



Upcoming Events:

- 9/12: MGA 6, 6, 6 10:00am
 9/13: Couples Tournament 10:00am
 9/14: Faith United Methodist 9:30am
 9/17: Kenny Wolfe Foundation 9:30am
 9/18: Johnny Bowen 1:00pm
 9/22: Citadel Club 12:00pm
 9/23: Blood Drive 10am - 2pm
 9/24: Taylor Watford Foundation 1:00pm
 10/1: Applegreens 9:30am

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:

• Save a Life ~ Donate Blood

On September 23, from 10:00am-2:00pm, we'll roll up our sleeves to help save lives. We are partnering with the Red Cross for what we hope will be a big success. Donating 1 pint can save up to 3 lives. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Make plans to help us help many others on the 23rd. For more information contact Dian at (803) 957-3970.

• Heads Up

The hats for everyone that played in the Member-Member have arrived and are waiting for you in the Golf Shop. Be sure to pick yours up on your next trip to the club.

• Hole - In - One

Congratulations to Paul Morario on his hole in one made on July 31st; Hole #3, 162 yds, 6 iron. Congrats also to Lynn "Doc" Griffin on his hole in one made on August 9th, Hole #3, 147 yds, 5 Hybrid. Check out the Hole In One Archive on our website, then tee it up for your very own ace in the hole!

• Pool News

The pool will close on September 7. We want to thank everyone for a safe and fun summer. Maybe by next year we can have a huge pool party to celebrate the eradication of COVID!

• 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

With the arrival of fall this month, you will find a season full of cooler temperatures, competitive tournaments, and family fun events to take part in at Golden Hills. Whether it's golf or tennis, enjoy the experience and beauty of the fall season with us at Golden Hills.

The 2020 Member/Member was contested last month on August 15th and 16th and it was a smashing success! The tournament saw 64 members teeing it up for the opportunity to be crowned champions. Saturday's format was 9 holes of Pinehurst Alternate Shot followed by 9 holes of Captains Choice. Several teams came out of the gate hot with scores of 62; they were Shawn Miller/Charlie Newton & Woody Lewter/Clint Hudson. There were 2 teams at 63 and 6 more teams at 64. Sunday's round included 9 holes of Net Best Ball followed by 9 holes of Aggregate Net total score of both players. As they say at Augusta, it all comes down to the back 9 on Sunday. This proved true for this years Member/Member as 3 teams, 1 from each flight, tied for the overall lead with total scores of 169. Yeomin Yoon and David Ha from the 3rd flight, Dave McElrath and Rick Green from the 2nd Flight, and Rick Kester and Ricky Beckham from the 1st Flight. In the end it was Dave McElrath and Rick Green who were left holding the trophy after the playoff. Congratulations Gentlemen and thanks to all who participated in this years event! Visit our website at www.goldenhillsgolf.com for more results.

Last month also saw the restart of the Men's Golf Association season with a 1, 2, 3 tournament. In this 3 man team format scores are counted as follows: 1 net best ball on holes 1,4,7,10,13,16; 2 net best balls on holes 2,5,8,11,14,17; and all 3 balls on holes 3,6,9,12,15,18. Several teams had outstanding scores for this format. In the end it was the team of Chris Ulmer, John Phillips and Sean Gannon shooting a score of 134 to narrowly defeat the team of Rick Green, Scott Zhang and Robert Davis who shot 136. The next tournament on the MGA schedule is slated for September 12th. The format will be 2 man teams with 6 holes of 1 net best ball, 6 holes of alternate shot and 6 holes of aggregate net total. The tournament will kick off at 10:00 with a shotgun start. Grab your partner and sign up in the Golf Shop for this fun event.

Also in September, the 2020 Golden Hills Match Play tournament will begin. The deadline to sign up has been extended to Friday, September 4th. The first round matches will be posted at 6pm on

Friday the 4th. The first round matches must be completed by Sunday, September 20th. Each successive round will have 2 weeks to complete the next round. The format is individual match play using 100% of handicap. If you would like to participate please call or stop by the Golf Shop by September 4th.

The Ladies Golf Association will host a Couples Tournament/"End of Summer" party on Sunday, September 13 at 10:00am. The format will be Pinehurst Alternate Shot. Find a partner and sign up in the Golf Shop for what promises to be a great day at the club.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association continues to play on Tuesday mornings at 9am. The group is continuing to grow and welcomes any new gentlemen to the fold. If you are new to the club or just looking for a regular game, this is a great group of guys who welcome all newbies! To sign up to join in the fun simply call the Golf Shop by 4pm on Monday to play on Tuesday.

Our Ladies Day group is always looking for more women to join them on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am. Whether you are a scratch golfer or beginner, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome to come join in the fun. Be on the lookout! Coming up in October the world-famous Chip and Chatter will return. Dates are yet to be determined but will be announced soon.

If you haven't stopped in the Golf Shop recently, make plans to do so as a shipment of new Footjoy polos has arrived. Also on tap, more fall and winter gear will be on the way soon. Be the first to show off your new outerwear by finding them here at your Golden Hills Golf Shop.

September is a great month to tidy up your golf swing, short game or course management with a lesson from your professional staff. The days are still long enough to get in a late evening lesson and cooler temperatures will make each session more enjoyable. Be sure to set aside an hour this month for a lesson with one of your pros.

Join us in welcoming Hunter Dodgen to our Golf Shop staff as our Assistant Golf Professional. Hunter is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is a highly skilled golfer. Please take a moment when you stop in to welcome Hunter to the Golden Hills Family.

As always, our door is always open to any suggestions on how we can serve you better. Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Hunter Dodgen, Vince Ferris

Ladies Golf Association

It's been a very strange year due to COVID but thankfully we have been able to safely continue playing. We want to thank all our ladies for sticking with us and even helping us grow our membership. Although the LGA has looked very different this year, it's been great to see the continued growth on the Ladies Play Days at the club. For any ladies that would like to play, we would be glad for you to join our motley crew. Regardless of your skill level or if you prefer 9 holes or 18, all ladies are welcome to play with us each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00am. To join us, contact the Golf Shop by 3:00 pm on the preceding day.

We have lots of fun events planned for the remainder of the year, including the following: September 13 - Couples Tournament (don't let the word tournament or couples deter you, it just means 18 holes of fun with your spouse, friend or whomever you choose); October 11 - Couples Tournament; October 24 - LGA Championship; November 8 - Couples Tournament; December TBD - LGA Christmas Party. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for lots fun the rest of the year!

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

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

Senior Men's Golf Association

The golf will only get better this month with the arrival of Fall on September 22! Nice cool mornings and the beauty of the changing season will be a welcome change from a hot summer.

If you are new to the club or just looking for more opportunities to play, we welcome your participation. Our Tuesday matches feature formats that change each week, with play beginning at 9:00am. If interested, you can register to play by contacting the Golf Shop by 3:00pm each Monday. Call 803.957.3355 to take advantage of every opportunity to enjoy a round with your fellow Golden Hills members.

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

August 4 - Handicap: 1st - Keith Morgan (64); 2nd - Jay Byars (65); 3rd (tie) Dick Howe, Dan Sass & Jim Anderson (67); 5th - Marty Van Sant (69)

August 10 - Points: 1st (tie) Jim Davis & Tom Taylor (+6); 3rd - Keith Morgan (+5); 4th (tie) Bill Lesesne & Marty Van Sant (+3); 6th (tie) Jim Anderson, Jay Byars, Ray Chiellini, Dan Sass, Lonnie Griffin & Robert Davis (+1)

August 18 - Handicap: 1st - Keith Morgan (64); 2nd - Dick Howe (66); 3rd (tie) Jim Poag & Mike Ruddy (67); 5th - Nick Rinaldi (68).

If you would like to receive emails from the SMGA about events and results, 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

Play Golf Now!

Now is a great time to start playing golf or, if you already play, play more. Why? Because there's no pressure. The Rules of Golf are relaxed, the sport is experiencing a resurgence, & done right, it's a proven form of social distancing. And you don't have to keep score to have fun. So why not try something new & start playing a game you can play for as long as you want?

If you are a beginner, learn how to grip (and rip) a club & which clubs to use first, then learn how to swing a club correctly. Course management (getting from tee to green most efficiently) needs to be taught. Learning to manage the course is more important now for the beginning player than swing technique.

The Rules have been relaxed like never before, & everyone should take advantage of the "new normal." Roll the ball over to give yourself a better lie in the fairway, smooth bunker sand with your shoe, & clean dirt off the ball when it's in the fairway.

One of the hard things about golf - but also one of the great things about golf - is that it gets in your head. Keep it in perspective: It's simply getting the ball in the hole in as few strokes as possible.

COVID-19 has caused courses to lighten up, too. The flagstick can remain in the hole, there are no ball washers or rakes in bunkers. More relaxed conditions is a good thing & hopefully it will continue.

Because our world has changed, it's a great time to assist your golf course superintendent by being aware & caring for the course. Help as much as you can during this period. Here are a few things a beginner (and all of us) must know about the course itself.

Walk or ride? First, it's golf, not NASCAR: Driving the cart shouldn't be the game. If a course is walkable, why not walk? If you want to ride, fine, but be responsible behind the wheel. Stay on the path if asked, stay well away from the greens. You'd be amazed how much damage carts can do to a course - and how long it takes to heal.

On the tee: Whatever tee you choose to play from, aid the superintendent by fixing your divots (especially on the par 3's) if there is a box of sand present or a bottle of sand on the cart. Pick up your tees, broken or otherwise; leaving them on the ground is inconsiderate and damages mowers and their reels. You'll be saving the staff a lot of clean-up time.

In the fairway: Always pick up your divot and put it back in place or fill the scar with sand from the bottle. Driving a cart? Avoid puddles and soft spots, follow the signs.

Bunkers: If there are no rakes and your ball comes to rest in someone else's crater, pick it up, smooth the footprints with your shoe, take a good lie, and play away. Then smooth YOUR footprints in the bunkers. Enter and exit the hazard where it's flattest.

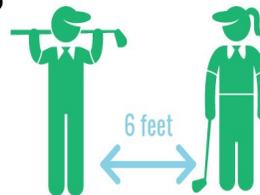
Ball marks on the green: When your ball hits the green, it can leave a mark. So when you walk onto the green, look for your mark and if you find it, fix it! And fix two others, because, surely they'll be there.

When it comes to the course, remember golf's golden rule: Leave the course in better shape than you found it. Learn that rule - & learn to have fun - and you'll always enjoy the game no matter what you shoot. **Embrace the experience.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

1. ALWAYS

stay six feet apart from others.



2. STAY HOME

if you have a fever or feel sick.



3. AVOID

large gatherings on the first tee, driving range or after the round.



4. If in doubt...
DON'T TOUCH IT.



5. ALWAYS

mark your ball clearly.



7. AVOID

handshakes and high-fives.



8. RESPECT

the game and all involved.



6. WEAR

a facial covering when taking a lesson.



9. REMEMBER

to wash your hands after playing.



Do Your Part



Stay Safe & Healthy