



Upcoming Events

5/6: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:45pm

5/13: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:45pm

5/14: Stag Night 5:30pm

5/16 & 5/17: Club Championship

5/20: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:45pm

5/27: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:45pm

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tues @ 8am & Thurs @ 9am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @

12:00; Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

● **Spring Best Ball**

With the disruption to our scheduled events this month, we've planned an individual competition for everyone to enjoy, the Spring Individual Best Ball. Learn more about this exciting competition with an array of exciting prizes by reading "News from the Golf Shop".

● **Ladies Golf Clinic**

The start for the Ladies Chip & Chatter golf clinic has been moved back to May 6. The 4 clinic series will cover all aspects of the game. All ability levels are invited. Contact the Golf Shop to register.

● **Stag Night**

The anticipation for Stag Night will have to build 1 month longer. We hope to kick off the most exciting evening at the club on May 14. Read more about Stag Night in "News From The Golf Shop".

● **Winter Clearance**

The Winter Clearance sale is still ongoing in the Golf Shop with savings up to 50% off. Now is a great time to stock up for next season and those few remaining cool mornings in April!

● **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

We hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. Every spring we get excited that nicer weather is on the way. While the changing of the season douses our cars and houses with a yellow coat of pollen, it also begins the process of turning the golf course green and trees, flowers and azalea's into bloom.

This Spring we are confronted with a challenge like never before. We here at Golden Hills are committed to providing a safe environment for you to let off any pent up anxiety and cabin fever. Every day we are taking extra precautions by wiping down the carts, counters, door knobs and bathrooms with disinfectant as well as providing hand sanitizer and cleansing wipes. Fortunately, with golf being played outdoors, each one of us can still play the game we love while practicing social distancing. Now, more than ever, we here at Golden Hills are committed to serving you!

With the exception of the Couples Tournament, we were unfortunately not able to play any of the other scheduled events in March. With the White House and CDC announcing the stop the spread measures being extended until April 30, we have made the decision to postpone all the events we had scheduled this month. Not to worry, we will get them in and still have much to look forward to at the club.

While we aren't able to hold any of our originally planned competitions this month, we do have a little something different to keep your competitive juices going. We want you to play your 'best ball' in our Spring Individual Best Ball competition.

Since it's an individual event it is something everyone can enjoy, on your own time schedule. It will run through the month of April. How does the Spring Individual Best Ball work you ask? Your best score on each hole counts towards your total score. For instance, the first 3 times you play this month you make a bogey on #1 but on the fourth round you make a birdie; the birdie now counts as your "best ball". You can play once or 15 times and every time you play you have a chance to improve your score. Handicaps will be used at 50% of handicap. The cost is only \$1 every time you play. We are going to have an array of exciting prizes. The list of prizes will be announced later in the competition but everyone will have a chance to win something, regardless of how you finish. Leaderboards will be posted around the clubhouse on Mondays so you can track your progress. The only thing you need to do to is sign up, pay your \$1/round and play.

The anticipation for the return of our Stag Night

will have to hold out a little longer. Hopefully we will have a sensible return to normal by the next scheduled date of May 14. If you haven't played before, Stag Night consists of a nine hole competition out on the links, followed by a delicious meal and round of cards at the clubhouse. Pencil in May 14 on your calendar and look forward to a great kickoff event.

The Member-Member planned for this month is moving to August 15 & 16. Though postponed, it still isn't too early to find a partner and get a few practice rounds in. The 36 hole competition is played in four 9 hole formats: Pinehurst Modified Alternate Shot, Captain's Choice, Net Best Ball and Aggregate Net Score. Be sure to mark the new date on your tournament schedule.

Another event not too early to start practicing for is the Club Championship. The Championship will be held on May 16 & 17. The format is 36 hole stroke play, flighted after the 1st round. Make plans to step up to the challenge where you get to test your skills for the coveted Club Championship title.

While our Senior Men's Golf Association seems to have a bullseye on it with bad weather, they will continue to meet each Tuesday morning in April for a friendly and competitive 18 hole round. With the weather starting to warm, the start time has been moved up an hour to 9am. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game, come out and join this great group of guys. To sign up, simply call the Golf Shop by 4pm on the preceding Monday to be included in the fun.

Our Ladies Play Days will also be changing this month. Play will begin at 8:00 on Tuesday's and 9:00 on Thursday's. As always, our Ladies Play Days are open to all ages and skill levels. If you are looking for a great group of ladies to enjoy some fun and fellowship on the links, these are your gals. Call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding day to sign up. Unfortunately, with the new rules in place regarding social gatherings, the Chip and Chatter ladies golf clinic has been postponed until at least May 6. When we do begin it will run for 4 consecutive weeks; covering all areas of the golf game. Make plans to come and spend your Wednesday evenings with Steve and Taylor from 5:45-7:15. Space will be limit in order for everyone to get the attention needed, so please register ASAP in the Golf Shop.

Stay safe and healthy!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Taylor Wright

Ladies Golf Association

Our ladies, while practicing social distancing, are playing through these trying times. With all the things we can't do these days, it's good to know that golf is something that we can still enjoy. With this in mind, we invite any ladies, of all skill levels, to join us at the club for the weekly Ladies Play Days. During April the play days and times will move to Tuesday's at 8:00am and Thursday's at 9:00am. If you would like to join us, simply call the Golf Shop, at (803) 957-3355, by 3:00 on the proceeding day.

We were fortunate to get our Couples Tournament in last month before the strict social distancing went into effect. The format for the event was a 2 person Captain's Choice. Annemarie & Jerry Keene and Diane & Jason Dennis tied for first place at 70. Lois & Ron Tessier finished 3rd with a score of 71. We would like to thank Trish Simmons for organizing our luncheon following play. Due to the group restrictions regarding the virus, we have decided to cancel the April Couples Tournament; making May 24 our next event.

The Ladies Chip and Chatter golf clinic has been postponed until May 6. The clinic will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5:45 - 7:15pm. The cost is \$80 for the 4 session series or \$25/session. Space is limit in order for everyone to get the attention needed, so please register ASAP in the Golf Shop.

The LHML (Match Play), WSCGA and Sandlapper tournaments were all cancelled/postponed last month. The Women's SC Golf Association has postponed all events scheduled prior to May 10. We hope to have updates on all these events soon and will keep you posted as we learn more.

If you're interested in learning more about the LGA, contact LGA President, Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or snausers@yahoo.com.

World Handicap Changes/Questions

Another event planned at club last month that had to be postponed was the World Handicap seminar. As most of you know by now, in January the USGA and R&A adopted a new set of rules for a new handicapping system. While some rules remained the same there were also some major changes. The question we have been asked the most is what score am I allowed to post on a hole. The section discussing this in the new book is 3 pages long so we will try to simplify this change for you. If you do not have an established handicap, you can post a score equal to par plus 5 strokes. So, if par is 4 (+5) you can post a 9 on that hole. Once you have an established handicap the highest score you can post is a net double bogey. What is net double bogey you ask? If you are an 18 handicap, in a handicapped event you would receive 1 stroke on each hole. If you make a quadruple bogey 8 on a par four you can only post a triple bogey 7. Since 7-1 (stroke received on hole) = 6 (net double on par 4). If you are a 10 handicap where do I get my strokes? On the 10 hardest holes. So, on the 10 hardest holes where you would receive a stroke, you can post a triple bogey and all the rest a double bogey. We realize there are still a lot of questions about the new system. Rest assured we plan to host a seminar on the changes asap. In the meantime, if you have any questions on the new system please don't hesitate to ask Steve. He is always open to hearing from you!

Senior Men's Golf Association

Rain, rain, coronavirus; that sums up the first three months of the year. Be not discouraged guys; this too shall pass! We are due a lucky break and hopefully it will arrive this month. Starting on April 7 our weekly Tuesday matches will begin at 9:00am. Set your alarm a little earlier, grab your coffee and head to "the Hills" to join us. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, is welcome to participate. The format changes each week and it's fun for all skill levels. To be included, call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

Due to Camden's inability to muster a team together last month, our SMGA Ryder Cup match had been rescheduled for this month. Now with the extended social distancing in place until the end of April, plans for the season are being re-assessed. If the matches do restart, we would be glad to see some new blood on our team this year. If you have a GHIN index, regardless if it's high or low, you are eligible to play. If you would like to join the team, contact Ray Chiellini at (803) 518-4215.

Our two man Best Ball tournament scheduled for April 14 & 21 has been postponed until further notice. We will play one of our regular formats on those dates. Also, our Spring BBQ originally scheduled for this month has been postponed. We will be sure to keep you updated with any new dates or further changes through our SMGA email chain and in the upcoming newsletter. If you are not receiving our SMGA emails, please contact Ray with your address so you can be added.

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

March 10 - Handicap: 1st - Jim Antill (60); 2nd - Mark Lipinski (63); 3rd - Dwight Johnson (64); 4th - Bill Lorenzen (65); 5th (tie) Jim Anderson, Ray Chiellini, Jay Byars, Keith Morgan & Bruce Liles (66).
50/50 winner: Jim Anderson (\$55)

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

As the world continues to respond to the threat of COVID-19, we have been taking steps to help keep everyone healthy & informed. Please keep the following in mind:

- Practice social distancing in the clubhouse & on the course. We will continue to disinfect surfaces & provide you with wipes & sanitizer throughout your stay.
- You don't have to touch the pins & the cups have been adapted so you don't have to reach deep into the hole to retrieve your ball.
- The Bar & Grill remains opens for grab & go orders. The seating areas in the club are closed.
- The handicap computer has been turned off. You can post scores online or leave your card in the Golf Shop for our staff to post for you.
- The USGA, recognizing the challenge of trying to play during the coronavirus crisis, is allowing some flexibility for players wanting to abide by the Rules of Golf. Visit USGA.org for special rules & handicapping guidance during the COVID-19 era.
- We want you to both FEEL safe and BE safe at Golden Hills. Like us, we encourage you to take every precaution & be considerate of others. If you don't feel well, stay home, there will still be plenty of golf to enjoy when this passes!