



Upcoming Events:

- 10/4: West Columbia Police 9:00am
 10/7: Lexington Chamber 10:00am
 10/11: DCAC 12:00pm
 10/12 & 19: SMGA Championship 10:00am
 10/14: Cancer of Many Colors 12:00pm
 10/17: LGA Couples 10:00am
 10/18: Lexington Booster Club 10:00am
 10/19: All South 12:00pm
 10/25: MCEC 1:00pm
 10/27: IREM 11:00am
 10/28: Liam's 1 Up 12:00pm

Local Knowledge:

• Couples Tournament

Grab your partner and get ready for the next Couples Tournament on October 17. Play will begin at 10:00am and a luncheon will follow play. Don't miss this chance to spend a little quality time together on the links.

• Hole In One

Congratulations to Ray Chiellini for his hole in one on hole # 17 on September 24 from 112 yds using his gap wedge. Congrats also to Robert Davis on his ace made on hole # 13 on September 26 from 141 yds using his 7 iron. Tee it up this month to see if you might be the next one to join our Hole In One Archive!

• Tournaments

October brings another busy month with tournaments you may be interested to play in. Most of the events include great food, goody bags and prizes. If you would like to play or enter a team, please contact the Golf Shop.

• Get in the Game

If you are new to golf or find yourself frustrated with your game, a quick lesson or tip from one of our pro's may be all that you need. Get in the Game by contacting Steve or Jake in the Golf Shop.

• Special Occasions

If you would like to use the clubhouse for a special occasion, call Laurice to save your date. The event book is filling up for the remainder of the year so don't delay in making plans.

• Tennis Lessons

Kyle & Sean Koch offer tennis lessons for all ages & ability levels. Whether you're looking to pick up the game or improve it, they can assist. Contact Kyle at (803) 348-1595 & Sean at (803) 719-1104 or snkoch5@gmail.com

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News from the Golf Shop

Fall is in the air! Can you feel it? After a very hot and wet August and September, the weather has finally changed to more fall like conditions. Soon the leaves will start to turn and Golden Hills will display all the colors of fall. Take some time out this month not just to play golf, but take in the splendor of the beauty of Golden Hills. Make your round more enjoyable by taking a moment to take in the scenery. Daylight savings time doesn't start until November so there is still plenty of daylight to enjoy those late afternoon rounds. Hope you will be able to spend more time with us in October.

September had many highlights starting with the LGA Championship. Our Ladies Golf Association continues to grow and this year's LGA Championship saw 14 ladies tee it up for the competition. Janet Hoffman captured the low gross honors with a score of 82. Jean Burns captured the low net championship with a score of 73. In the Captains Choice division, the team of Milly Kester, Karen Waterfield, Rosemary Jansen and Tia Davis captured the low score of 76. We would like to thank all who participated and congratulations to the champions! For those who are new to the club or are just looking to get plugged in with the ladies, come and join them on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8:15. Just call the Golf Shop by 3pm the day before and we will let them know you are coming to play. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come join in the fun.

The Men's Golf Association also held a tournament last month on Saturday, September 12th. 51 gentlemen teed it up in the 3 man team 1,2,3 format. In this format the teams count 1 net best ball on hole 1, 2 net best balls on hole 2, 3 net best balls on hole 3 and continue to alternate 1,2,3 net best balls. As the teams finished up it seemed each team was one upping the

next as the top 5 teams ended up being separated by one shot each. The team finishing first with a score of 133 was William McCamy, Mike Kijak and Ricky Beckham. Congratulations gentlemen!

Our Senior Men's Golf Association is continuing to grow with over 50 gentlemen showing up for a little fellowship and competition on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you haven't joined them before, don't be a stranger, they welcome all newcomers. In October the Senior Men's Golf Association will play their annual championship on October 12th & 19th. This is a 2 day, 2 round event so make sure you put the dates on your calendar and get ready to bring you're A game.

Since fall is on the way your Golden Hills Golf Shop will be stocked up with all your favorite fall gear. Whether it is Footjoy or Adidas you will love the new styles and colors. Take some time to browse around the Golf Shop and pick out your new apparel. You will love the way you look in your new Golden Hills gear.

During the fall season, the grass on the course does not grow as quickly as the summer. While you are playing, please take the opportunity to help our maintenance staff to keep it in great shape. How can I help you ask? Just the little things. Sand in your divots in the fairway and rough, repair your ball marks, obey cart rules, and rake the bunkers. Thanks in advance for helping us maintain your marvelous golf course.

Your Golf Shop staff,
 Steve Larick & Jake Yarborough

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tues @ 8am & Thurs @ 8:15am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

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

Ladies Golf Association

Fall is in the air and the playing conditions couldn't be better at Golden Hills. If you are new to the club, just picking up the game or a seasoned pro, ladies of all ages and levels of ability are invited to join us for the Ladies Days held at the club each week. The Ladies Days are held each Tuesday at 8am and Thursday at 8:15am. 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 proceeding day, (803) 957-3355.

Our LGA Championship was held last month and we had a great day for the competition and fellowship. The day actually included 2 tournaments, one for the Championship (stroke play) and a Captains Choice for those who didn't want to compete in the championship. Janet Hoffmann won Low Gross with a score of 82 and Jean Burns won Low Net with a score of 73. The Captains Choice winning team, with a score of 76, included: Tia Davis, Rosemary Jansen, Milly Kester & Karen Waterfield. Honorable mentions include: Annemarie Keene won 2nd low net with a score of 75; Kathy Griffin won 3rd low net with a score of 79 (she also took 3rd place in low gross with a score of 99). Congratulations ladies and thanks to everyone for your participation!

We had twelve couples at the Couples Tournament last month, including 3 new couples. The winners were as follows: 1st place - Logan & Ashley Markle; 2nd place - Neal & Dawn Clark & 3rd place - Jerry & Annemarie Keene. The next Couples Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 17th. Play will begin at 10:00am and Neal & Dawn Clark are hosting the luncheon following play. Make plans to join us for another great day on the course.

Our last Ladies Handicap Match Play tournament will be held October 28th at Timberlake with an awards ceremony and luncheon to follow the tournament. We are currently in 2nd place and stand a strong chance of being a 3rd time winner again this year (we've won the last 2 years!).

If you would like to learn more about the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: snauzers@yahoo.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Cool, crisp mornings await us this month and will bring perfect conditions for our golf outings. You will not find a better place to enjoy the beautiful fall season than at Golden Hills and with the wonderful group of men from our SMGA. Make plans to join us each Tuesday at 9:00am for a little friendly competition.

The SMGA Golf Council met last month to discuss events that will impact the association through the end of the year and beyond. In attendance were Jerry Keene, Bill Lorenzen, Nick Rinaldi and Ray Chiellini. The first topic of discussion was the SMGA Championship. The championship will be held on October 12 & 19. It will be open to all members that have a current handicap. The format will be 36 holes, 100% handicap. Closest to the Pins will be held on all Par 3's for both rounds. Cost to participate is \$20 and the amount collected will be matched by the SMGA treasury to double the pot. Closest to the Pin will pay \$250. The second topic of discussion was the Christmas Party, which took a considerable amount of time. In the end, the council decided it would not be in the best interest of everyone to hold the party this year due to COVID. The final decision on whether to hold the party will be put to a vote among the entire SMGA membership. The final topic covered the change of formats for our outings. Due to various issues, the council has not changed the formats this year. After the championship the council will begin publishing a monthly calendar of different formats that will be played. Members with suggestions for formats to try should contact a council member.

Results from SMGA events are as follows:

Aug. 31: 1st - Lonnie Griffin (+9); 2nd (tie) Mark Lipinski & Dick Woodward (+7); 4th (tie) Jim Anderson & Mark DiMaggio (+5); 6th (tie) Knut Brockmann & Dan Sass (+3); 8th (tie) Don Elliott, Butch Hale, Dave McElrath & Bob Peterson (+2)

Sept. 7: 1st - Ray Chiellini (+13); 2nd - Mark DiMaggio (+11); 3rd - Robert Davis (+9); 4th - Bill Lorenzen (+8); 5th (tie) Frank Jansen & Hardy Youmans (+7); 7th - Mark Lipinski (+6); 8th (tie) Jim Anderson & Bruce Liles (+5)

Sept. 14: 1st (tie) Ray Chiellini, Robert Davis & Fred Kakascik (+9); 4th (tie) Butch Hale & Randy Boo (+8); 6th (tie) Del Crawshaw, Frank Gebhardt & Bruce Liles (+6)

Sept. 28: 1st - Doug Stanard (59); 2nd - Del Crawshaw (63); 3rd - Mark DiMaggio (64); 4th - Jim Anderson (65); 5th - Dick Woodward (66); 6th (tie) Chuck Dunlap, Bruce Liles & Dan Sass (67)

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

Improve Your Game & Lower Your Scores:

Tip #1: Take Dead Aim: Not just for your feet but also knees, hips, shoulders and club face. Most right-handed golfers aim right but this doesn't always mean the ball will go right as often their swing will compensate for poor alignment. Check your alignment every practice session for the rest of your life! **Tip #2: Create a Solid Stance:** Create a stance which is wide, solid, stable & balanced. Build your golf swing from the ground up. **Tip #3: Develop Perfect Posture:** Focus on great posture by tilting at your hips & not at your waist. **Tip #4: Make Friends With Your Grip:** Practice holding the club in the correct position even when you are not playing golf. Take a club into the house & every time you walk past it hold it for 30 seconds. Soon your hands will be married to the club correctly. **Tip #5: Start Your Down Swing With Your Hips:** Nearly every down swing fault is due to starting it with the upper body rather than 'bumping the hips'. Imagine skimming a stone or throwing a baseball & how the lower body starts the movement with the upper body following. **Tip #6: Make Range Sessions Count:** Learn your trade on the driving range before you head for the course. Each range session should include

50 balls & should last at least 30 minutes with 2 practice swings for every ball. Practice with purpose. **Tip #7: Use Plenty Of Loft:** Practicing with a short, lofted club encourages better posture & cleaner ball striking. Everybody gains confidence in seeing a nice high ball flight. Too little loft encourages new golfers too use a destructive scooping action to get the ball upwards. **Tip #8: Leave The Driver In The Bag:** Start your practice sessions with your pitching wedge & move through your bag of clubs mastering each one as you go. Avoid using a longer & more difficult club until you are consistently & confidently hitting the shorter ones. **Tip #9: Focus on the Fundamentals:** Double back on these points again before teeing off. **PROPER STANCE** - Make sure your feet are shoulder width apart with your knees bent in an athletic position. For longer clubs like a driver or fairway woods, widen your stance. **GOOD POSTURE** - You want to try & have your back flat, tilt your hips, bend your knees & keep your head slightly back at address. **FIND THE RIGHT GRIP FOR YOU** - Make sure your grip matches your swing. If you are new to golf, start with a neutral grip. As your swing develops & you start to notice tendencies, you can weaken or strengthen your grip as necessary.