



Upcoming Events

- 3/9: Carolina Couples 10:00am
- 3/12: Battle of the Dam 9:00am
- 3/15: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 3/15: Sunday Buffet 11:00am-1:30pm
- 3/18: SMGA Ryder Cup 10:00am
- 3/19: Jason Booth 12:00pm
- 3/25: World Handicap Seminar 6:00pm
- 3/26: Heritage Christian 12:30pm
- 3/26: Stag Night 5:30pm
- 3/28: MGA Yellow Ball 10:00am

Weekly Member Play:

- Ladies Day: Tues @ 9am & Fri @ 9:30am
- SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am
- Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

● Stag Night

It's back! The ever popular Stag Night returns on March 26. Join us at 5:30 for an evening of golf, great food, cards and camaradery.

● Couples Tournament

Join us for the 1st Couples Tournament of 2020! Try your luck & have lots of fun in the process for the event being held on March 15th.

● World Handicap Seminar

Got questions about the new handicap system? Officials from the Carolinas Golf Association will be here on March 25 at 6:00 to explain the changes and answer all your questions. RSVP to the Golf Shop.

● Sunday Buffet

The next Sunday Buffet at the club will be held on March 15. The menu will include a few Irish dishes to get you primed for a great St. Patrick's Day.

● Winter Clearance

We are ready to move out all our remaining winter apparel to make room for the new styles arriving this month. Drop by, stock up & save up to 50% off!

● Tennis Lessons

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

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News from the Golf Shop

Once again this winter we've been hammered by an unusual amount of rain. Have faith, Spring is right around the corner and with it hopefully drier, warmer conditions to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer. Daylight savings time begins March 8 this year which will allow all of us a little extra daylight to enjoy those late afternoon rounds or early evening 9 holes. The course will begin to turn green again and it will once again be in fantastic shape. We hope each of you will be able to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy a little fun and fellowship on the links this month.

The 2020 Super Bowl Super Ball was played on February 2. The golf tournament turned out to be just as exciting as the Super Bowl itself. 8 Teams finished within 2 shots of each other with the teams of Jason Booth/Tommy Player and Trent Whitfield/Ron Stills tying for the top spot with scores of 65. Three teams, Joe Pawluk/Tommy Morin, Jim Anderson/Lee Sessions and Barry Mears/Dan Cannon, finished 1 shot back at 66. Thanks to all who participated!

With the added daylight this month we will have the opportunity to bring back Stag Night! The first Stag Night of the year will be Thursday, March 26, beginning at 5:30. The format will be the world famous 1,2,3. Each team will consist of 3 players. On holes 1, 4 & 7 each team will count 1 net best ball. On holes 2, 5 & 8 each team will count 2 net best balls. On holes 3, 6 & 9 each team will count 3 net best balls. The cost is only \$25 per player which covers golf, prizes and dinner after play. Following dinner, there will be a poker game for those who wish to try their luck. Hope to see you all on March 26 for the first Stag Night of the Year! To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

The Men's Golf Association held its first tournament of the year on February 22. The format was Pinehurst Alternate Shot. Once everybody understood and played the format, they all agreed it was fantastic. Here's how it worked. It's a 2 man team format, and every hole begins with both partners hitting their drives. The two partners walk to their drives, then switch golf balls. Golfer A hits Golfer B's ball from where B's drive came to rest. And Golfer B plays Golfer A's ball, from where A's drive came to rest. After their second shots, the partners compare the results. Which golf ball is in the best position? They select that ball and pick up the other.

From the third stroke on, they play alternate shot until the ball is holed. Chris Ulmer and John Phillips proved the best at handling the cold, damp conditions by shooting a 6 under score of 65. Three teams were just 2 shots back with scores of 67. They were: Ernie Dotson/Mike Slapnik, Bryan McGill/Rick Kester and Doc Griffin/Walter Peake. Thanks again to all who participated and be sure to visit our website to view complete tournament results.

Go ahead and put March 28 on your calendar for the next MGA event, the Yellow Ball. The Yellow Ball is actually 2 tournaments in 1.

Teams are made up of 3 gentlemen with one person playing the yellow ball every 3rd hole. While that partner is playing the yellow ball the other 2 partners are scoring the net best ball. This is a fun event so grab your partners and sign up early! Play will begin with tee times starting at 10:00 am. You can sign up as a 3-some, 2-some or individual and the Golf Shop staff will assist in helping you fill out your 3 man team.

Any senior looking for an opportunity to play should check out our Senior Men's Golf Association on Tuesday mornings. Our SMGA meets to play 18 holes in a little friendly competition every Tuesday at 10:00am. If you are new to the club or just haven't joined them before, give them a try this month. To register simply call the Golf Shop by 4pm on the proceeding Monday. Don't be shy, this is a great bunch of guys that always welcomes new, friendly faces. The SMGA is open to all gentlemen ages 55 and over.

It was great to see so many fresh faces at the LGA meeting on February 24. Any ladies who enjoy playing or for those who are looking to pick up the game, we encourage you to give this group a try. Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, like to play 9 or 18 all are welcome to participate. Our LGA proves that it's true, girls just want to have fun! The Spring Chip and Chatter will begin on April 8. This is a great way to learn all aspects of the game from Steve and the Golf Shop staff. The Clinics will run for 5 consecutive Wednesdays from 5:45-7:15. The cost is only \$100 for all 5 sessions or \$25 for an individual session. No matter what level your game is at today, we are looking to help with whatever may need fixing. Sign up early as space is limited.

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Do you have questions about the new World Handicap system? Don't worry we have answers to all your questions on tap this month. On March 25 at 6:00 the Carolinas Golf Association will be here for a handicap seminar. During this time, all of your questions will be answered. Whether it is how many strokes can I take on a certain hole, why is my handicap lower, how many scores are counted or any of different questions, the Carolinas Golf Association will be happy to answer all your questions. Make plans to join us for this very informative seminar and RSVP to the Golf Shop.

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick, Taylor Wright, Jim Hackett

Ladies Golf Association

We have a pumped up group of ladies ready to take the golf course by storm this year. We had a great turnout at our meeting last month, with a mix of many returning and new faces. A lot of new and exciting ideas were discussed and plans have been made for an eventful year. Such as:

~ Ladies Play Days: During March tee times for ladies will begin at 9am on Tuesday & 9:30 on Friday. Call the Golf Shop by 4pm on the proceeding day to register.

~ Couples Tournaments: Couples events will be held on Sunday's at 10am. The cost is \$20/couple + cart fees. A couple is any 2 people who want to play. After playing a fun format, lunch, prizes and fellowship is held at the clubhouse. The first event for 2020 will be held on March 15. Register in the Golf Shop.

~ Chip & Chatter: Club Pro, Steve Larick will hold a ladies clinic on Wednesday's beginning April 8 from 5:45-7:15. All ladies & invited guests are welcome to attend. Cost is \$100 for 5 sessions or \$25 each.

~ Ladies Handicap Match-Play League (LHML): The LHML provides a great chance to play other courses at a very reasonable rate in a match play format. We will be fielding another team this year to participate. Our first match will be held on March 30 at Timberlake. If you are interested in playing, contact Annemarie Keene.

~ Sandlapper: Sandlapper tournaments have a modified stableford format where you acquire points. It's an extremely fun & friendly format. Events are held at different midlands courses each month. This is another great opportunity to travel with a few of our ladies and meet others in the process. The first Sandlapper event of the year will be held on March 24 at Camden CC. Contact Tia Davis at (803) 892-5132 if you would like to sign up.

~ WSCGA: The Women's SC Golf Association will kick things off this year with the following events: 3/9/20: Stroke Play - Debordieu; 3/9/20: 2 person best ball - The Creek (Spartanburg); 3/10/20: Stableford - Beech Creek (Sumter).

This is just a taste of the things to come this year. We hope you will make plans to join us for the Ladies Play Days or any other planned events as often as time will allow. We are kicking the season off on a very positive vibe and look forward to all that's in store.

If you're interested in learning more about the LGA, we invite you to attend our next meeting scheduled for April 13, from 5:00-6:00pm at the Golden Hills clubhouse. You may also direct any questions to LGA President, Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or snauzers@yahoo.com.

Senior Men's Golf Association

The record rainfall may have set back our opportunities to play this winter but it hasn't dampened our spirits. If anything, it has only increased our desire to get back out on the links. With Spring arriving this month, hopefully more bright, sun filled days are on the way.

If you are new to the club or just looking for more opportunities to play, we invite you to participate with us. Each Tuesday at 10:00am we hold a little friendly competition at the club. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, is welcome to join us. The format changes each week and it's fun for all skill levels. To be included, call the Golf Shop by 4:00 on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

Our senior men's Ryder Cup Team will start the season with a home match against Camden CC on March 18. If you would like to join the team, contact Ray Chiellini at (803) 518-4215.

If you haven't done so already, the deadline to remit your SMGA dues for 2020 is March 15. Dues are \$20 for the year. You can pay Jerry Keene pay at our next Tuesday match or mail a check to Ray Chiellini at: 1251 Shull Island Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054. Make the check payable to: Golden Hills SMGA.

We encourage any of our senior men with questions about the new World Handicap System to attend the seminar being held at the club this month. Representatives from the Carolinas Golf Association will be at Golden Hills on March 25 at 6:00 to explain the changes and answer any questions you have.

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

February 4 - Handicap: 1st - Jim Antill (61); 2nd - Bill Lorenzen (62); 3rd - Fred Kakacik (64); 4th (tie) Lee Sessions & Jay Byars (65); 6th (tie) Nick Rinaldi & Robert Davis (66). 50/50 winner: Scott Zhang (\$58)

February 11 - Points: 1st - Lee Sessions (+18); 2nd - Mark Lipinski (+9); 3rd (tie) Keith Morgan, Jim Anderson & Nick Rinaldi (+7). 50/50 winner: Scott Zhang (\$40)

February 18 & 25: Rained out

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

