Day:** Monday & Thursday @ 10am

**SMGA:** Tuesday @ 10:00am

**Dogfights:** Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

**Shootout:** Saturday & Sunday ~ T-Times

### **Local Knowledge:**

#### ● **Winter Warm Up:**

Now is the time to get your game in shape & we are here to help. Steve & Jimmy will hold a free winter clinic on February 13 at 6pm. The 5 basic fundamentals of the full swing and different ways to improve your chipping & putting will be covered. Register in the Golf Shop.

#### ● **Driving Range Special**

We're committed to helping you get the most enjoyment out of every round. With that in mind, we are extending our Driving Range Special through February. Place \$100 on your e-key & get **\$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)

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## **News from the Golf Shop**

We hope this edition of The Link finds you and your family doing well! As January goes, the weather was pretty decent for golf. If you have not been able to come out and enjoy your course this new year, we hope you will be able to sometime soon (and often!) in the days ahead.

Our annual Par 3 Challenge was played on January 12<sup>th</sup>. 32 players teed it up in cold blustery conditions. In this format, we turn every hole into a par 3 with yardages ranging from 75-150 yards. In addition to having net and gross winners, we also had a closest to pin winner on all 18 holes. Dan Cannon and defending champion Gregg Erickson tied for low gross with scores of 59. In the net division, Joe Ecker defeated Kevin Madden by one shot, shooting 2 under par 52. We would like to thank all who braved the weather to compete in this unique event. You can view complete results by visiting our website, under the golf tab click on 'tournament results'.

The next tournament on the schedule is the Super Bowl Super Ball on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Play will begin with a 12:30 shotgun start. The format is a two person net best ball, using 80% of handicap. You can sign up as a two person team or an individual and have the Golf Shop pair you with another player. Members are encouraged to bring a guest with an established handicap and show them a good time at Golden Hills. The cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. There will also be an optional \$20 cash buy in that will pay 30% of the field. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm your head golf professional, Steve Larick, and Director of Instruction, Jimmy Koosa, will be offering a free instructional seminar at the clubhouse. All aspects of the golf game will be covered from putting & chipping to the basics of the full swing. After the presentation, Steve and Jimmy will be available for a question and answer session. This is a rare opportunity to pick the brains of your golf professionals who have a combined experience of 70+ years teaching the game. To sign up all you have to do is call the Golf Shop at 957-3355. Space is limited so call asap.

The Men's Golf Association will begin their

tournament season on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Wild Rules Open. Play will begin with tee times starting at 10:00am. The format is individual stroke play using 50% of handicap, with gross and net prizes. Some of the rules that have been changed for your enjoyment will be: no out of bounds, no lost balls, 1 floating mulligan per nine, par escape clause, 1 time play it forward, 1 gimmie putt on any green anytime and you can use a tee in the fairway on par 5's. This is a fun format to do all the fun things you wanted to do if only the rules allowed! You can make up your own foursome or sign up as a single, twosome, or 3 some and have the Golf Shop pair you. As a reminder, MGA dues for 2019 are due and are \$25. If you have not paid them yet, you can drop off a payment for the MGA in the Golf Shop on the morning of the Wild Rules Open.

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. If you would like to play, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the preceding Monday to sign up.

Ladies Day continues to be on Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:00am. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, 9 holes or 18, all are welcome to come play at this time. Come out and join the ladies for a little fun on the links. Please call the Golf Shop the preceding day by 4pm to let everyone know you are coming to play.

Of course, if you are going to play in any of our upcoming events, it helps to have your game and equipment in tip top shape. Don't wait until halfway through the season to get that new driver or tune up your game needs. The new Callaway Epic Flash drivers are almost here! Be the first to play with the only driver to score 20 out of 20 stars at the PGA merchandise show. See Steve in the Golf Shop to get your member only special pricing! Now is also a great time to get that tune up lesson you have been putting off. See Steve or Jimmy for your special member pricing.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Taylor Wright & Jimmy Koosa

## Ladies Golf Association

Shake off the winter blues by joining us each Monday and Thursday at 10:00 for a little fun on the links. Whether you're a beginner or advanced golfer, up for 9 holes or 18, if you would like to play simply contact the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the preceding day to sign up.

The LGA officers are in the planning stages of the 2019 LGA year and they would like your feedback. They have created a survey to capture member and potential member opinions on LGA activities, meetings, contests, dues and more. Please share your opinions by completing the online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZMMMBHS>. If you have other ideas or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to one of the LGA officers directly. The 2019 officers are: President - Annemarie Keene; Vice-Pres. & Events Chair - Lois Tessier; Sec./Treas. - Nancy Hanna; Match Play coordinator & WSCGA rep. - Darlene Seguin; Sandlapper rep. - Tia Davis.

Join fellow members of the WSCGA for a fun filled 3 nights and 2 rounds of golf at the beautiful Jekyll Island Club Resort on February 21 - February 24. Trip details and registration are available on the WSCGA website. The official WSCGA tournament season, with One Day events and many other great opportunities to play, will begin next month. The WSCGA and their events provide a great opportunity to travel the state, play different courses and meet other wonderful SC lady golfers!

If you would like more information on the Golden Hills Ladies Golf Association, contact LGA President, Annemarie Keene at: [snauzers@yahoo.com](mailto:snauzers@yahoo.com)

## Senior Men's Golf Association

Don't let your game go cold this winter! Join us each Tuesday at 10:00am for a fun and friendly round at the Midlands Best Golf Course ~ Golden Hills!. All senior men, age 55 and over, are invited to participate. If you would like to play, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 4:00 on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

The SMGA held a quarterly meeting on January 15. Notes from the meeting were as follows: The recently proposed SMGA Bylaws were approved; a copy can be obtained from one of the SMGA officers. Different formats for future play were discussed which included: Yellow Ball, 2 Man Blind Draw & Par 3. Also, a voluntary 50/50 raffle will be held each week. The days winner will receive 50% and the other 50% will be put into a charity fund that will be chosen and donated at the end of the year. A SMGA Member/Member will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and the SMGA Championship will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Pace of Play: All groups should play ready golf (read details below under "Ready Golf").

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

**Jan. 8 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Dave McElrath (+10); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mark DiMaggio (+6); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Frank Jansen & Knut Brockmann (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> - Lee Sessions (+4)

**Jan. 15 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Robert Davis (61); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Branch (63); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Frank Jansen & Jerry Keene (66); 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Steve Johnston, Mike Ruddy, Rick Green (67)

**Jan. 29 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Knut Brockmann (+11); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Jim Antill & Steve Johnston (+7); 4<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Felkel (+2); 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Mark DiMaggio & Rick Green (+1)

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

## Ready Golf:

In addition to making the game easier, the new Rules of Golf, implemented on January 1, 2019, are meant to make the game faster. Players should recognize that their pace of play affects others and they should play promptly throughout the round. It is recommended that you play "ready golf" and make each stroke in no more than 40 seconds. "Ready golf" is a commonly used term which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the "farthest from the hole plays first" stipulation. "Ready golf" is not appropriate in match play due to the strategy involved between opponents and the need to have a set method for determining which player plays first. However, "ready golf" is encouraged in stroke play, and there is strong evidence to suggest that playing "ready golf" does improve the pace of play. In "ready golf" players have to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players. The term "ready golf" has been adopted by many as a catch-all phrase for a number of actions that separately and collectively can improve pace of play. Examples of "ready golf" in action are:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- When a player's ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off

Golden Hills has adopted a "Ready Golf" philosophy. If you are ready to play and it's safe, then play!