



Upcoming Events:

- 5/1: Optimist Club 9:30
- 5/2: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:30
- 5/4: SMGA Ryder Cup 10:00
- 5/6: MGA 4 Man Blind Draw 9:00 t-times
- 5/10: LGA Fun Day 9:00
- 5/11: American Legion 12:30
- 5/15: Kevin Curry Memorial 9:30
- 5/18: All South Soldiers & Vets 12:00
- 5/19: Member-Guest Practice Round
- 5/20 & 21: Member-Guest 9:00
- 5/22: SMGA Ryder Cup 10:00
- 5/25: USC Alumni 11:00
- 5/28: Couples Tournament 10:00
- 5/30: Aerification—Course Closed

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am

SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am

Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00;
Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• Pool Time

The pool will open for the 2023 swim season on May 27. Be sure to visit our website to get your copy of the 2023 Pool Newsletter.

• Ladies Chip & Chatter

You can still get in on the fun and instruction from our Ladies Chip & Chatter. The final session will be held on May 2. We plan to end on a high note so make plans to join us by contacting the Golf Shop.

• 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.

• Fun Day

Ladies make plans for an extra Fun Day at the club on May 10. 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.

• 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

They say April showers bring May flowers and in early April we got plenty of rain to make that happen. The liquid sunshine provided great growing conditions as the fairways are turning lush and the trees and flowers are in full bloom. Golden Hills is once again showing the beauty it is known for! We hope that May will provide plenty of time for you, your family and invited guests to come out and enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer. May promises to be an outstanding month with plenty of sunshine and longer days ahead!

Those April showers cancelled the playing of our Masters Pick A Pro but the 2023 Member/Member was a roaring good time. The Masters had a fantastic finish with John Rahm winning the championship. The Heritage had an awesome finish with Matt Fitzpatrick needing extra holes to fend off defending champion Jordan Speith. The 2023 Member/Member had its own brand of excitement as only it can do. Day one's format of Pinehurst Alternate shot on the front 9 and Captains Choice on the back 9 separated some of the contenders with several teams posting fantastic rounds. The team of Brian Richardson/Mason Frier led the way with a round of 61 on day 1. They were closely followed by Dick Olsen/Tony Redman and Chris Ulmer/John Phillips. As they say at Augusta it all comes down to the back nine on Sunday, so too did the 2023 Member/Member. Dick Olsen and Tony Redman shot a spectacular 3 under 67 on the back 9 to end up winning the tournament by 5 shots over Chris Ulmer and John Phillips. Congratulations Gentlemen, Well Done!

In May we will host the 2023 Golden Hills Member/Guest. Mark your calendars for May 19, 20, & 21. Find your partner, sign up and come enjoy a great weekend of golf with us! On Friday the festivities begin with a practice round at your leisure. There will be a putting contest beginning at 5:00 followed by a long drive contest at 6:00. At the conclusion of these events' dinner will

be served and your tee gifts handed out. The format will be net best ball both days. The entry fee is \$450 of which \$100 must be cash. Play will be a shotgun start at 9:00 both days. Get some practice in with your partner, hone your game and get ready for some fun.

During the month of May the Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to meet each Tuesday morning for a little friendly competition at 9:00. With each passing month, the SMGA continues to grow and welcomes new players to come join in the fun. If you are 55 or older, maybe new to the club and looking for a steady game, this is a great group of guys that will welcome you with open arms. Simply call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3:00 on Monday to sign up each week.

Our Ladies Golf Association continues to grow as well. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome to come and join in the fun. Ladies Days are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15. If you are interested in joining in on the fun with our ladies, call the Golf Shop 2 days in advance to sign up. This month our LGA is hosting a Fun Day on Wednesday, May 10th at 9am. Lunch will be served at 1:30 for those who can not make golf in the morning. Read more about the Fun Day on page 2 under news from the LGA.

Over the winter months the weather put a great strain on your golf course. With all the changes in weather, heat then cold then rain then heat and cold again the grass gets confused. While the stress of the weather may not show at this time, we would greatly appreciate your efforts in helping maintain the beautiful condition of the course by fixing balls marks and repairing divots with sand. Please take pride in why golfers throughout the mid-state have voted us the #1 golf course in the Midlands!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Ladies Golf Association

Golf season is in full swing and our ladies have been "living it up" on the links! If you are new to the club, just getting started or looking for more playing opportunities we hope you will join us. Ladies Play Days are held at the club each Tuesday and Thursday with tee times starting at 8:15. For those you who can't make the early morning tee time, during the summer months we are adding a block of tee times for our ladies to play each Wednesday at 2:30. Regardless of your skill level, all are welcome to join us to play 18 or 9 holes, riding in a cart or walking. If you would like to participate please contact the Golf Shop 2 days in advance by calling (803) 957-3355.

We have had a great group of ladies participating in the Ladies Chip & Chatter. The Chip & Chatter is hosted by our club pro's Steve Larick and Justin Fowler. They have provided us with lots of great tips and instruction. There is one session remaining, so you can still catch in on the action. The final clinic will be held on May 2 and will include guidance and more tips on the golf course. Contact the Golf Shop to register.

Don't miss out on our FUN DAY at the club on May 10. 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 9:00.

Our Golden Hills LGA rocked it at Timberlake last month at the Ladies Handicap Match League (LHML) tournament. We took 7 of the 9 possible points. Way to go ladies! Your stellar play has put Golden Hills in the #1 position for the season. The LHML tournament this month will be held on May 8th at Stoney Pointe. Good luck ladies!

We had a great day for golf at our Couples Tournament last month. The morning started out with a little rain but the sunshine peaked out just as we got play underway and everyone had a great time. The format was Captain's Choice and the results were as follows: 1st- Milly Kester & Jean Burns, 2nd- Trish Simmons & Kathy Shillaber, 3rd- Carol & Mark Wiggins. The Couples Tournament this month will be held on May 28 with play starting at 10:00. The format will be a Blind Nine and lunch will be provided by hosts Pat & Knut Brockmann following play. Find a partner and make plans to join us for another great day at the club.

Members of our LGA traveled to Darlington last month to participate in the SCWGA Four Ball Tournament. Our very own Jean Burns, along with her partner, won Low Gross! Carol Stone and her partner won 2nd place in the Super Sr. Low Gross category. Carol also took closest to the pin on hole #14. Annemarie Keene and Regena Sellers took 2nd place in the Low Net category. Congratulations ladies, way to represent Golden Hills and our LGA!

Golden Hills was also well represented at the Sandlapper tournament held last month at Timberlake. Three of our ladies won in the respective flights. Congrats to Janet Hoffmann, Beth Koin and Lia Lim.

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

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 by 3:00pm on the proceeding Monday.

Last month our SMGA Council met to discuss the status of our treasury and ways to keep it solvent for the rest of this year and going forward. As many of you know we did not collect dues during the pandemic because we did not hold any social events during that time. We are now finding out that even though it gave our members a break, it was not the smart thing to do. The following is a basic look at our balance sheet and why we are implementing changes: Beginning balance: \$6,190. 2022 & 2023 50/50 proceeds to be donated = \$3,392. Current balance: \$2,798. 2022 Expenses: Summer Social \$1300, Christmas Party \$1700, Yellow Ball \$360, SMGA Championship \$740 = \$4,100. If we were to spend this year as we did last, we would have a deficit. To prevent running into a deficit we will be making the following changes: (1) Yellow Ball cost/player \$15; treasury will match \$10/player. (2) Dues for all future members this year and returning members next year will increase to \$40. (3) Summer social - the treasury will pay a max amount of \$500. This will include the entrée and other incidentals such as plates, cups, beer and wine. Currently bids are being acquired to see who will supply the entrée. Once this info. is known we will be able to put a cost per person and what sides should be provided by attending members. These changes are not set in stone and will be reviewed again after the summer social in order to insure that we will be able to fund the SMGA Championship and Christmas part this year.

Our Senior Ryder Cup Team had the month of April off but will be back in action this month with 2 home matches. On May 4 we will take on the team from Newberry CC and on May 22 we will face off against Santee. Both matches will begin at 10:00am. Anyone interested in participating on the Golden Hills team or for more information, contact team Captain Mike Ruddy at: mmruddy@outlook.com

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

April 4 - Points: 1st - Gary Maynard (+6); 2nd - Dan Sass (+5); 3rd (tie) Bruce Liles & Jody Young (+2); 5th (tie) Jim Anderson, Robert Davis, Frank Jansen (+1)

April 11 - Points: 1st - Doug Harper (+10); 2nd - Dave Lunka (+8); 3rd - Dan Sass (+7); 4th - Hardy Youmans (+4); 5th - Mark Wiggins (+3); 6th (tie) Jim Anderson, Larry Haussmann, Keith Morgan (+2)

April 18 - Points: 1st - Frank Jansen (+6); 2nd (tie) Al Beard & Jody Young (+5); 4th - Knut Brockmann (+3); 5th (tie) Ray Chiellini, Don Elliott, Bob Waterfield (+2)

April 25 - Yellow Ball & White Ball: Yellow Ball - 1st - Jessie Snipes, Randy Miller, Steve Lyman; 2nd - Mark DiMaggio, Lynn Griffin, Dave McElrath; 3rd - Dan Sass, Bruce & Gary Liles; 4th - Ray Chiellini, Joe Ecker, Nick Rinaldi; White Ball - 1st - Chuck Dunlap, Chuck Felkel, Jody Young; 2nd - Bill Lorenzen, Hardy Youmans, Jim Anderson; 3rd - Rich Turgeon, Gary Maynard, Doug Stanard; 4th (tie) Knut Brockmann, Dick Howe, Mike Kammer; Dale Mamele, Mark Wiggins, Doug Harper; Rick Green, Robert Davis, Larry Harding

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