



## Upcoming Events:

- 4/9: Masters Pick A Pro t-times
- 4/10: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 4/11: Tin Roof 10:00am
- 4/18: Lexington Sertoma 12:30pm
- 4/21: BCEDU 12:30pm
- 4/23: Member-Member 9:00 t-times
- 4/24: Member-Member 9:00 t-times
- 4/25: AI's Palmetto Golfers 10:00am
- 4/28: LJ's - Par Junior Golf 1:00pm
- 5/2: Lake Murray Young Life 8:30 & 1:30

### Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tues @ 8:30am & Thurs @ 9am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00;

Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

## Local Knowledge:

### • Swim Team

Registration for the 2022 Golden Hills Swim Team is open! The team offers programs for swimmers ranging in age from 4-18 years. Those who meet the minimum swimming requirements are encouraged to participate in 1 of our training groups, which includes a development and competitive team. To learn more, visit our website at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com)

### • Club Championship

Please note that the Club Championship has a new date on the tournament schedule. Be sure to update your calendar for its new date on July 16 & 17.

### • Tee Times

Golf season is officially here, so be sure to secure your desired tee times by calling the Golf Shop. Members can make tee times up to one week in advance. We also ask that you let us know if you need to cancel your t-time as soon as possible. Thank You!

### • New Start Times

Both the SMGA and Ladies Play Days will have new start times beginning this month. Read all the news in The Link so you stay informed of the new times.

### • Tennis Lessons

Sean 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 Sean at (803) 719-1104 or [snkoch5@gmail.com](mailto:snkoch5@gmail.com)

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## News from the Golf Shop

The first quarter of 2022 has shown us that the weather can be unpredictable in South Carolina. We have experienced everything from high temperatures of 80+ to week long morning frost conditions. Great News! Spring has sprung!! Time to get your golf game in high gear. The azaleas are starting to bloom, cars are turning yellow from pollen, bees buzzing and daylight savings time means more time in the evening for late afternoon golf. Your golf course is starting to green up and returning to outstanding conditions for playing golf. We hope with all the longer, warmer days you will find time to spend with us at your club this month.

In March, the Men's Golf Association played their annual Yellow Ball tournament. 18 teams teed it up in this 3-man team event that is 2 tournaments in 1. While 1 member of the team is playing the yellow ball, the other 2 members of the team are playing net best ball. Once again, the Yellow Ball proved to be difficult with only 7 of the 18 teams keeping their yellow ball in play for 18 holes. Leading the pack were the teams of Yeomin Yoon, David Ha, Nyle Burks and the team of Rick Kester, Jeff Smoak, Bryan McGill, who tied for first in the Yellow Ball with a score of 72. Leading the charge in the 2-man competition was the team of Stan Widmann, Drew Martin, Jarrod Frick with a score of 62. Congratulations gentlemen and thanks to all who participated. For more results from this and other club tournaments visit our website at [www.goldenhillsgolf.com](http://www.goldenhillsgolf.com) and look under the golf tab.

April has two competitions open to the membership beginning with the Masters Pick a Pro on Saturday, April 9th. Any member with an established handicap can take part in this event. The format is your net score plus the score of the Masters participant you choose. This year you will have the opportunity to have 2 participants from Augusta; one you will choose out of a hat, the other your favorite golfer. The cost to enter is only \$20 plus cart fee. Get your group together, make a tee time and get ready to play some golf. All players must tee off by 12:00 and have at least 2 members of the group participating. Stop by or call the Golf Shop to secure your tee time.

Also in April we will be hosting the annual Member/Member golf tournament. Make sure you put April 23rd & 24th on your schedule for this much anticipated event. The format is two person teams playing 4 different formats over 2 days. Saturday's round will consist of Pinehurst Alternate Shot on the front nine and Captains Choice on the back 9. Sunday's format will be Net Best Ball on the front nine and Aggregate Net on the back nine. And just like in Augusta, play always seems to come down to the back nine on Sunday. The entry fee is \$140 per team plus a \$100 cash buy in per team. Flights will be determined by total team handicap and winners will be crowned in each format. The overall champions will be determined by the total score of all four formats. If you would like more details or to sign up just stop by or call the Golf Shop.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings this month for a friendly and competitive 18 hole round. The start time on April 5 will be 9:30 and with the weather warming for the spring-summer season the start time will move to 9:00am beginning on April 12. If you are new to the club or just looking for a steady game, come out and join this great group of guys. To sign up, call the Golf Shop by 3pm on Monday to be included in the fun.

The Ladies Golf Association played its first couples event on Sunday, March 20th. Thanks to Lois and Ron Tessier for hosting afterwards and congratulations to Dawn and Neal Clark for finishing in first place. The next couples event will be Sunday, April 10th with a Captains Choice format. The Tuesday and Thursday Ladies Play Days will be changing start times in April. Tuesdays start time will be 8:30 and Thursday will be 9:00. As always, our ladies Play Days are open to all ages and skill levels. If you are looking for a great group of ladies to enjoy some fun and fellowship on and after the links, these are your gals. Call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding day to sign up.

As always, my door is always open to you!

*Steve Larick*

## Ladies Golf Association

Spring has sprung and our ladies have already been crushing it on the links! Now is the best time of the year to "get in the game" and we hope you will consider joining in on our fun.

Ladies Play Days at the club will continue to be held each Tuesday and Thursday at the club. The start times on Tuesday, April 5 will be 9:00am and 10:00am on Thursday, April 7. Beginning on April 12, our Tuesday start time will move to 8:30am and the Thursday start time will move to 9:00am. Ladies of all levels of play are invited 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. 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 kicked off the first Ladies Handicap Match League tournament of 2022 at Golden Hills. The weather was great and so was our teams play! Our ladies brought their A games and we took 8 of the 9 available points up for grabs. Congratulations to Team A: Jean Burns & Kathy Shillaber (3 pts); Team B: Teri Byrdic & Trish Simmons (2 pts) and Team C: Annemarie Keene & Regena Sellers (3 pts).

Sunny weather, good food and fellowship made it a great day at the club for our first Couples Tournament of the year on March 20. Winners from the Net Best Ball format were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Dawn & Neal Clark; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lois & Ron Tessier; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ralph & Regina Sellers. Congratulations and special thanks to Lois and Ron Tessier for hosting the fabulous meal after play. Make plans to join us this month for the Couples Tournament on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The format will be a Captain's Choice and play will begin at 10:00am. Following play, Trish Simmons will be hosting everyone at the clubhouse for lunch. Call the Golf Shop to register.

In a field of almost 100 players, 6 of our Golden Hills ladies played in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandlapper tournament on March 22 at Ft. Jackson. Congratulations to Janet Hoffmann for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her flight and thanks to all our ladies for representing Golden Hills! The next Sandlapper event will be held on April 26 at Star Fort. To sign-up, please contact Tia Davis at (803) 892-5132 or email: cmdavis0725@gmail.com

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

Golf season is here and we are ready to soak up all the beauty this time of year brings out on the links at Golden Hills. Join us, won't you! If you are new to the club or 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. Play will begin at 9:30am on April 5<sup>th</sup> but will move to 9:00am on April 12<sup>th</sup> for the remainder of the spring/summer season. 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.

Our first Midlands Ryder Cup match, held last month on March 2, at Lexington C. C. didn't go as well as we had hoped as we lost 12-6. The second match scheduled for last month was cancelled due to weather. The make up date will be held on July 7. There will be no matches played this month. Our next 2 matches will be held on May 12 at Lancaster and we will host the second match on May 26 when we will face off against Mid Carolina. 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:

**March 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Frank Jansen (+9); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Ray Chiellini & Butch Hale (+7); 4<sup>th</sup> - Steve Lyman (+6); 5<sup>th</sup> - Don Elliott (+5); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Rick Green & Jessie Snipes (+4)

**March 8:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Davis (+14); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dan Sass (+10); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chuck Dunlap (+8); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Dave Lunka & Joe Rompala (+7); 6<sup>th</sup> - Steve Lyman (+6); 7<sup>th</sup> - (tie) Del Crawshaw, Butch Hale & Gary Liles (+5)

**March 15:** 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Rick Green & Bruce Liles (+9); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Knut Brockmann, Butch Hale & Bob Peterson (+7); 7<sup>th</sup> - Doug Harper (+6)

**March 22:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Gary Liles (+11); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chuck Dunlap (+8); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Don Elliott, Rick Green & Hardy Youmans (+7); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Bill Lorenzen & Steve Lyman (+6)

**March 29:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Bill Lorenzen (+12); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Rompala (+10); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jody Young (+8); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Del Crawshaw, Chuck Dunlap & Mark Wiggins (+7)

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

## Ready Golf

is a term used in stroke play, which indicates that players should play when they are ready to do so, rather than strictly following the procedure of "farthest from the hole should play first" in the Rules of Golf. A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Your pace of play affects how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in your group and those in following groups.

With golf season upon us, the golf course will be busy and adhering to the rules of Ready Golf & keeping a prompt pace of play will insure everyone's enjoyment. Ready Golf applies to everywhere on the golf course ~ on the tees, on the fairways and the greens.

On the tee, the player with the honor to hit 1<sup>st</sup> should be ready to hit 1<sup>st</sup>. If that player isn't ready, then someone else can hit 1<sup>st</sup>.

On the fairway, Ready Golf means that all golfers should go to their balls as soon as possible & get ready to play their shots. While waiting to hit, players should survey their shot, select their clubs, take them from their bags and stand at their balls ready to step up & make the shot when it's their turn.

Drivers of carts should drop off their partners, let them choose their clubs, then drive to their own ball and get ready to play. Drivers shouldn't wait for their partner to hit before driving to their own ball.

As you approach the green, if your shot is played in front of the green, the

player should move his clubs to the back or side of the green closest to the next tee before playing the next shot. When you are on the green, playing Ready Golf means getting ready to putt before it's your turn. Players should line up their putts while other players are putting. Ready Golf also means putting continuously if the ball is not in someone else's line. If you miss a putt by 1 or 2 feet & have an open stance to make the next putt, you should make the putt instead of marking the ball & waiting for another turn. Ready Golf does not mean rushing. If you prepare in advance to putt, you can take your time AND play Ready Golf.

In summary, Ready Golf means being ready to play, not playing when you're ready. Here are a few simple rules to follow: 1. Walk to your ball as soon as possible so that you can choose your club & think about the shot in advance, not when it's your turn. 2. When driving a cart, drop off your partner first, let your partner choose his or her club & then drive to your own ball to get ready to play. 3. When a ball is lost, hit your shot 1<sup>st</sup> & then help look for the lost ball. 4. Walk down the sides of the fairway to reach your ball & then approach it from the center. Never play in a caravan, moving in a group from ball to ball. 5. When on the green, line up your putt before it's your turn & putt out immediately instead of marking, if you are not in someone else's line.

Follow these simple rules & you will be **READY 4 GOLF!**