



Upcoming Events

- 5/6: Wildcat Wrestling 10:30am
 5/7 & 5/14: SMGA 2 Man Best Ball 9:00am
 5/9: Taylor Watford Foundation 1:00pm
 5/13: American Legion Post 79 12:30pm
 5/16: AllSouth Soldiers & Vets 12:00pm
 5/18: MGA Spring Handicap 9:00 t-times
 5/19: Couples Tournament 11:00am
 5/20: STSM 11:00am
 5/23: Midlands Postal Customer Council 9:30am
 5/23: Stag Night 5:30pm
 5/25: POOL OPENS
 5/27: Memorial Day Dogfight 10:00am
 5/28: Aerification - Course Closed

Weekly Member Play:

- Ladies Day: Monday & Thursday @ 9am**
SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am
Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

● **Stag Night**

It's the best night of the month, Stag Night! Join us on May 23rd at 5:30 for a 9 hole competition followed by dinner & cards at the clubhouse. Mark your calendar for an exciting evening at Golden Hills on the 23rd.

● **Junior Golf Clinic**

Director of Instruction, Jimmy Koosa will host a series of 2 hour clinics on May 4, 11 & 18. The clinics will be held from 8-10am for ages 7-14. The cost per child is \$100. Contact Jimmy to register at (803) 665-5810.

● **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.

● **Get A Grip**

Get a grip on your game by having your clubs re-gripped by our staff in the Golf Shop. Drop them off & we will have them ready & waiting for your next tee time.

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News from the Golf Shop

The 2019 golf season is well under way. Many watched in awe as Tiger Woods completed his comeback with a victory at the Masters. Just like so many of us, we all dream of recapturing our "old glory" or taking our game to the next level. Now is the time! With the longer hours and pristine conditions of your golf course, there's ample time and plenty of incentive to hone your skills and play that spectacular round you have been dreaming of. Come take advantage of all Golden Hills has to offer this month.

As many of you know the Masters had to start early to avoid threatening rain on Sunday afternoon. Due to the time change, along with the threat of foul weather, we had to cancel our Masters pick a pro tournament.

The first Stag Night of the year was played on April 11th. We had 8 four man teams playing 1 gross best ball + 1 net best ball format. In the end the 8 teams were only separated by 4 shots. Finishing 1st with a score of 7 under 137 was the team of Scott Wilson, Mike Moody, Jeff Smoak and Charlie Peake. They narrowly squeaked out the victory by 1 shot over the team of Brian Beasley, Ricky Epperson, Barry Mears and Robb Hill who finished at 6 under 138. Thanks to all who participated in the event and enjoyed the evening with us! Be sure to pencil in Thursday, May 23rd on your calendar for the next Stag Night. We will begin the evening with a 9 hole competition at 5:30. The format will be 1, 2, 3; where you count 1 best ball on hole 1, 2 best balls on hole 2, and 3 best balls on hole 3, rotating back to 1 best ball on 4 and so on. Please call the Golf Shop to sign up your group or as an individual or 2 some and have the Golf Shop staff handle the pairings.

Fifty Eight gentlemen teed it up to play in the 2019 Member/Member Championship on April 27th & 28th. For the first tournament in quite a while, weather was not an issue. We were treated to fantastic weather with sunny skies and temps around 80 degrees; an outstanding weekend for golf. Saturday's round saw some of the usual suspects play some fantastic golf as Shawn Miller/Charlie Newton & Chris Ulmer/Tom Smith were tied for the overall lead with scores of 60. Saturday's 18 holes played 2 formats: Pinehurst Alternate Shot on the front 9 and Captains Choice on the back. Sunday's format was Net Best Ball on the front 9 and aggregate net score of both partners on the back. Just like the Masters, it all came down to the back 9 on Sunday. Marion Dickert/Barry Gossett broke free from the pack with a score of 9 under par 61 on the back 9 for a

total of 156 to narrowly defeat 3 teams at 157. Alan Gibson and Bryan Goodwin had the low score on Sunday with a score of 14 under 92; which included Alan shooting a gross score of 30 on the back 9. Congratulations to Barry Gossett and Marion Dickert, our 2019 Member/Member Champions. Well Done Gentlemen!

Our Senior Men's Golf Association Ryder Cup Team continued their winning ways by winning a match against Country Club of Lexington at their house. Congratulation on a great start to the season! If you would like to play with these gentlemen, they play on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you are new to the club this is a great way to meet some of the guys and have a group to play with. If you would like to sign up all you need to do is call the Golf Shop at 957-3355 by 4pm on the preceding Monday.

Our Ladies will continue to meet on Mondays and Thursdays during the month of May at 9am. Whether you are a scratch golfer or beginner, like to walk or ride, play 9 or 18, all are invited to join the ladies at this time. Please call the Golf Shop the preceding day by 3pm to register.

A series of Junior Golf Clinics will be held this month by our Director of Instruction, Jimmy Koosa. The sessions will be held on May 4, 11 & 18 from 8:00-10:00 am for ages 7-14. To register contact the Golf Shop or give Jimmy a call at (803) 665-5810.

The reviews are out and the Callaway Epic Flash driver and fairway woods are a smashing success. Your Golf Shop is equipped to fit you with the latest in Callaway equipment including wedges and Odyssey putters. Come by and see Steve for a free assessment of which Callaway equipment is best suited for you game. Being a Callaway staff member, our prices will always be the lowest in town!

Now that the days are getting warmer and longer, we hope you will take advantage of reserving prime tee times for your weekly play dates. Members can make tee times up to a week in advance and may do so by calling 957-3355 or by going to www.goldenhillsgolf.com. Our ladies, seniors and dogfighters all have weekly tee times and welcome new members to join them. The weekly play days and times for each group are listed under the upcoming events section of the newsletter. With the golf season in full swing, it is a great time to hit the links and enjoy a relaxing day on the course.

Your Golf Shop staff,
 Steve Larick, Jimmy Koosa, Taylor Wright & Jake Kea

Ladies Golf Association

We would like to invite ladies, of all levels of play, to join us each Monday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. for Ladies Play Days at Golden Hills. If you would like to join us, simply contact the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 by 3:00pm on the proceeding day.

Our May Couples tournament will be held on Sunday, May 19th. The format will be a 2 Person Captains Choice and play will begin with a 11:00am shotgun start. Contact the Golf Shop to register your team or for assistance in finding a partner.

The Ladies Handicap Match Play League Tournament was rained out last month. The next tournament will be held on May 13th at Timberlake, where the GHLGA will face off against Ft. Jackson. Good Luck Ladies!

As a reminder, the GHLGA Birdie Tree awaits the arrival of your birdie posts in the Clubhouse. Go get some birdies ladies!

Other opportunities to play this month include: WSCGA One Day - 2 Person Best Ball: May 14 @ Aiken Golf Club; WSCGA One Day - 1,2,3 Best Ball of 4: May 14 @ Sunset Country Club; Sandlapper: May 28 @ Star Fort.

Our Head Professional, Steve Larick, LGA members Annemarie Keene and Jean Burns, and Carol Stone (Steve's mom!) traveled to Ponderosa Country Club on April 4th to compete in their Pro-Lady. It was a nice trip all around as the team enjoyed perfect weather conditions, playing a nice course and competing in the well organized event. Above all the team capped off the trip by finishing with a score of 118, 26 under par, and captured 1st place. In addition, Steve shot a 70 and captured the Low Pro award. Congratulations and thanks for proudly representing Golden Hills!

If you're interested in learning more about the LGA, please contact, Annemarie Keene at 803 318-3107 or snauzers@yahoo.com for more information. We have a wonderful group of ladies and would welcome your participation.

Senior Men's Golf Association

As we look forward to the month of May, we hope you will join us for our weekly Tuesday morning matches at 9:00am. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, is welcome to participate. The format changes each week and is fun for all ability levels. To be included on the roster, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding Monday.

We are looking forward to our spring BBQ on May 8th at the club. The event will begin at 6:30, with the association providing the BBQ and beverages. Those with last names A-L are asked to bring salads or a side and M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Please RSVP to Ray Chiellini by May 6.

On April 17, our Senior Ryder Cup team traveled to Lexington CC and edged out their team 10-8. Congrats to all who played. This month our team will play host in the match against Lancaster. Good luck!

Due to rain last month, our 2 man Best Ball tournament has been rescheduled for May 7th & 14th. 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. Registration deadline is May 3rd.

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

April 16 - Points: 1st - Joe Ecker (+9); 2nd - Rich Wood (+6); 3rd (tie) Bob Amory, Al Beard, Robert Davis & Dan Sass (+4); 7th (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Bill Lorenzen, Mike Ruddy (+2).

April 25 - Handicap: 1st - Rick Green (57); 2nd - Bill Branch (66); 3rd - Mike Ruddy (68).

For more information on the Senior Men's Golf Association contact Ray Chiellini at (803) 518-4215 or email him at: dober2plus1@gmail.com



Spring Handicap

May 18th

Mark your calendar for the MGA Spring Handicap on May 18. The format will be 2 Man teams, using 50% handicap, front 9 - Best Ball, back 9 - Texas Scramble. Pick your partner & register or have the Golf Shop staff assist in pairing you.



Couples Tournament

May 19th

Grab a partner & join us on May 19 for another exciting Couples Tournament. The format this month is a 2 Person Captains Choice. Play will begin at 11am & lunch will follow at the Clubhouse. Contact the Golf Shop to register or for help finding a partner.



Stag Night

May 23rd

Join us May 23th at 5:30pm for a 9 hole 1, 2, 3 competition, followed by dinner and a few hands of cards. Guys this is your chance to test your skills & try your luck. Regardless of how you finish, it will be an evening of fun & comradery.



Dive In

May 25th

Dive into summer by lounging poolside at Golden Hills. The pool will be open from 11am - 8pm on weekdays & 10am - 8pm on weekends beginning May 25. Look under the 'swim' tab of our website for pool news, swim team info, swim lessons & more!