



Upcoming Events:

- 5/2: Lake Murray Young Life 8:30 & 1:30
- 5/9: Optimist Club 9:00am
- 5/12: Lexington Education Foundation 9:30am
- 5/15: Couples Tournament 10:00am t-times
- 5/16: American Legion 12:30pm
- 5/19: AllSouth Soldiers & Vets 12:00pm
- 5/20: Member-Guest Practice Round t-times
- 5/21: Member-Guest 9:00am
- 5/22: Member-Guest 9:00am
- 5/23: Lexington Police Dept. 9:00am
- 5/26: SMGA Ryder Cup 9:00am
- 5/26: Lexington Sertoma 12:30pm
- 5/31: Aerification - Course Closed
- 6/2: Ladies Fun Day 10:30 t-times

Local Knowledge:

• Swim Team

Registration for the 2022 Golden Hills Swim Team is still open but spots are filling quickly. The team offers programs for swimmers ranging in age from 4-18 years. To learn more, visit our website at www.goldenhillsgolf.com

• Ladies Fun Day

Ladies make plans for an extra Fun Day on the course on June 2. Play will include a lot of fun twists that will make it a round unlike any other! Register your participation by contacting the Golf Shop.

• 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 in full swing 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!

• Preventive Maintenance

On May 31 the course will be closed for greens aerification. We will reopen for play on June 1. While it's an unwelcome interruption it's a vital part of producing healthy turf!

• 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

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News from the Golf Shop

We hope this newsletter find you and your family doing well. The spring golf season is well underway and we hope you will be able to take advantage of the fantastic weather this time of year has to offer. Whether it is smashing a few forehands, finding the center of the fairway with your drives or enjoying an ice cream treat or cold beverage by the pool, we hope you will be able to find time to relax and enjoy all Golden Hills has to offer!

April was an exciting month at Golden Hills with both the Masters Pick a Pro and the Member/Member golf tournaments being played. Every year on Masters Saturday, our golfers have the opportunity to be paired with a Masters participant who made the cut. This year there were 2 chances to win; one by being paired with a golfer picked from a hat and the other being paired with your favorite Masters golfer. This year there were many popular picks but Cameron Smith proved to be the best. Chris Martin, Chaz Crane & Randy Senn all picked Smith as their partner and finished tied for 1st with scores of 138. Nyle Burks picked Scottie Scheffler out of the hat and, coupled with his own round of 69, finished 1st in the hat pick division with a score of 140. Thanks to all who participated.

The annual Member/Member tournament proved to be both challenging and exciting once again this year. There were several teams in the hunt after Saturday's Pinehurst Alternate Shot and Captains Choice formats. David Huff and Mike Moody led the way by 1 shot over 2 teams with a fabulous round of 61. As they say at Augusta, "it all comes down to the last nine on Sunday" and so to it was with the Member/Member. David and Mike brought their A game to the back 9 on Sunday to win the overall Member/Member championship by 6 shots. Congratulations gentlemen.

The 2022 Member Guest tournament is coming up on May 21 & 22. The festivities begin on Friday, May 20th with an optional practice round during the afternoon, a putting contest at 5:00, a Long Drive Contest at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. The format will be Net Best Ball both days with a shotgun start at 9:00. The Entry Fee this year will be \$340 with an additional cash buy in of \$100. Sign

up will begin on May 1st and end Wednesday, May 18th at 6pm. Grab your partner, sign up and come enjoy an awesome weekend of fun!

It seems our Senior Men's Golf Association continues to see increased participation every month. Each Tuesday morning at 9am you can participate in an organized senior event. If you are new to the club and looking for a fun group of guys to golf with, look no further than the SMGA. To sign up, simply call the Golf Shop at 957-3355 by 3pm each Monday. As a friendly reminder to some that may be new to the SMGA, Sam Snead said it best, if you are going to miss it, miss it quick. Or, as hall of fame LPGA star Beth Daniel said: if you are not waiting on the group ahead of you, you are playing to slow! Please do your best to keep up with the group in front of you!

How awesome it was to see 21 ladies grace Golden Hills with their presence on Thursday, April 21st. In addition, everyone got done in less than 4 hours! Y'all Rock! Let's keep growing and having fun! If you have not played with our Ladies group on Tuesday or Thursday at 8:30, it does not matter if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to participate.

The 2022 winter golf season was somewhat mild and saw an unusually high number of golfers playing Golden Hills. Some of the tee boxes, including the range are showing stress due to that play. Please help us in maintaining the par 3 and range tees by filling your divots with sand. Thanks for all you do as members to help us maintain this awesome golf course.

Finally, we would like to welcome Ross Jolliff to the Golf Shop staff as your new Assistant Golf Professional. Ross was a high school standout and president of the USC Club Team. Upon his graduation from USC this month, you will see Ross in the Golf Shop starting the next phase in his exciting future. Congratulations Ross and welcome aboard! Please join us in welcoming him to Golden Hills.

As always if you have any questions or concerns our door is always open!

Your Golf Shop Staff,
Steve Larick & Ross Jolliff

Ladies Golf Association

Are you having fun yet? If not, you need to make plans to join the latest sensation at Golden Hills ~ ladies golf!!

Speaking of fun, don't miss out on our FUN DAY at the club on June 2. We can promise this will be one of the most exciting and fun rounds you will enjoy on the course this year. Some of the fun twists that will be thrown in during play include: using string for an easier putt, a free kick, a free throw (rather than chip) out of a bunker and use your putter only on 1 hole. Tee times for play will begin at 10:30. Call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 to join in on the fun.

Ladies Play Days at the club will continue to be held each Tuesday & Thursday at the club. The start times on Tuesday begin at 8:30am and at 9:00am on Thursday. 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.

We had another great turnout for our Couples Tournament in April. The format was a Captain's Choice and the winners were as follows: 1st - Del & Sharon Crawshaw; 2nd - Neal & Dawn Clark; 3rd - Mark & Karen Lipinski. Trish Simmons was a gracious host providing everyone with a delicious lunch at the clubhouse after play. The Couples Tournament this month will be held on May 15. The format will be a Blind Nine and play will begin at 10:00am. Lunch and a great time of fellowship will follow play at the clubhouse.

After last month's Ladies Handicap Match League tournament at Fort Jackson the Golden Hills LGA remains in 1st place with 15 points. Way to go ladies! Our next match will be held at Oak Hills on May 9 and we will face off against Fort Jackson, which is currently in 2nd place. Keep up the great play ladies and good luck!

Our ladies turned in another fantastic performance at the Sandlapper tournament held last month at Star Fort. Trish Simmons, Jean Burns and Trish Proctor all placed in their flights. This month the Sandlapper will be played at Cobblestone on May 24.

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

As we look forward to the month of May, we hope you will join us for our weekly Tuesday morning matches at 9:00am. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, is welcome to participate. The format changes each week and is fun for all ability levels. To be included on the roster, simply call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3:00pm on the proceeding Monday.

After having a break in the competition during April, our Golden Hills Midlands Ryder Cup team will be back in action this month. The first match of the month will be played on May 12 at Lancaster. The second match will be played on our home turf on May 26 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. Good Luck gentlemen!

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

April 12: 1st - Joe Ecker (+10); 2nd - Mark Lipinski (+9); 3rd (tie) Steve Lyman & Jessie Snipes (+8); 5th - Ray Chiellini & Gary Liles (+7)

April 19 - Yellow Ball: YELLOW - 1st - Gary Maynard, Mark Wiggins & Joe Rompala (66); 2nd - Rick Green, Joe Ecker & Robert Davis (71); 3rd - Jody Young, Chuck Dunlap & Larry Haussmann (72); 4th - Dave McElrath, Mark DiMaggio & James Griffin (74); WHITE - 1st (tie) Chuck Dunlap, Jody Young, Larry Haussmann & Lonnie Griffin, Knut Brockmann, Ray Wright (58); 3rd - Ray Chiellini, Keith Morgan & Nick Rinaldi (60); 4th - Mark Lipinski, Mike Ruddy & Dave Lunka (61)

April 26: 1st (tie) Knut Brockmann & Steve Lyman (60); 3rd (tie) Frank Jansen & Doug Stanard (63); 5th (tie) Del Crawshaw & Dan Sass (64); 7th (tie) Jim Davis, Chuck Dunlap & Don Elliott (66)

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

Understanding Aerification: Showing up to the golf course only to discover that it has recently undergone an aerification process can be a jolt to the system. You were hoping the greens would be in great shape. Instead you find them full of little holes or covered in sand or other topdressing. To add insult to injury, aerification is best done at the height of playing season and when most greens are in prime condition. It can be frustrating but what you need to understand is how important aerification is to producing healthy turf.

Aerification achieves 3 important objectives: It relieves soil compaction; it provides a method to improve the soil mixture around the highest part of a green's roots and it reduces the accumulation of excess thatch. When thinking about the quality of putting greens, you have to go below the surface, too. Deep, healthy roots are a necessity for healthy grass, something that is even more important when the grass is cut as low as it is on golf greens. Good roots demand oxygen. In good soil, they get the oxygen from tiny pockets of air trapped between soil and sand particles. Over time, the traffic from golfers' feet (as well as mowing equipment) tends to compact the soil under the putting green — particularly when the soil contains a lot of clay. When soil becomes compacted, the air pockets on which the roots depend are crushed, and the roots are essentially left gasping for air. Without oxygen, the grass plants become weaker and will eventually wither and die.

Bottom line, aerification is preventative maintenance that's an integral part of successful golf course management. On May 31 our maintenance staff will perform the aerification process on our greens. The good news, the course be reopen for play on June 1 and we will do our best to have the greens back to prime playing condition for you in a few days.



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 28, 2022. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from open until 8:00 pm (excluding school days). Our snack bar will have all your favorite ice cream, chips, candy & drinks in stock. For more information, visit the 'swim' page at www.goldenhillsgolf.com. While there, please be sure to view a copy of the 2022 Pool Newsletter.

The Golden Hills Gators swim team offers both a developmental and competitive program for swimmers ranging in age from 4-18 yrs. For more information & registration visit: www.goldenhillsgolf.com