The Link





January 16, 9:30 am

Weekly Member Play:
Ladies Day: Tues @ 9 & Thurs @ 10am
SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am
Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @
12:00; Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• GHIN Changes 2021

In order to improve security & privacy, updates are being made to change how golfers will access the GHIN system in the early part of this month. Read more on page 2.

• Handicap Fees 2021

Handicap fees for 2021 will be charged to member accounts this month. If you do not want to renew your handicap for 2021 please notify the Golf Shop before January 10th.

• 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!

Frost Delay's

With winter upon us, please be aware of the potential for frost delays. Check with the Golf Shop in advance for updates on course conditions before playing or practicing on the range and the putting green.

• 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 you and your family enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. As 2020 comes to a close and 2021 begins, many people will take this time to assess where they are and where they would like to be. Your golf game is no different. The 2021 season will have many opportunities to enjoy the great game of golf at the best course in town. We are excited about all 2021 has to offer and hope that spending more time with us is part of your New Year's plans.

The 2020 tournament season finished in December with a new event called the Jack Frost Open. Players were able to tee off in their own foursomes for the tournament which was a two-person team, net best ball format. 18 2-person teams teed it up under sunny skies and mid 50's temperatures to begin the day. There were a lot of good scores from the 65's to 67's but it was the team of Yeomin Yoon and Rich Turgeon who blew the field away with a score of 62. Congratulations gentlemen, well done!

The 2020 Match Play tournament reached its conclusion in early December. Thirty two gentlemen teed it up in September all eying the opportunity to be crowned the 2020 Golden Hills Match Play champion. There were several fantastic matches that had to play more than 18 holes to determine a victor. After the dust settled, two gentlemen were left standing to play the final match; Chris Ulmer and Tony Redman. In the final match Chris took an early lead that he would not relinquish and prevailed 3 up with 2 to play. Thanks to everyone who competed this year and congratulations to Chris.

This year's tournament season will begin with our annual Par 3 Tournament on Saturday, January 16th. In this event, all holes will be set up as a par 3. The format will be individual stroke play using 50% of handicap. Both gross and net prizes will be awarded. Play will be in groups of 4 or 5 in order to facilitate play for everyone. You

can sign up as a group or individually and the Golf Shop staff will pair you up with others who wish to compete. Play will begin with a 9:30 shotgun start. The entry fee is only \$40 which includes your cart fee and closest to the pins on all 18 holes. Mark the date on your calendar and make plans to play in this fun filled 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 each Tuesday at 10:00. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game with a great group of guys, make plans to play with the SMGA. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop by 3pm on Mondays at 957-3355.

Throughout the winter months the Ladies will continue to play each Tuesday and Thursday. Play begins on Tuesday at 9am and Thursday at 10am. Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come and join in the fun. Also, just a reminder, the first Saturday of every month is Ladies Guest Day. Members are encouraged to bring a guest after 11am to play for only \$30. We hope you will take this opportunity to show off your club.

As we move into the winter months, please be aware of the possibility for frost delays. Driving a cart or walking on grass that is covered in frost causes damage to the leaf blade and roots. Always be sure to check with the Golf Shop for updated information on playing and practice conditions, which include the driving range and putting green. Please stay aware and know that we will do our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Your Golf Shop Staff, Steve Larick, Hunter Dodgen, Jeff Gibson

Ladies Golf Association

The LGA wrapped up 2020 on a high note! Rather than just being known of the Ladies Golf Association, during December we proved to be "Lady Gift Ambassadors". Our ladies decided to help the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter this holiday season. The turn out was amazing: with gifts ranging from toys and books to gift cards and so much more. We thank all our wonderful ladies for their heartfelt gifts that truly made Christmas special for so many needy children.

At our Christmas party last month, we gave special recognition to Carolyn Brooks, a life long ambassador of the GH LGA. Carolyn was presented with a birdhouse to honor her extraordinary support of the LGA. The birdhouse has a plaque honoring Carolyn and has been placed on hole # 1 near the green, not to far out of sight from Carolyn's home on the course. LGA President Annemarie Keene noted "Carolyn has truly given this LGA a lot of her time & talents over the years and we're forever in her debt".

Throughout the winter months we will continue to play and hope you will join us. Tee times are set aside each Tuesday at 9:00am and Thursday at 10:00am for the Ladies Play Days. Ladies of all ages and levels of play are invited to participate. Whether you like to play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome. In order to play, you must register in the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the proceeding day. If you do not register, we may not be able to include you in our group. So, please register early by calling the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355. We look forward to seeing you at the club this month.

If you are interested in learning more about the Golden Hills Ladies Golf Association, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: snauzers@yahoo.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Get the New Year started on the right foot by joining us each Tuesday for a little friendly competition and camaraderie on the course. All male members of the club, age 55 and over, are welcome to participate. Tee times are set aside for our senior men beginning at 10:00am each week. If interested, you can register 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.

As a reminder we have adopted the "Leaf Rule" for our weekly outings. During this time of year, as trees shed and leaves are blown on the course, the "Leaf Rule" comes into effect. If your foursome agrees that a ball is lost due to the leaves, you may drop and not incur a penalty.

Results from other SMGA events are as follows:

Dec 15 - Blind Draw: 1st (tie) Joe Ecker/Mark Lipinski, John Pappas/ David Ha, Nick Rinaldi/Jessie Snipes (146); 4th (tie) Knut Brockmann/ Jody Young, Gary Liles/Keith Morgan (148)

Dec 22 - Points: 1st - Richard Wood (+8); 2nd - Keith Morgan (+6); 3rd -Butch Hale (+5): 4th (tie) Mike Ruddy, Jody Young, Scott Zhang, Chuck Felkel (+3); 8th - Lee Session (+2)

Dec 29 - Handicap: 1st (tie) Bruce Liles. Lee Session (67): 3rd - Frank Jansen (68); 4th (tie) Dan Sass, Don Elliot & Scott Zhang (69)

If you would like to receive emails from the SMGA about events and results, send your address to Ray Chiellini. He can be reached by calling (803) 518-4215 or email him at: dober2plus1@gmail.com



JANUARY 2021 Changes: To improve data security and privacy, golfers will need to create a digital profile to access the GHIN mobile app and ghin.com beginning in early January 2021. Users will be required to have a unique email address to create a digital profile & access the mobile app and ghin.com. When creating your digital profile, golfers will set a password for their account. A golfer will log in to the mobile app and ghin.com with their email address or GHIN # and the password created. If golfers do not provide an email address, they will not be able to create a

digital profile and log in to the GHIN system. They will only be able to access a club kiosk or have a club admin post a score on their behalf. Minors under age 13 will need to be tied to a guardian's account within the GHIN admin portal. In January 2021, guardian's will see a "Change Golfer" link when logging in to the GHIN system. At that time, the guardian can change who they are posting scores for. Any Golden Hills members should consult with our professional staff for more information.

Play Your Part • Keep Safe & Healthy

1. ALWAYS stay six feet apart from others.

2. STAY HOME if you have a fever or feel sick.





7. AVOID handshakes and high-fives.



8. RESPECT the game and

all involved.



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



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



6. WEAR a facial covering when taking a lesson.

