



Upcoming Events:

- 3/5: MGA 2 Man Scramble 11:00 t-times
- 3/8: Battle of the Dam 8:30
- 3/13: LHML 9:30
- 3/16: Owls Baseball 12:30
- 3/18: MGA Yellow Ball 9:00 t-times
- 3/19: Couples Tournament 10:00
- 3/23: Pi Kappa Alpha 9:30
- 3/30: Longhorn Baseball 1:00

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am

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

Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• 1 Month 4 Hole in One's

We added a record 4 golfers into the Hole In One Archive last month. Congratulations gentlemen: Don Harrison, 2/1/23, Hole 3, from 110yds using a wedge; Randy Miller, 2/7/23, Hole 3, from 98yds using a pitching wedge; Tony Redman, 2/8/23, Hole 17, from 110yds using a gap wedge and Bryan Goodwin, 2/8/23, Hole 17 using a pitching wedge from 110yds. May luck be on your side as you tee it up this month.

• Senior Ryder Cup

After an extended hiatus due to COVID the Midlands Senior Ryder Cup league will return to action this year. Read more about the Ryder Cup and the Golden Hills team on page 2.

• Lessons & Grips

Our Assistant Golf Pro, Justin Fowler, is available for golf lessons for all ages & skill levels. You can book through the Golf Shop or call Justin at (803) 979-1395. The rate for members is \$65/hr & lesson packages are also available. Justin is also available for regripping clubs.

• MGA - Get in the Action (x's 2 this month!)

March is going to be a busy (and fun) month for the MGA. Make plans to play in both tournaments they have lined up: a 2 man scramble on March 5 & a Yellow Ball on March 18.

• 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

Good news! We have almost made it through winter. February brought us some unusually warm temperatures but also lots of moisture. These warm, moist conditions have brought some green grass to your golf course sooner than usual. With Daylight Savings time beginning on March 12th, there will be extra hours of daylight to get that late afternoon round in on the links or a last-minute bucket of balls on the range. Bottom line, there will be plenty of time and opportunity to fit a little golf into your busy schedules. The course will turn greener by the week and will, once again, be in fantastic shape. We hope each of you will be able to find a little more time in your schedule to take advantage of every opportunity for a little fun and fellowship on the links this month.

Speaking of fun, the annual Superbowl Saturday Par 3 Challenge was played this year on February 11th. The weatherman tried to dampen everyone's spirits by predicting 80% chance of rain but wouldn't you know it - No Rain! 62 golfers teed it up for the challenge of playing every hole as a par 3, some from very interesting spots. Imagine playing #13 from the gold tee on #14. Unfortunately, no hole in 1's this year but there were several great rounds. Chris Ulmer added another championship to his trophy case by shooting a 3 over par 57 and taking home the gross division. Invited guest Eddie Adams was the champion of the net division with a score of 2 under 52. As well as Gross and Net prizes, there also was a closest to the pin prize on every hole. Visit our website for more tournament results.

The Men's Golf Association played their first tournament of the year on Saturday, February 25th. The format was a Pinehurst Alternate Shot. In this format both players tee off, then hit their partners ball toward the green, they then select 1 of the 2 balls and continue to alternate until the ball is holed. There were several teams that played well. Alan Gibson and Bryan Goodwin shot 5 under 66 to finish in 3rd. There were 2 teams tied at the top. Ricky Beckham/Ron Stills and John Phillips/Chris Ulmer shot 6 under par 65's to tie for the top spot. Congratulations gentlemen, well done!

It's a quick turnaround for the MGA this month as their next tournament on the schedule is Sunday, March 5th. The format for this event is a two-man scramble using the USGA's formula for handicaps. Play will begin with tee times starting at 11:00. Grab a partner, sign up and come and join in the fun. Also, this month on March 18th, the MGA will be holding a Yellow Ball tournament. This is actually 2 tournaments in 1. The format is a 3-man team event with players alternating playing a yellow ball on a rotational basis. While player 1 is playing the yellow ball, players 2 & 3 will play a net best ball. There will be a yellow ball score winner and a net best ball winner of the 2 not playing the yellow ball. Play will begin at 9am with tee times. Call the Golf Shop to sign up for both of these great events.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues to play at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings. Whether you are new to the club, or just looking for a new group to play with, sign up and come and join this great group of guys. Only qualification is you must be 55 years of age and have a great attitude! Call the Golf Shop by 3pm on the preceding Monday to sign up.

Calling all Ladies! Our Ladies Play Days are growing! All are welcome. If you have considered playing with the ladies on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, please come. The key to beginning to play golf with others is knowing that we all have been in the same place. Are you apprehensive about meeting new people? Think you are not good enough? Only like to play 9? Put those thoughts aside. This group of ladies is all about fun and fellowship. Oh yeah, they also get to chase a little white (maybe yellow or orange) golf ball through some beautiful landscape and are sure to hit a couple of great shots along the way. The Ladies Play Days are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15. Don't be shy, they would love to have you! Just call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 to sign up.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Ladies Golf Association

We are supposed to have the luck of the Irish on our side in March but we actually got lucky with a great month of golf last month. We certainly had more good days on the course than not for a winter month! Hopefully that Irish luck will indeed bring more of the same this month.

It was great to see so many ladies from our LGA represented in the Par 3 tournament held at the club last month. Even better, two of our ladies finished in the winners circle! In addition to finishing 6th in the Net Division, Janet Hoffman won the Closest to the Pin on Hole # 6. It was so much fun we are thinking about holding a Par 3 on one of our Ladies Play Days this summer. Stay tuned and keep up the great play ladies!

March will bring lots of great activities for our ladies to participate in. The Ladies Handicap Match League will kick its season of competition off this month, with our ladies hosting the first match of the season at Golden Hills on March 13 with a shotgun start at 9:30 (rain date March 15). The first Couples Tournament of the year will be held on March 19. Play will begin at 10:00am and lunch will follow the conclusion of our round at the Clubhouse. Grab your spouse, best friend or favorite playing partner and sign up for all the fun this events brings by calling the Golf Shop (803) 957-3355. If you are ready for a little spring break, make plans to join us for our spring golf trip on March 20-22. We will be playing at Lake Marion on Tuesday and Santee National on Wednesday. Contact Trish Proctor if you would like to take your game on the road this month.

We have an optional Birdie Tree and Ringer Board contest for our LGA members. For the Birdie Tree you will need to post all your birdies made at Golden Hills on the Ladies Play Days held each week. For the Ringer Board you will need to post your first round of golf (hole by hole) on the 1st Ladies Play Day you play on or after March 2. The scores for all 18 holes must be recorded. Record lower scores made on each hole during Ladies Play days until November 30. The person with the most improved score will win 1/2 the money collected. For more information on how you can participate in both the Birdie Tree and Ringer Board contact Kathy Shillaber: shillaberc@gmail.com

If you are new to the club, picking up the game or looking for more playing opportunities, please join us at the club each week for the Ladies Play Days. We have tee times set aside each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15. To participate, please contact the Golf Shop at least 48 hours in advance sign up. Whether you like to walk or ride, play 18 or 9, all ladies are welcome to participate.

If you would like to join in on our fun or learn more about the LGA, contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Are you feeling lucky? We are! The days will grow longer as we make our way through the month and Spring will arrive on March 20. While we still might see a few cold days in the month ahead, hang in there as warmer, sun filled days are on the way.

As always we invite any senior men, age 55 or over, to join us for our weekly play days. Make plans to join us each Tuesday at 10:00am for a fun and friendly round at the Midlands Best Golf Course ~ Golden Hills! If you would like to play, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 3:00 on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

After postponing play due to COVID concerns, the Midlands Senior Ryder Cup will return to action this year. Golden Hills Team Captain Mike Ruddy, along with his co-captains Nick Rinaldi and Hardy Youmans, have stated they are going to make every effort to return Golden Hills to its glory days! The team will face off against Mid Carolina on March 9. Teams members for the 1st match have already been set. Play will begin on the 9th at 10am. All team members are asked to be at the course by 9am. Mid Carolina will have its driving range open for everyone to warm up. All members of the SMGA will receive an email from Mike asking who would like to play in the 2nd match against Oak Hills on March 30. The match will be held at Oak Hills and play will begin at 10am. Again, everyone playing in the 2nd match will be asked to be at the course by 9am. Range balls will be available for warmup. Only 12 players are allowed to play in each match, so not everyone may be able to play in each match but don't let that deter you from signing up. The captains will make every effort to get those interested into at least 1 match this season. There will be 8 matches held in 2023. You can contact Mike with any questions or for more information at: mmrud-dy@outlook.com

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

January 31 - 18 Hole Blind Draw: 1st (tie) Jim Anderson/Dale Mamele & Jody Young/Randy Book (131); 3rd - Steve Lyman/Robert Davis (134); 4th - Ray Chiellini/Doug Harper (140); 5th - Rick Green/Mark Wiggins (142)

February 7 - Points: 1st - Robert Davis (+9); 2nd - Randy Miller (+8); 3rd - Rick Green (+7); 4th - Dale Mamele (+5); 5th - David Ha (+4); 6th - Mark Lipinski (+3); 7th (tie) Joe Ecker, Bill Lorenzen, Doug Stanard & Tommy Mann (+2)

February 14 - Points: 1st - Jim Anderson (+7); 2nd (tie) Dale Mamele, Jessie Snipes, Jody Young (+6); 5th - Hardy Youmans (+4); 6th - Randy Book (+3); 7th - Larry Harding, Doug Stanard (+2)

February 21 - Handicap: 1st - Frank Jansen (61); 2nd (tie) Chuck Dunlap, Mark Wiggins (63); 4th - Ford Cooper, Dick Howe (66); 6th - Knut Brockmann, Chuck Felkel, Bruce Liles (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



For those of you who would like to read more about golf news in the state, the SC Golf Association offers the Palmetto Golf Magazine free to anyone interested. The Palmetto Golfer is the SCGA's official publication for news, results and stories pertaining to the clubs and the individuals that make up our membership. Featured articles include information from their President, Executive Director and notable figures throughout the golf industry. The magazine includes tournament results & photos, schedules, educational pieces and much more.

For those who like to listen to podcasts the SCGA offers "OFF THE HOSEL". The podcast is an opportunity for Executive Director, Biff Lathrop, and former SCJGA Tournament Director, Allen Knight, to bring you the stories of some of the biggest names and influences in golf in South Carolina. The approximately one hour episodes include appearances from former players, superintendents, media personalities and golf industry leaders throughout the state. If you are looking for some entertaining conversation from some of the best in the business, look no further than the SCGA's Off The Hosel podcast.

You can sign up to receive the Palmetto Golfer & hear "Off the Hosel" by visiting: www.scgolf.org