



## Upcoming Events:

- 3/3: Garnet & Black Baseball 11:00am
- 3/7: Ladies Handicap Match League 9:30am
- 3/9: Battle of the Dam 8:30am
- 3/10: Longhorns Baseball 1:00pm
- 3/16: SMGA Ryder Cup 10:00am
- 3/17: Blaze Baseball 1:00pm
- 3/19: MGA Yellow Ball 9:00 t-times
- 3/20: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 3/24: Twig Baseball 12:30am
- 3/31: Lex. Education Foundation 9:30am

## Local Knowledge:

### • Keep Up the Pace

We all have the responsibility to show proper etiquette by playing in a timely fashion. We want everyone to enjoy their round and that starts with everyone maintaining the pace of play. Do you part in helping everyone enjoy playing at Golden Hills. Thank you!

### • Repeat Performer

He's already made a hole in one on all the Par 3's at Golden Hills & he is well into a repeat performance. On February 18, the hole in one master, Mike Calkins, aced hole # 17 from 107yds using a 9 iron. Congratulations!

### • Tee Times

As we move into the busy golf season, members are reminded that you can make t-times one week in advance. While we always do our best to accommodate member play, it's best to make your t-times in advance. We also ask that you let us know if you need to cancel your t-time as soon as possible. Thank You!

### • Improve Your Swing

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 more enjoyment out of the game by contacting Steve or Jake in the Golf Shop.

### • Take Golden Hills Home

Photographer Edward Van Lierop is extending his sweetheart deal for you this month. See page 2 for details on how you can take Golden Hills home.

### • Tennis Lessons

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

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## News from the Golf Shop

Happy March everyone! After a cold and wet January, February brought us some warmer temperatures at the end of the month and signs that Spring is right around the corner. Hopefully, March will continue the trend of warmer temperatures and with Daylight Savings Time beginning on March 13th, there will be plenty of time to fit some golf into your busy schedules. The course will begin to green up and it will once again be in fantastic shape as we move through March. We hope each of you will be able to carve a little time out to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer.

The Par 3 Challenge was brought back this year after a 1-year hiatus. Over 60 men and women teed it up in this unique event where every hole is played as a par 3. Players experience every shot from distances ranging from 70 -140 yards. There was some great play and exciting shots this year. Eddie Slanina made a hole in 1 on #11 and DeWayne Heffley made a hole in 1 on #1. DeWayne was able to carry that momentum of his hole in 1 throughout his round to shoot a net score of 3 under par 51 and narrowly defeat his good friend Shawn Miller by 1 shot. In the Gross Division, three gentlemen shot rounds of 1 over par 55; two-time Club Champion Gregg Erickson and newcomers to the club Barry McLarnon and Steven Lamb. Congratulations gentlemen and thanks to all who participated.

The first Men's Golf Association tournament was played on February 26th. 48 golfers were treated to plentiful sunshine and seasonably warm temperatures. The format of Pinehurst Alternate shot proved to be fun and low scoring. The teams of Rick Kester/Paul Morario & Jeff Smoak/Bryan McGill were the early leaders with scores of 7 under 64's. The team of Todd Lindsey/Phillip Gibson came in a few groups later and blistered the course with a score of 10 under 61. They narrowly held on to defeat the team of Doc Griffin/Randy Senn by 1 shot. The next MGA tournament will be played on March 19th. The format is the world-famous Yellow Ball. In this event each team is given a yellow ball. Player A plays the yellow ball on holes 1,4,7,10,13,16; Player B on holes 2, 5,8,11,14,17 and Player C on holes 3,6,9,12,15,18. While the yellow ball is being played the other members of the 3-some are playing a net best ball. This ends up being two tournaments in one; a yellow ball tourney and

net best ball of the 2 players not playing the yellow ball. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop with your 3 man team or sign up individually and the Golf Shop staff will attempt to find partners for you.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues to grow! Every month we see 2 or 3 new faces in the crowd. Please note, the start time for play each Tuesday will change to 9:30 this month. If you are new to the club, newly retired or just need something to do on Tuesday mornings, come on out and join this great group of guys for some fun and fellowship on the links! To sign up, call the Golf Shop by 3 pm each Monday. The pairings will be done for you.

Just as the SMGA is continuing to grow so are our Ladies Play days. Join the ladies every Tuesday at 9am or Thursday at 10am for some good fun. Whether you are a scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 or 18, all are welcome to come join in the fun. If you find yourself apprehensive about your golf game and playing with new people? Put those thoughts aside. These ladies are all about fun and fellowship. And oh yeah, you get to chase a little white (or color of your choice) ball through the beautiful landscape that is Golden Hills! For those of you who play regularly, please be aware that in the months of March, April & May the Thursday start times may change to an earlier time due to outside tournaments. Call the Golf Shop to register to play and confirm your start time.

Lastly, care of your golf course is important during the winter months, that includes your driving range. Over the past couple of months, we have seen an increase in divots not being repaired at the range. Being able to hit off great turf is very important to us. If you are at the driving range and there is not sand available to fill your divots, please let your Golf Shop staff know. Also, please do your part in making golf balls available to everyone by not hitting them over the net into the woods. Once the balls are over the net it is very difficult and time consuming to pick them up, making it difficult to keep balls stocked. Please help us help you by keeping the balls on the range!

As always, my door is always open to you!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Jake Yarborough, Owen Van Gundy

## Ladies Golf Association

Ok ladies ~ In addition to the arrival of spring and longer days, March has lots of great things in store for us; starting with a plethora of opportunities to play golf!

Ladies Play Days at the club will continue to be held each Tuesday at 9:00 and Thursday at 10:00 at the club. We invite ladies of all levels of play to join us each week for our standing tee times. Whether you prefer to play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come out and play. Please note that we will not play on March 3 due to a tournament at the club. If you would like to join us, contact the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3:00pm on the proceeding day to reserve your spot.

On March 7, we will be hosting the first Ladies Handicap Match League tournament of 2022 at Golden Hills. Play will begin with a 9:30 shotgun. We're looking forward to another great match play season for our ladies and hope to make this our 4th year as LHML Champions!

The first Couples Tournament of 2022 will be held on Sunday, March 20, with a 10:00 shotgun start. The format will be a Net Best Ball. Lois and Ron Tessier will be hosting the luncheon after golf. Please call the Golf Shop by March 16 to register.

The first Sandlapper Tournament of 2022 will be held at Ft. Jackson on March 22, with a 10:00 shotgun start. To sign-up, please contact Tia Davis at (803) 892-5132 or email: cmdavis0725@gmail.com

Several of our ladies will be heading down to Santee in late March for our annual Spring Trip. Great trips like this is just another reason for you to join the LGA. The fun never ends with our group of ladies!

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

## Senior Men's Golf Association

May the luck of the Irish be on our side this month as we prepare to welcome spring and great conditions to enjoy golf at Golden Hills! Our group continues to grow each month and we still have room for more. If you are new to the club or are looking for more playing opportunities, consider joining us this month. All senior men, age 55 and over, are welcome to join us for a friendly 18 hole competition each Tuesday morning at 9:30am. If you would like to play, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 3:00 pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

The Midlands Ryder Cup kicks off this month and we will be playing two matches. In the first match we will face off against Lexington at their course on March 2. We will be hosting the second match at Golden Hills on March 16, against Camden. All matches will begin play at 10:00. If you would like to participate on our team, you must have a current GHIN handicap. Contact Ray Chiellini with any questions or your interest in playing.

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

**Feb 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Frank Jansen & Lonnie Griffin (+7); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fred Kakascik (+6); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Mark Lipinski & Doug Stanard (+3); 6<sup>th</sup> - Rick Green (+2)

**Feb 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Mark Lipinski (+9); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mark Wiggins (+7); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Knut Brockmann (+6); 4<sup>th</sup> - Bill Lorenzen (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Keith Morgan & Scott Zhang (+4)

**Feb 15:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Chuck Dunlap (63); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Ecker (64); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fred Kakascik (65); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Jody Young & Lonnie Griffin (66); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Knut Brockmann & Rick Green (68)

**Feb 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Rick Green & Mark Lipinski and Lonnie Griffin & Jessie Snipes (135); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gary Liles & Dick Howe (136); 4<sup>th</sup> - Del Crawshaw & Joe Ecker (137); 5<sup>th</sup> - Don Elliot & Bill Lorenzen (140)

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



Registration for the 2022 Golden Hills Swim Team for participants on the 2021 team will begin on March 15. Open registration for newcomers will begin on April 1. The GH Swim Team offers programs for swimmers ranging in age from 4-18 years. We encourage all swimmers who meet the minimum swimming requirements to participate in one of our training groups, which includes a development and competitive team. Participation on the team is limited to ensure adequate training space for all swimmers. To learn more about the team, visit our website at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com) & look under the swim tab.

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Please contact local Artist/Photographer  
**Edward J. Van Lierop @ 803-673-4141**  
for ordering details and delivery timeframe.

