



### Upcoming Events

4/7: Couples Tournament 10:00am  
 4/11: Stag Night 5:30pm  
 4/14: Masters Pick A Pro t-times  
 4/18: SCLEOA 9:00am  
 4/22: Lexington Sertoma 12:30pm  
 4/23: MDA 9:00am  
 4/25: BCEDU 12:30pm  
 4/27 & 4/28: Member-Member 9:00am t-times  
 4/29: Saxe Gotha 12:30am

### **Weekly Member Play:**

**Ladies Day:** Monday & Thursday @ 9am  
**SMGA:** Tuesday @ 9:00am

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

### **Local Knowledge:**

#### ● **Stag Night**

Don't miss out on the best night of the month, Stag Night! Join us on April 11, at 5:30 for a 9 hole competition followed by dinner and cards at the clubhouse. Mark your calendar and look forward to an evening of fun on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### ● **Junior Golf Program**

Our pro's, Steve & Jimmy, will hold a series of 6 lesson for junior golfers this month. The 1st session will be held on April 16, from 5-6pm. The program will cover everything from chipping and putting to etiquette and play on the course. Read more in "News from the Golf Shop".

#### ● **Hole In One**

Congratulations to Judy Tiner on her hole in one made on March 19<sup>th</sup>; Hole #3, 98 yds, Driver and Mark DiMaggio, on the same date & hole, from 156 yards, 5 iron.

#### ● **Tennis Lessons**

Whether you're looking to pick up the game or improve it, Kyle & Sean Koch offer tennis lessons for all ages & ability levels at Golden Hills. Junior clinics are also offered weekly. For scheduling contact Kyle at (803) 348-1595.

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## **News from the Golf Shop**

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well! Every spring we all get excited that nicer weather is on the way. While the changing of the season douses our cars and houses in a yellow film of pollen, it also begins the process of turning our yards green and trees, flowers and azaleas into bloom. After one of the wettest winters on record, we are certainly happy spring is here and the golf course is showing all the positive effects of its arrival. The fairways and rough are turning green, trees are budding and the azaleas are in bloom. Be sure to make time this month to enjoy some of the splendor of spring at your golf course, Golden Hills.

As you know, the Masters is right around the corner on April 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. We are privileged to host many golfers, some from around the world, during Masters week as they travel to Augusta to watch the best players in the world battle it out at Augusta National. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we are offering a great way for you to participate and enjoy one of the premier events in golf with our Masters Pick a Pro. How does the tournament work? This year each participant will be given the opportunity to pick a Masters participant out of a hat as well as pick their favorite golfer; 2 tournaments in 1. Then, while your participant tees it up at Augusta National, you will play a round at Golden Hills. At the conclusion of the round your net score will be added to the pro you picked from the hat for 1 tournament result and added to your favorite pro's score for a 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament result. You can make your own tee time and play whenever best suits your schedule that day. Call the Golf Shop to make your tee time and plan on enjoying Masters Sunday with us!

April also brings one of our premier events at Golden Hills, the Member-Member. Find a partner and sign up for this outstanding event that proves to be a great time year after year. This years event will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and will feature a 36 hole competition with 4 different formats: 1<sup>st</sup> 9 holes-modified alternate shot, 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 holes-captains choice, 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 holes net best ball, 4<sup>th</sup> 9 holes aggregate net team score. Tee times both days will begin at 9am. If you do not have a partner and would like to sign up, your Golf Shop staff will assist you in finding a partner. Deadline to sign up is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Stag Night will make its return this month on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a shotgun start at 5:30, dinner at the conclusion of golf, and a little fun on the felt after dinner. The format this month will be 4 person team ABCD blind draw; 1 gross ball + 1 net ball. You can play in your own group and

teams will be drawn while you play. Make sure to be here for this fun filled event. Please sign up ASAP so we can make proper arrangements for dinner. Hope to see you all on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Get the kids out to the course this month for our Junior Golf Program. Our golf professionals, Steve and Jimmy, will host a series of 6 lessons for juniors ages 7-14. The sessions will be held on Tuesday's & Wednesday's from 5:00-6:00pm and will run for 3 consecutive weeks beginning on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will cover everything from grip, stance and posture to short game skills, etiquette, play on the course and more. Any child is welcome to participate, regardless of their skill level. Sign up in the Golf Shop ASAP as space is limited. Let us help your children enjoy the game of a lifetime!

Both the Men's Golf Association and our Senior Men's Golf Association tried their hands at the world famous yellow ball tournament last month. The Yellow Ball tournament is actually two tournaments in one. While 1 player is playing the yellow ball the two other players are playing a net best ball. It is a victory on its own to finish all 18 holes with the yellow ball you start the round with. In the MGA event, of the 16 teams that started the round only 9 came back with the yellow ball. Of those teams, Woody Lucas, Don Harrison & Barry Gossett had the low round of the day with a score of 4 under par 67. Finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the net best ball competition was Bill Danielson, Robb Hill & John Buffamoyer, with an outstanding round of 57. Congratulations gentlemen! The SMGA results can be found in the SMGA section on page 2.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association began their 2019 Midlands Ryder Cup season with a victory over Mid Carolina in their first match. Beginning in April, the SMGA will play on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you would like to play with this great group of guys, simply call the Golf Shop on the preceding Monday by 4 pm to sign up.

Ladies Day is changing their times in the month of April as well. Our Ladies play every Monday and Thursday when the course is available at 9am. This is a great group of ladies who welcome all new participants. Whether you are a scratch golfer or beginner, walk or ride, 9 holes or 18 holes, all are welcome to come and join in the fun. To play with the ladies, simply call the Golf Shop by 3pm the preceding day to join in the fun.

Your Golf Shop staff,

*Steve Larick, Jimmy Koosa, Taylor Wright & Jake Kea*

## Ladies Golf Association

The glorious golf season has arrived! Grad your clubs and tee it up with us each week at Golden Hills. Join us for 18 or a quick 9 hole round, either way we welcome your participation. The club blocks off tee times for ladies each Monday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday between 9:30 and 10:00. To register call the Golf Shop (803) 957-3355 on the proceeding day you wish to play.

The first Ladies Handicap Match Play League Tournament was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The GHLGA Putters came away with all 3 possible points during their match and the Drivers took 1 ½ of their 3 points. The GHLGA is off to a great start! The next match will be played on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Ft. Jackson where will face off against the team from Mid Carolina. Good Luck Ladies!

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> provided us with a great day to kick off our 1<sup>st</sup> LGA Couples Tournament of 2019! We had a great group participating and the Texas Scramble format was fun. The luck of the Irish found Annemarie & Jerry Keene finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers Erin & Frank Trener. Our next Couples Tournament will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The format is a Blind Nine. \$20/couple for GHLGA members and \$30/couple for all others (normal club fees apply). Lunch will be provided after play.

The GHLGA Birdie Tree has already been added to this year with Cindy Remington posting the first birdie on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Way to go Cindy! Let's go get some birdies ladies!

Other opportunities to play this month include: WSCGA One Day - 2 Best Balls of 4: April 2 @ Camden CC; WSCGA One Day - Stroke Play: April 2 @ Diamondback GC (Loris, SC); Jane Covington Classic: April 22 @ Columbia CC.

Our next LGA Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Hills Clubhouse. Please make every effort to attend the meeting. If you're interested in joining the LGA, this is the perfect time to join and meet our wonderful group of ladies. Contact Annemarie Keene at 803 318-3107 or snauzers@yahoo.com for more information.

## Senior Men's Golf Association

March was a terrific month for golf. We had great participation in our weekly matches and our Ryder Cup team was victorious in the first match of the season. With April being the traditional start to golf season, we can only hope that the month ahead will bring great weather and competitive rounds for us all.

If you would like to join our SMGA events, we welcome your participation. Our Tuesday matches feature formats that change each week, with play beginning at 9am. Golden Hills members can register by contacting the Golf Shop by 4pm each Monday. Call (803) 957 - 3355 to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy a round with fellow Golden Hills members.

On March 14, our Senior Ryder Cup team got the season off to a good start by defeating Mid Carolina 13-5. The next match will be held on April 17 at Lexington CC. Good Luck Gentlemen!

We will hold a 2 man Best Ball tournament on April 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Scores will be cumulative for the 2 days; using 80% of your handicap. You can pick your own team or have the Golf Shop staff assist if you need help finding a partner. The registration deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup> so contact the Golf Shop ASAP!

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

**March 12 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Keene (+9); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Jimmy Winders & Jim Davis (+7); 4<sup>th</sup> - Al Beard (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> - Jim Hanna (+4); 6<sup>th</sup> - Mark DiMaggio (+3). 50/50 Winner: Bill Lorenzen \$45

**March 19 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Davis (60); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Amory (63); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Knut Brockmann (66); 4<sup>th</sup> - Mark DiMaggio (67); 5<sup>th</sup> - Bill Lorenzen (68). 50/50 winner: Jim Antill \$43

**March 26 - Yellow Ball:** Yellow Ball Results: 1<sup>st</sup> - Ray Chiellini, Mike Ruddy & Nick Rinaldi (64); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Amory, Rich Woods & Mark DiMaggio (68). Best Ball Results: 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Antill, Bruce Liles & David Ha (55); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Lorenzen, Jerry Keene & Jim Anderson (58). 50/50 winner: Joe Ecker \$36

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

### Creating Powerful Tools ~ Remade by Data:

At Callaway Golf, one of the high end golf equipment stalwarts, the process of making clubs has always been quite labor intensive - from grinding & polishing clubheads to crafting wood & steel shafted irons & wedges. The company has also combined such artisanal handwork with technological innovation, even partnering with aerospace titan Boeing recently to codesign several aerodynamic clubs. When the company set out 4 years ago to make its latest club line, called Epic Flash, it took the next evolutionary step, turning to artificial intelligence and machine learning for help. A typical club design process might involve 5 - 7 physical prototypes; for Epic Flash, Callaway created 15,000 virtual ones. From those, an algorithm determined the best design, selecting for peak performance - i.e. ball speed - while also conforming to the rules set forth by the USGA. The result, Golf Digest gave the Epic Flash drive a score of 20 out of 20 on its 2019 "hot list", the only driver to earn that honor.

Callaway achieved a better design, remade by data. They've created a powerful tool to help take your game to the next level. Visit the Golf Shop for a test drive!



Registration for the Golden Hills Swim Team has begun!

If you have not done so already, you can register on our website,

[www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com), under the "swim" tab.

If you have questions about our program or participating on the Golden Hills Gators team, contact Head Coach, Jennifer McLeod at [goldenhillsgators@gmail.com](mailto:goldenhillsgators@gmail.com)

We're looking forward to another fantastic swim season!