



## Upcoming Events:

- 11/2: Babcock Center 12:00pm
- 11/6: VFW of the Midlands 10:00am
- 11/9: Lex. Econ. Development 12:00pm
- 11/12: Couples Tournament 10:00am
- 11/13: Carolinas AGC 10:00am
- 11/16: Silver Jax Cheer 10:00am
- 11/17: LGA Championship 9:00am
- 11/20: Jesse Eudy Memorial 12:00pm

### Weekly Member Play:

- Ladies Day: Tuesday & Friday 9:15am
- SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am
- Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00;
- Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

## Local Knowledge:

### • Ace's, Ace, Everywhere!

The past few weeks have been filled with members sinking Ace's all around the course. On 9/29/23, Stephen Sheppard found the bottom of the cup on #3 using an 8 iron from 145 yds. Frank Pinckney also found the bottom of the cup on #3 on 10/4/23 from 145yds. Shawn Miller aced #15 on 10/20/23 from 158yds using a 7 iron. On 10/15/23 Randy Fisher sunk one in on #17 from 115yds using his 8 iron. Bryan Goodwin sunk his tee shot into the bottom of the cup on #17 on 10/26/23 from 107yds using a GW. Congrats to all our new entries into the Hole In One Archive!

### • Couples Tournament

The last Couples Tournament of 2023 will be held on November 12 at 10:00am. The format will be Net Best Ball. Find a partner and make plans to join us.

### • Member Login's

If you haven't been able to login to your member account or our tee time portal please let us know. Email: [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com) if you need assistance.

### • Tennis Anyone?

Read page 2 of The Link to find out more information on Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills.

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## News from the Golf Shop

We hope you and your family were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather we had in October! If not, try to find some time to fit golf into your schedule during November. November is the month where Golden Hills starts to show off its beauty with the changing of the fall colors. It is truly spectacular. Of course, being the Midlands BEST, your golf course is in fantastic shape as well. Carve out some time this month to have some fun, relax and enjoy the beauty that is Golden Hills!

The Golden Hills vs. Ponderosa 2023 Ryder Cup match was played at Golden Hills on September 30th & October 1. The top 12 finishers from each club's Club Championship and Senior Club Championship are eligible to play in this annual match. After round 1 of best ball the teams were tied at 4 points each. Round 2 of Alternate shot was a totally different story. The Golden Hills Team dominated the session winning 7-1 for a commanding 11-5 lead heading into Sunday's singles matches. The Ponderosa gave it a valiant try in the final round but once again Golden Hills won the session 9-7 for a final score of 20-12. Congratulations to all the members of our Ryder Cup team. Well Done!

The Men's Golf Association had 2 events last month. The No Alibi on October 7th and the MGA Championship on October 28th & 29th. In the No Alibi tournament players received mulligans equal to their handicap. If you are a 10 handicap you receive 10 mulligans, 15 handicap would get 15 mulligans. 31 players teed it up on Saturday morning with the hopes that buster (mulligan) would help them conquer the golf course. Once again par proved to be an elusive score with only 1 player breaking par. Marion Dickert shot a 1 under par 70 to narrowly fend off Mike Moody who shot 1 over par 72. Congratulations and well-done gentlemen! For the MGA Championship, the participants were treated to an awesome weekend of golf. On day 1, Doc Griffin held a 2 shot lead over 3 golfers after shooting a 4 under par 67. Mike Calkins held a 2 shot lead in the gross division after shooting a 1 under par 70. Mike held on to win the Gross division with a 2 day total of 147 besting Thomas Loper by 3 shots. In the Net division Dr. David Ha stormed from behind on day 2 with a 6 under par 65 to capture the Net division with a 2 day total of 136. Congrats Gentlemen! We would like

to thank all of you for your support of the Men's Golf Association and Golden Hills!

Our Senior Men's Golf Association also held their season ending championship over 2 days last month on October 17th and 24th. After day 1, Gary Liles had a narrow lead of 1 stroke over Keith Morgan after shooting a 4 under par 67. On day 2 Rick Green had a fantastic round to finish at 3 under for the tournament, 139, and narrowly edged out Ray Wright and Hardy Youmans by 1 shot. Congratulations Rick for being Golfer of the Year! As many of you know, the SMGA will be starting their weekly Tuesday matches at 10:00 throughout the winter months. If you would like to join this great group of guys, simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 by 3pm on Monday to sign up.

Ladies' Day continues to be a hit every Tuesday and now Friday mornings at 9:15. It seems every month we are picking up new golfers to the fold. They have one motto, if you're not here to have fun don't come. This group of wonderful ladies are all about enjoying time on the course and with each other. As always, if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 holes or 18, all are invited to come and join in the fun. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop.

With November here it's time for many of us to begin our Christmas shopping. The Golf Shop is full of shirts, shoes, winter apparel and all your other golfing needs. Now is the time to stop by and stock up on all those gifts the golfer in your family wants. If you can't find what you are looking for, do not hesitate to ask your Golf Staff to help find it for you whether in stock or an item we can order. We are here to help you fill the needs of the golfers in your family.

In the upcoming fall and winter months you will begin to notice your golf course changing conditions. With the cooler temperatures, we will experience frost delays, slower or no grass growth, and even drainage issues from lack of sunshine and warmth. Please help us keep your golf course in great shape by obeying all cart signs and rules, filling divots with sand, and repairing ball marks on the greens. The golf course is in fantastic shape and we will always do everything we can to keep it that way. Thanks for your help this winter!

Your Golf Shop Staff,  
Steve Larick, Justin Fowler

## Ladies Golf Association

The golf course will provide us with the perfect backdrop to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery throughout the month of November. With this in mind, we hope you will join us at every opportunity for an 18 or 9 hole round on the links! Ladies Days at the club are held each Tuesday and Friday at 9:15am. If you would like to join us, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 two days in advance to secure your spot. Come out and join us, you'll be glad you did!

Our ladies wrapped up another great season participating in the Ladies Handicap Match League last month. We played against 6 LGA's/Clubs this year and against our very own super tough course as well. We had at least 14 different people play on our 6 person team throughout the year. We also had several subs who were waiting in the wings to step in when needed. It takes a village to field a team all year with everyone's busy schedules. We also had several other LGA members who helped us in March when we hosted the event. We couldn't have done it without everyone being so willing to participate. We went from not being able to field a team (several years ago) to having sub's available. Our LGA really has come a long way! What an awesome group! At the conclusion of our match last month, our Golden Hills LGA were declared the 2023 Ladies Handicap Match Play Champions! The season ending points were as follows: Golden Hills - 50.5; Ponderosa - 41.5; Stoney Point - 40.5; Mid Carolina - 31.5; Oak Hills - 29.5; Timberlake - 26.5; Ft. Jackson - 25. We couldn't be more proud of our LGA for just going out and playing their best game and having fun! That's all we ever ask, just have fun and enjoy the game and the different courses. We plan to field a team again next year and hope that others will join our LHML team.

We had 10 pairings that played in our October Couples Tournament. The format was Alternate Shot and the winners were: 1st - Bob Waterfield & Jean Burns, 2nd - Milly Kester & Trish Simmons, 3rd - Mark & Karen Lipinski. Regena Sellers and Dawn Clark provided a scrumptious lunch at the clubhouse following play. Be sure to mark your calendar for the last Couples Tournament of the year on November 12. The format will be Net Best Ball and play will begin at 10:00am. Grab your partner and get ready for another great day at the club on the 12th!

If you haven't done so already, take a look at your calendars and keep Friday, November 17th open so you can join us for the LGA Championship. There will be tournaments for everyone held on this day — Low Gross, Low Net, and a fun Captain's Choice — all beginning at 9:00a.m. The cost is only \$5, payable to the LGA on the 17th, and will cover a lite lunch and prizes. The tentative plan is to have just one winner for each tournament, but if we have a large number of ladies playing, we will add more prizes. The forward tees will be used for the Captains Choice event, and the ladies participating in the Low Net/Low Gross tournaments will tee off from the red tees. Please let the Golf Shop know if you can join us — thank you in advance.

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

## Men's Golf Association

Five people played in every single MGA tournament this year. A big thanks for your loyal participation goes to Shawn Miller, Bryan Goodwin, Frank Pinckney, Chris Ulmer & John Phillips. These 5 gentlemen will be free from paying dues next year.

After our Championship last month held our annual MGA meeting. We are pleased to introduce your new 2024 MGA OFFICERS! TRENT WHITFIELD – PRESIDENT; JARROD FRICK – VICE PRESIDENT; GREGG ERICKSON – COMMUNICATIONS and TREASURER; DAVID HUFF – TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR; CHAS CRANE – HANDICAP MANAGER. Please congratulate and support our new and returning officers as they keep the Golden Hills Men's Golf Association moving forward!

At our meeting we voted to keep handicaps within the MGA (based on MGA tournament scores). Chas is going to manage the handicaps and will assist in setting handicaps for each event (along with the rest of the Board).

Congratulations to Mike Moody on being the 2023 MGA Leading Money Winner! Mike will also be free from paying dues next year.

## Senior Men's Golf Association

Enjoy the crisp fall mornings by participating in our senior men's weekly Tuesday matches at 10am. All senior men, age 55 & over, are welcome to join our weekly outings that prove to be both competitive and fun. If you would like to tee it up with us, you can register by calling the Golf Shop by 3:00 pm on the Monday preceding each Tuesday match at (803) 957-3355.

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**Oct 3:** 2 Man Captains Choice: 1<sup>st</sup> - Joe Ecker & John Sumbara (63); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Jessie Snipes & Steve Lyman, Chuck Dunlap & Larry Haussman, Rich Turgeon & Doug Stanard, Jim Anderson & Gary Maynard, Ray Chiellini & Keith Morgan (65)

**Oct 10:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Gary Maynard (67); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Del Crawshaw (69); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim Anderson (70); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Dick Howe & Al Rodriguez (71); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Mark Lipinski & Keith Morgan (72)

**Oct 17 & 24:** SMGA Championship: 1<sup>st</sup> - Rick Green (139); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Hardy Youmans & Ray Wright (140); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Al Beard & Del Crawshaw (142); 6<sup>th</sup> - Doc Griffin (143); 7<sup>th</sup> - Lonnie Griffin (144); 8<sup>th</sup> (tie) Doug Harper, Larry Haussman, Dick Howe & David Ha (145); 12<sup>th</sup> (tie) Ray Chiellini & Keith Morgan (146); 14<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Liles (148); 15<sup>th</sup> (tie) Frank Gebhardt, Barry Mears, Larry Jackson & Gary Liles (149)

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](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

## Tennis

Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Coach Moorman offers lessons to all ages and ability levels but focuses heavily on junior tennis enthusiasts. Current programs being offered:

### CHAMPIONS

Ages 11 to 18 of all skill levels

Advanced players under 11 years of age should speak with coach to determine appropriate program.

### SCHEDULE

M, T, Th 5:00pm to 7:00pm

5:00 - 5:15 Dynamic Warmup/Short Court

5:15 - 6:00 Drill for "Shot of the week" including technical training

6:00 - 7:00 Competitive games focused on "Shot of the week"

\* Shot of the Week - Each week will focus on a specific skill (i.e. forehands, volleys, serves, backhand, transition, footwork)

### CHALLENGERS

Ages 6 to 11 beginners and intermediate Focus on Fun & Fundamentals

### SCHEDULE

T and Th 4:45pm to 6:00pm

4:45 - 5:00 Warmup and Footwork

5:00 - 5:30 FUNdamentals

5:30 - 6:00 FUN competition