



# Par 3 Challenge

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am

## News from the Golf Shop

We hope you and your family had a joyful holiday season! With the new year beginning, many of us will begin reassessing our busy lives and what we want to accomplish or do to balance our lives. With that in mind, we want Golden Hills to be at the top of your list to get more enjoyment out of your lives this year. Whether it is spending more time shaving a few shots off your handicap, lounging by the pool this summer or enjoying time with family and friends, your membership provides many opportunities for relaxation and fun. We are excited about all that 2020 has in store and look forward to seeing you and your family at the club throughout the year!

We would like to thank all who attended the Christmas Open House last month. It was great seeing all of your smiling faces enjoying the holiday season here with us. Thanks goes out to Laurice and her staff for providing outstanding food, music and cocktails during the fun-filled evening. It has truly been an honor serving all of you!

The 2020 tournament season will begin with the Par 3 Challenge on Saturday, January 11th. In January, when temperatures can be quite chilly, this is a great way to enjoy a round that does not take long to complete. Every hole will be set up as a par 3, with closest to the pin prizes on each hole. The entry fee is \$35 for Members and \$55 for invited guests. In addition, there will be gross and net winners using 50% handicap. You can sign up as a foursome or less and the Golf Shop will pair those who do not have four together. Simply call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 to sign up.

The 2019 Golden Hills Match Play tournament reached its conclusion at the beginning of December. From a list of 32 golfers, all was paired down to the final 2 of good friends Paul Morario and Brian Beasley. From the outset Paul took control of the match and Brian was not able to gather any momentum to get back in the game. Paulie closed out the match on 13 to be crowned the 2019 Golden Hills Match Play Champion! Congratulations to Paul and thanks to all who participated in this year's event.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association continues to grow and is looking forward to another great year. During the winter months, the SMGA plays on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. If you are new to the club, or just looking for a steady game, make plans to join this great group of guys. To sign up, call the Golf Shop by 4pm on the preceding Monday.

Throughout the winter months, Ladies Day will continue to be Monday's and Thursday's at 10:00am. Whether beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, 9 holes or 18 holes, all are invited to come and join in the fun. If you would like to participate in the Ladies Day, just call the Golf Shop by 4pm on the preceding day to sign up!

Take advantage of the Driving Range Special that we will have on offer throughout the month of January. Drop by the Golf Shop and place \$100 on your e-key and we will give you an additional \$25 bonus. Practice time is invaluable during the winter months to keep your game and body in shape for the spring season. Come take advantage of this special while it lasts.

As we move through the winter months, please be aware of the potential for frost delays and hazards. Driving a golf cart or walking on grass covered in frost causes damage to the leaf blade and roots. Always check with the Golf Shop staff for updated information on playing and practice conditions, which include both the driving range and putting greens. Stay aware and know that we will do our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Your Golf Shop staff,  
Steve Larick & Taylor Wright

### Local Knowledge:

#### ● Driving Range Special

Drop by the Golf Shop this month, place \$100 on your e-key and get an additional \$25 credit FREE. Take advantage of this special offer to get more practice in this winter!

#### ● Ladies Days

Ladies Days are held at the club each Monday & Thursday at 10:00am. Start your year off right by joining our great group of ladies for 18 or a quick 9 hole round.

#### ● New World Handicap System

2020 brings changes to the handicap system, making it a true World Handicap System. The USGA, R&A and other governing bodies have designed what is intended to be a more nimble, consistent & global method for allocating strokes. We are providing information on the changes in our e-news and you are welcome to contact a member of our staff with any questions.

#### ● Senior Golf

Looking for a group of senior men to play with at the club? Join our Senior MGA and participate in their weekly Tuesday matches. Play begins at 10:00am and each week brings a new format of play. Contact the Golf Shop for more information or to sign up on their roster.

#### ● Tennis Lessons

Kyle Koch offers tennis lessons for all ages and ability levels at Golden Hills. Whether you're looking to pick up the game or improve it, he is available to assist. Contact Kyle at (803) 348-1595.

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#### 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

## Ladies Golf Association

Welcome 2020! We are looking forward to the new year and all that's in store for ladies golf at Golden Hills. If you are looking to "get in the game", we invite you to join our LGA. We also welcome you to join us for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Monday and Thursday at 10:00am you can join a group of ladies for a quick 9 or 18 hole round. To participate, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the preceding day. Make plans to join us this year, you will be glad you did!

LGA officers will be meeting over the upcoming weeks to layout plans for tournaments, special events and more. Once the final schedule has been determined, we will keep you updated on what's in store for the year ahead.

If you're interested in learning more about the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or [snauzers@yahoo.com](mailto:snauzers@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Some people make New Year's resolutions & some refuse.** Whatever side of the fence you're on, golfers can always look at the year ahead & put some thought around what they'd like their game to achieve.

**1. LEARN HOW TO WORK THE BALL:** There are nine shots that basically all pros can hit on command. On the other hand, you are probably lucky if you can hit one consistently. Do yourself a favor & dedicate yourself this year to learning how to draw & fade the golf ball. Or just figure out to hit it straight. **2. STOP TAKING GIMMES:** So you just knocked it stiff on your 7th shot. Time to leave the putter in the bag & pick it up because it's "inside the leather." Not this year. Your game will improve dramatically if you make a point to actually focus on drilling those 2 footers. Plus your score at the end of the day will feel that much better. **3. TAKE A LESSON:** Get off your high horse & take a lesson. The golf swing is made up of enough components that it will make your head spin, but it all starts with the fundamentals. Nail those down & you'll be golden. **4. LOWER YOUR HANDICAP:** The first question everybody asks when you say you play golf generally is "what's your handicap?" If you don't have one already, get one. If you do, set a number as a goal and work towards it all year. Never stop trying to get better! **5. WALK INSTEAD OF RIDE:** Walking the course is far more enjoyable than you might think. If you're out on the course, you might as well get those steps in. **6. MAKE A HOLE-IN-ONE:** Of course this is a lofty one, but it's not entirely impossible. You just need the right attitude & a decent amount of luck. Every time you step up to a par 3 this year, remind yourself that it's a brand new opportunity to jar one. Just make sure you have a witness. **7. IMPROVE THE MENTAL GAME:** We've heard it said many times: "the most important shot is the next one". The best golfers often have a rock solid mental game so in 2020 focus on hints & tips from professional golfers to help you retain a positive mental attitude & keep your head in the game. **8. PRACTICE DIALLING IN THOSE WEDGES:** Being able to control wedge play from 100 yards & in is a sure-fire way to get our golf game headed in the right direction. Hitting balls at targets & getting a feel for club choice & distance will make us feel more comfortable with in-round shot choice. **9. FIND THE GOLF BALL FOR YOUR STYLE:** In golf, equipment matters. And not all equipment is right for all players. Different balls are great for different players. Whether you're a fierce competitor on the green or a golfer who's just interested in a casual game with friends, using the right golf ball will give you an extra push in the right direction. **10. PLAY MORE GOLF!** It's a resolution of every golfer at this time of year. Unfortunately, life gets in the way & weather can be another unwelcome barrier. With that said, however many rounds you managed last year... add on another 10 as a bare minimum for 2020

## Senior Men's Golf Association

Happy New Year! If you are looking for more opportunities to play at the club in 2020, look no further. Our SMGA welcomes the participation of any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older. You can join us every Tuesday at 10:00 am for a little friendly competition. The format changes each week and is fun for all skill levels. To be included, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the preceding Monday at (803) 957-3355

Last month the SMGA council members met to discuss changes for 2020: 1.) Mike Ruddy submitted his resignation from the council but will remain running the Spring Tournament and SMGA Championship. Ray Chiellini will take over the weekly scoring sheets. The council will run with only 4 men until a new member is approved by the general membership. 2.) Nick Rinaldi will assume co-captain duties for the Ryder Cup with Ray Chiellini. 3.) Jerry Keene will begin collecting dues for 2020 on January 7. 4.) Handicap changes for matches will include: handicap will not change after the 4th round played; only the 3 best rounds will be used. Tuesday handicaps will be the only handicap used in all senior tournaments. 5.) In order to increase pace of play and to adhere to one of the GHIN changes we will pick up after double bogey. 6.) When playing points we will not take a negative point.

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

**December 3 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Lonnie Griffin & Jim Antill (61); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dan Sass (63); 4<sup>th</sup> - Jerry Keene (66); 5<sup>th</sup> - Rick Green (68)

**December 10 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Lee Sessions (+12); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Bill Lorenzen & Jessie Snipes (+8); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Bill Branch, Knut Brockmann, Robert Davis, Mike Seguin (+6)

At the Christmas party last month it was announced that the 50/50 money for 2019 would go to the VFW (\$550) & the Tunnel to Tower Run (\$550). Both organizations use 100% of monies for veteran services.

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

## Men's Golf Association

The MGA confirmed their slate of officers for 2020 at a meeting held in November. They are: DeWayne Heffley, President; Charlie Newton, Vice President; Frank Pinckney, Treasurer; Gregg Erickson, Tournament Chairman. The association also decided to create a Handicap Committee. Serving on the committee will be: Robert Rice, Brian Beasley and Rick Kester. It was also decided that all MGA members must turn in their scorecards after every round. The Golf Shop will provide a monthly printout of all games played by all MGA members to the Handicap Committee for the purpose of monitoring that all members scores are entered. Scores not entered will be manually entered as a score of Par 71 by the Handicap Committee.

For more information on the MGA contact DeWayne Heffley at (940) 206-0359 or email him at: [ldheffley@att.net](mailto:ldheffley@att.net)