



Upcoming Events:

- 5/6: Newberry College 12:00pm
- 5/13: LGA Fun Day 9:00am
- 5/16: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 5/17: Town of Lex Police 9:00am
- 5/20: American Legion 12:30pm
- 5/21: Member-Guest Practice Rd
- 5/22-5/23: Member-Guest 9:00am
- 5/29: Pool Opens 11:00am
- 6/1: Aerifying - Course Closed

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tues & Thurs @ 8am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:30; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• Pool Time

After a much different swim season last year, anticipation is high for the opening of the pool this summer. Get ready because the fun will begin with the pools opening on May 29. See page 2 of the newsletter for more news on the 2021 swim season.

• Clubhouse Hours

With the longer days, we are expanding our Clubhouse hours this month. The new hours will be from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm

• Couples Tournament

Don't miss your chance to spend a fun-filled day on the links with your favorite partner by signing up for our Couples Tournament. The tournament will be held on May 16 and will have a shotgun start at 10am. Registration is available in the Golf Shop.

• Care for the Course

Your efforts to help us maintain the condition of the course by fixing your ball marks & filling divots will be greatly appreciated.

• 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

Wow what a beautiful April we had this year! As the golf course started to green up, the azaleas came into full bloom and provided us with a powerful reminder of nature's beauty. We hope each of you were able to carve out some time to come and experience all that Golden Hills had to offer. If not, never fear, May promises to be an outstanding month as well with plenty of sunshine and longer days ahead.

Speaking of Azaleas, it was great to see the Masters return to its usual spot in April. Here at Golden Hills, we held our own Masters Pick A Pro tournament with 2 different formats. In one format each contestant picked a name from the Masters tournament out of a hat. In the other, the contestants got to pick their favorite player. In the hat pick format, Shawn Miller was fortunate enough to pick Corey Conners who shot 68. With Shawn's steady round of 68, the duo took first place with a combined finish at 136. In the favorite player format, it was Joe Pawluk who benefited from Xander Schauffele's round of 68 combined with Joes' round of 68 for a total of 136 to take the top prize in their division. It seemed like 68 was the magic number this year. Congratulations gentlemen and thanks again to all who participated.

Once again last month, mother nature did not cooperate with our tournament schedule. The Member-Member scheduled for the end of the month had to be cancelled due to bad weather. The event has been rescheduled for August 14 & 15. Be sure to update your calendar with the new dates.

The 2021 Member Guest will be held this month on May 21, 22, 23. Find your partner, sign up and come enjoy a great weekend of golf with us! On Friday the festivities begin with a practice round at your leisure. There will be a putting contest beginning at 5pm followed by a long drive contest at 6pm. At the conclusion of these events, we will serve dinner and give out your tee gifts. The format will be net best ball with an optional \$100 cash buy in. Get some practice in with your partner to hone your game and get ready for some fun!

The Senior Men's Golf Association announced that the Midlands Ryder Cup will be back in action with a limited schedule this year. For more information on the Ryder Cup, please

read news from the SMGA on page 2 of the newsletter. Our Tuesday morning senior group continues to grow with a great group of guys! If you are new to the club or recently turned 55, all are welcome to come and join them. If you would like to play on Tuesday mornings simply call the Golf Shop by 3pm each Monday to sign up.

Our Ladies Golf Association continues to grow as well. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer; play 9 or 18; walk or ride; all are welcome to come join in the fun. Ladies Day are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8am. If you would like to play, simply call the Golf Shop the day before by 3pm. This month our LGA is hosting a "Fun Day" on Thursday, May 13th at 9am. Read more about Fun Day under news from the LGA on page 2.

Over the winter months the weather put a great strain on the golf course with so much rain and frost. Some of the greens, while in great shape are showing a little stress. We would greatly appreciate your efforts in helping us maintaining the beautiful condition of your course by fixing your ball marks and filling divots with sand. Please take pride in what Midlands's golfers have voted #1 many times.

Please join us in congratulating Vince Ferraris on accepting a new position at Osprey Point in Kiawah. We will miss you but wish you the best of luck in your new position!

This month we will welcome Katie Bonham to our Golf Shop staff. Katie graduated from River Bluff high school and is a student at North Greenville University. She plays on the golf team at North Greenville and has worked in the golf business for the past 3 summers. Please join us making her feel welcome at Golden Hills during the summer break.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, the Golf Shop door is always open to you.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Jake Yarborough & Jeff Gibson

Ladies Golf Association

Enjoy May in full bloom with us on the course and having fun at Golden Hills! Ladies of all ability levels are invited to join us for our weekly tee times each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:00 am. Regardless of skill level, all are welcome! You can play 9 or 18 holes and you are welcome to join with those walking or riding. If you would like to participate, call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding day, (803) 957-3355.

The Golden Hills LGA really represented at last month's Sandlapper tournament held at Lexington CC! Congratulations are in order to Dawn Clark and Janet Hoffman on their wins. All of our ladies played well and came in with a lot of points. Way to go ladies! We hope those new to tournament play had a great time and will join us in more events throughout the year.

FUN DAY! Yes, the LGA will be hosting a Fun Day on May 13. Join us for a Captain's Choice event with many fun twists (1 free throw out of a bunker, inch your ball closer to the pin, etc.). Play will begin at 9am and it promises to be light & FUN! Call the Golf Shop by May 11 to register.

Make plans to join us on May 16 for our Couples Tournament. The format will be Net Best Ball-Blind Nine. Each couple will play net best ball and 9 holes will be pulled from a hat to determine the winning score. Registration is available in the Golf Shop.

Looking for more opportunities to play and/or compete? We participate in both the Sandlappers tournaments and the Ladies Handicap Match League. If you would like to learn more about these events or the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: snauzers@yahoo.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Guys, this is the month to make every day count and what better way to do so than playing golf at Golden Hills! We invite all the Golden Hills senior men, age 55 & over, to join us each Tuesday at 9:00am for our weekly competitions. If you would like to tee it up with us, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 3pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

Last month the Ryder Cup captains decided on playing a modified season of 4 matches (2 at home and 2 away). The matches will start this month and end in September with playoffs to follow. Ray Chiellini will be acting as captain and Nick Rinaldi will be co-captain. Our schedule will be as follows: May 27 @ Camden 9:30am; August 12 vs Lancaster 10am; August 26 @ Oak Hills 10am; September vs. Cobblestone 10am. If you want to participate, you must have a current GHIN index.

Please note that on May 11 we will play an 18 hole Blind Draw using 100% handicap. Results from SMGA events are as follows:

March 30: 1st - Jerry Keene (+12); 2nd - Jessie Snipes (+11); 3rd (tie) Mike Ruddy, Bill Branch, Chuck Dunlap & Fred Kakascik (+10); 7th - Jim Anderson (+9); 8th - (tie) Gary Liles & Justin Eshelman (+8)

April 6: 1st - Mike Ruddy (+19); 2nd - Gary Liles (+13); 3rd (tie) Keith Morgan, Jim Poag & Rich Turgeon (+9); 6th (tie) Jim Anderson, Jerry Keene & Joe Rompala (+7)

April 13: 1st - Jessie Snipes (+13); 2nd - Keith Morgan (+11); 3rd - Nick Rinaldi (+9); 4th (tie) Jim Antill, Bill Branch, Chuck Dunlap, Justin Eshelman & Frank Gebhardt (+8)

April 20: 1st - Keith Morgan (+11); 2nd (tie) Gary Liles, Mike Ruddy & Rick Green (+9); 5th - Chuck Dunlap, Robert Davis & Jim Davis (+8)

April 27: 1st - Frank Gebhardt (+10); 2nd - Jim Anderson (+8); 3rd (tie) Gary Liles & Mike Ruddy (+7); 5th (tie) Knut Brockmann, Mark DiMaggio, Justin Eshelman, Fred Kakascik & Jessie Snipes (+6)

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



It's time to welcome our members back for another summer of fun at the Golden Hills pool. We have lots of activities for you and your family to get involved in!

The pool will be open from 12:00pm until 8:00pm weekdays and 11:00am until 8:00pm on weekends beginning Saturday, May 29, 2021. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from open until 8:00 pm (excluding school days). Our snack bar will have all your ice cream, chips, candy & drinks. For more information, visit the 'swim' page at www.goldenhillsgolf.com. While there, please be sure to view a copy of the 2021 Pool Newsletter.

The Golden Hills Gators swim team offers a program for swimmers ranging in age from 4-18 yrs. We only have a few spots that remain open on the team this season. For more info & registration visit: www.goldenhillsgolf.com

Play Your Part • Keep Safe & Healthy

<p>1. ALWAYS stay six feet apart from others.</p>	<p>2. STAY HOME if you have a fever or feel sick.</p>	<p>5. ALWAYS mark your ball clearly.</p>	<p>7. AVOID handshakes and high-fives.</p>	<p>8. RESPECT the game and all involved.</p>
<p>3. AVOID large gatherings on the first tee, driving range or after the round.</p>	<p>4. If in doubt... DON'T TOUCH IT.</p>	<p>6. WEAR a facial covering when taking a lesson.</p>	<p>9. REMEMBER to wash your hands after playing.</p>	