



### Upcoming Events:

7/9: Stag Night 5:30pm

7/12: LGA Couples 10:00am

7/17: Member-Guest Practice & Dinner

7/18: Member-Guest 1st round 9:00am

7/19: Member-Guest 2nd round 9:00am

7/27: Aerification—Course Closed

### Weekly Member Play:

**Ladies Day:** Tues & Thurs @ 8:00am

**SMGA:** Tuesday @ 9:00am

**Dogfights:** Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @

12:00; Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

### Local Knowledge:

#### • Tee Times

Members can make tee times up to a week in advance. The Golf Shop staff does its best to accommodate all play but when tee times aren't made or cancelled it negatively impacts everyone. For everyone's enjoyment please secure your desired tee time in advance and notify the Golf Shop if you need to cancel.

#### • May Best Ball

Mike Moody captured the Best Ball honors during the month of May, with a score of 52. He was closely followed in 2nd place by Bryan Goodwin at 53. Third place went to David Huff with a 55. Thanks to all who participated and made this a fun competition for everyone.

#### • Junior Golf Camp

The Golf Shop staff is offering another Junior Golf Camp this month on July 28-30 from 9am -11am. For more information and to register contact the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355.

#### • Pool News

The pool has been a welcome activity for parents and kids looking for outdoor fun. Pool hours are 12:00-8:00pm weekdays and 10:00am -8:00 on the weekend. See page 2 for more news on the pool.

#### • 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

Summer is in full swing at Golden Hills! The warmer temperatures in June have made the fairways and greens lush and pure. The golf course is receiving rave reviews from all those playing. It is in fantastic shape! Make the most of the long July days filled with sunshine and enjoy golf at its finest right here at Golden Hills.

The 2020 Club Championship was played on June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Following a week of afternoon rain storms, the weather cleared out for a magnificent weekend. During the opening round we saw some truly outstanding play, beginning with Dave McElrath who shot 4 shots below his age for a 74 in the Super Senior division. In the Senior division, Mike Calkins lead the way with a round of 73. The best three rounds of the day came from the Men's division with the 2018 champion Phillip Gibson shooting 70, defending champion Gregg Erickson shooting 71 and 2 time champion Alan Gibson shooting 72. Round 2 started with high hopes from everyone of making a comeback or just improving on the previous days score. But in the end, the theme of "the more things change, the more they stay the same" played out. Dave McElrath bettered his age for the second straight day with a 76 for a total of 150 to capture the Super Senior division (age 70+) for the second consecutive year. Mike Calkins cruised around the course in 74 shots and a 2 day total of 147 to capture the Senior Division for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. The Men's Division turned into a back and forth affair between Alan Gibson and Gregg Erickson on the back nine. In the end, Gregg shot 74 for a total of 145 to capture his 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive title. Congratulations gentlemen! Be sure to visit our website for more tournament results.

The 2020 Member-Guest is just weeks away. Join us on July 17, 18 & 19 for this fun filled event. The excitement begins on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> with a practice round scheduled at your convenience. Following the days practice round, there will be a putting contest at 5pm. We will also have a long drive competition beginning at 6pm. There will be both a Men's & Senior (55+) division. Dinner will follow at the conclusion of the putting and long drive competitions. After dinner, everyone will be treated to some fun and fellowship with a friendly golf pong competition. The two day, 36 hole tournament format will be a net best ball. Fighting will be determined by total team handicap. All contestants must have a verifiable handicap to participate. To sign up or

for more information call or stop by the Golf Shop.

Our first Stag Night of the year took place on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. 28 gentlemen teed it up in a 4 man team, ABCD, 1 gross best ball + 1 net best ball competition. The weather was fantastic and so was the golf. The team of Joe Pawluk, Chris Ulmer, Todd Keisler and John Young took home the top prize with an 8 under score of 64, narrowly edging out the team of Dale Welch, Doc Griffin, Mike Ruddy and Jeff Smoak who shot 65. Make sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for the next Stag Night. The format will be a 2 man team net best ball. You can make up your own foursome or call the Golf Shop and we will help pair you up. Bring your Member-Guest partner for a great warm up for the Member-Guest.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. The group is continuing to grow with typically 40+ golfers every Tuesday. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game, come on out and join this great group of guys. If you would like to participate on Tuesday mornings, simply call the Golf Shop by 3pm on Mondays to sign up.

Our Ladies Play Days continue to be popular with all skill levels. Each Tuesday and Thursday the ladies meet to play at 8am. Whether you are a low handicapper or beginner, play nine or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome to come and enjoy some fun and fellowship on the links. Simply call the Golf Shop by 3 pm the preceding day to sign up. The LGA Couples event will take place on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The format will be a Pinehurst Alternate Shot. If you would like to participate please call the Golf Shop by Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> to sign up so they can plan for food.

Do you find yourself not playing as well as you would like or are you in need of a tune up for the Member-Guest? Maybe you are just struggling with 1 aspect of your game. Get your game in tip top shape with a lesson from Steve or Taylor. Both hour and half hour lessons are available to fit your schedule and exclusive member rates apply. Lessons are available to all ages and skill levels. Call or drop by the Golf Shop for more information on pricing and availability.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Taylor Wright

## Ladies Golf Association

We have been glad to see several new ladies join us at the club for the Ladies Play Days this summer. Held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am, the Ladies Play Days are for ladies of all skill levels looking to enjoy an 18 or 9 hole round. Whether you like to ride or walk, we welcome all participation. If you would like to join us, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3:00 on the proceeding day.

We had a great turnout and time at our Couples Tournament last month. First place honors went to Jerry and Annemarie Keene. They were followed by a tie at 2<sup>nd</sup> between Neal & Dawn Clark and Dianne & Jason Dennis. This month we are going to host our infamous Couples Summer Party on July 12. The format will be Pinehurst Alternate Shot. Play will begin at 10:00am. We have lots of exciting plans for what will be a fun day at the club for everyone. We welcome all members and their invited guests to join us. Call or drop by the Golf Shop to register.

Both the Sandlapper and Ladies Handicap Match League have been cancelled for 2020. We'll miss the fun and camaraderie of these events but we still plan to have loads of fun playing at the club and enjoying each others company (socially distanced of course!)

Remember to stay safe and let's keep playing through!

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

## Senior Men's Golf Association

Golf is one of best outdoor activities we can enjoy these days and boy have our senior men been making the most of it! A little sunshine and golf are just what you need to cure any stress or boredom you may be experiencing these days. If you would like to get in on our fun and fellowship, we welcome you to join us each Tuesday at 9:00am for a friendly 18 hole round. Any male member of the club, age 55 or older, is welcome to participate. We change the format each week and it's fun for all skill levels. To be included, call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

If you haven't been receiving our emails, send your address to Ray Chiellini. You can also contact Ray for more information on the SMGA. He can be reached by calling (803) 518-4215 or email him at: [dober2plus1@gmail.com](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

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

**June 2 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Al Beard (57); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ken Aycock (60); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bob Amory (61); 4<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Liles (62); 5<sup>th</sup> - Dan Sass (63); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Tom Taylor & Jerry Keene (64)

**June 9 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Bob Amory & Don Elliot (+12); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Scott Zhang (+11); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Bruce Liles & Rick Green (+10); 6<sup>th</sup> - Jessie Snipes (+9); 7<sup>th</sup> - Jerry Keene & Ray Chiellini (+8)

**June 16 - Handicap:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Scott Zhang (62), 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tom Taylor (65); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Don Elliot (66); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Ray Chiellini & Al Beard (67); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Ken Aycock, Knut Brockmann, Robert Davis, Joe Ecker, Lonnie Griffin, Mark Lipinski and Lee Sessions (68)

**June 23 - Points:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Dave McElrath & Don Elliot (+7); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ken Aycock (+6); 4<sup>th</sup> - Marty Van Sant (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Tom Taylor, Bruce Liles & Richard Wood (+4)

## News from the Pool:

Summer fun is underway at the Golden Hills pool! With the challenge of keeping the pool extra safe and sanitary due to COVID-19 this year, we have instituted additional rules that are directly related to keeping the spread and infection of COVID-19 at bay. We ask that all members read through our Pool Newsletter (visit: [goldenhillsgolf.com](http://goldenhillsgolf.com) to view) for all the changes that have been put in place. While we want everyone to enjoy their time at the pool we are, most importantly, obligated to provide a safe environment.

The pool is open weekdays from 12:00-8:00pm and on weekends from 10:00am-8:00pm. Our pool staff is on duty to help ensure members have a certified Lifeguard available to them, rules will be enforced & concessions will be available during pool operating hours. This year the staff will also be working to ensure that all surfaces are sanitized and areas of the pool deck are marked for social distancing.

Despite not having meets this year, the Golden Hills Gators swim team has been making quite a splash at the pool. If you have a child that may be interested in joining the team, visit our website for details.

Both private and group swim lessons are being offered this season. Due to COVID-19 space is limited & instructors will work to ensure appropriate social distancing during each lesson. Visit our website for dates of group classes and information on private lessons.

One thing will not change this season, our commitment to providing you with a safe environment to swim, relax and cool off on those hot summer days!

**COVID-19 Updates:** We are continuing to monitor and take steps to help keep everyone safe, healthy & informed. Please keep the following in mind:

- Effective June 1 we went back to dual rider carts. Carts continue to be disinfected between usage. Practice social distancing by maintaining your side of the cart throughout play and keep hand sanitizer easily accessible. Anyone with concerns for personal health & safety may request a single rider cart; you must make the Golf Shop staff aware of your request upon booking a tee time.
- Practice social distancing in the clubhouse & on the course. We will continue to disinfect surfaces & provide sanitizer for use.
- You don't have to touch the pins & cups have been adapted so you don't have to reach into the hole to retrieve your ball.
- Ball washers, bunker rakes & water coolers are out of service.
- The Bar, Dining & Tent areas have reopened for seating. Social distancing is being observed and strictly enforced.
- The USGA is allowing flexibility for players wanting to abide by the Rules of Golf. Visit [USGA.org](http://USGA.org) for rules and 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!