

May 2024



**Upcoming Events:**

- 5/2: *March of Dimes* 10:00am
- 5/6: *Optimist Club* 9:30am
- 5/9: *LGA FUN Day* 8:30am
- 5/13: *Lexington County* 10:00am
- 5/16: *AllSouth Soldiers & Vets* 12:30
- 5/18: *MGA Yellow Ball* 9:00am
- 5/19: *Couples Tournament* 10:00am
- 5/28: *Aerification - Course Closed*

*News from the Golf Shop*

Wow! April proved to be a great month for golf in South Carolina. Scotty Scheffler is the 2024 Masters Champion and he added a plaid jacket to his wardrobe as well with a win the following week at the Heritage. Throughout the month of April your golf course showed its beauty with budding azaleas, dogwoods and flowers in full bloom. The Bermuda grass in the fairways is filling in and the greens are looking better by the day. We hope you were able to enjoy the outset of spring in April. If not, May will have plenty of sun filled days and longer hours to come out and enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer. We hope you and your family will be able to carve out some time from your busy schedules to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer!

Speaking of enjoyment, our Member Guest was played on April 26, 27 & 28. The festivities began on Friday evening with a putting and long drive contest followed by a catered dinner. Keir Anderson and Rick Lang tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the putting contest at 3 under. Patrick Cauthen won the men's long drive at 309 yards. Trent Whitfield won the senior long drive at 265 yards. 36 two person teams teed off on a beautiful Saturday morning with hopes of being crowned 2024 Champions. Jarrod Frick and Drew Berryhill led the way after round 1 with an 11 under par score of 60 to hold a 1 shot lead over Thomas Looper and Jeremy Fylling. Round 2 once again provided outstanding weather and some outstanding play from the competitors. After shooting a 63 on Saturday, Jerry and son Eric Kirkland followed it up with a 61 on Sunday to capture the title of 2024 Member Guest champions. Congratulations gentlemen and thanks to all who participated in this years event.

The 2024 Masters Pick a Pro was played on April 13th. As usual it was a tight competition in both the hat pick and the choice pick. For the first time ever in the Pick a Pro scores in the 140's won both formats. Both Golden Hills and Augusta National proved to be great tests of golf on a blustery Saturday! Jeff Smoak drew Adam Scott's name out of the hat and, with combined score of 142, won the hat pick division. Paul Morario chose up-and-comer Ludwig Aberg to team up with in the 2<sup>nd</sup> format. Paulie shot even par 71 and Ludwig carried him to the top of the leaderboard with a score of 70 to capture the choose format. Thanks to all who participated in this year's event!

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play at 9am on Tuesdays in May. To sign up to play with this great group of guys call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 before 2pm each Monday. Each Tuesday and Thursday the Ladies Golf Association will continue to play at 8:15. Our ladies are asked to call the Golf Shop by 4pm two days in advance to sign up.

The Golden Hills Men's Golf Association will be back in action on May 18th. The format is 3 man team Yellow Ball. In this format player A will play the yellow ball on holes 1,4,7,10,13,16. Player B on holes 2,5,8,11,14,17. Player C on holes 3,6,9,12,15,18. While those players are playing the yellow ball the other 2 will be playing a net best ball. The tournament has 2 divisions: Yellow Ball and 2 man net best ball. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop with your 3 person team or if you are a single or twosome the Golf Shop staff will try to pair you with other players who would like to play.

Beginning Monday, May 6, 2024 the golf course will be opening at 10:00am instead of 8:00am. This is for Monday's only during the summer and fall months. It will allow the maintenance staff to perform additional work on the course without disrupting play on the greens and tee areas. It has always been our desire to provide the best playing experience in the midlands and, with this extra time, we feel that will be done. Thank you for your understanding.

With the Club Championship coming up on June 22nd & 23rd, May is a great month to schedule a tune up lesson with a member of your golf shop professional staff. Whether it is chipping, putting, iron play or just trying to find a couple extra yards off the tee, your professional staff can help you in any facet of the game!

As many of you may have noticed, the driving range was mats only for most of the month of April. A growing concern has been the lack of attention given to care for the range by the membership. Being a members only driving range, it's up to us to hit from the appropriate areas, not hit balls over the fence and fill divots with sand. Unfortunately we are witnessing more and more members not filling their divots with sand. When this happens we are forced to give the turf extra time to heal by hitting from mats only. Please help us avoid having to do this in the future by hitting from the appropriate areas and filling divots with sand!

*Your Golf Shop Staff: Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay*

**Local Knowledge:**

- **POOL TIME!** The pool will open on May 25 for the 2024 swim season. Be sure to visit our website to get your copy of the 2024 Pool Newsletter.
- **FUN DAY!** Ladies prepare for an exceptionally FUN DAY at the club on May 9. See pg 2 in the LGA section for details.
- If you haven't been able to login to your member account or our t- time portal please let us know. Email: info@goldenhillsgolf.com for assistance.
- **Advantage Tennis** at Golden Hills is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Lessons are offered for all ages & ability levels but focuses heavily on junior tennis enthusiasts. Call (912) 381-1584 for more info.

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## Ladies Golf Association

Ladies, please mark your calendar for Thursday, May 9th for a Captain's Choice, Par 3 FUN DAY, with a shotgun start at 8:30! There will be a few gimmicks on the course, a lite lunch will be served, and prizes awarded! It would be great if the ladies that prefer to only play 9 holes will join us as well (less shots all around for a Par 3 tournament)! Please sign up with Kathy Shillaber or the Golf Shop. Cost is \$10. There will be no other women 4-some's teeing off that morning. See you on the course!

Another date you will want to mark on your calendar is May 19 for our next Couples Tournament. The format will be a Blind 9. In this format we will play 18 holes and pick 9 holes out of a hat to determine which holes to count for your score. Lunch will follow play at the Clubhouse. Grab your partner and sign up in the Golf Shop.

Ten of our ladies played in the 1<sup>st</sup> SC Senior Women's Golf Association Tournament last

month at the C. C. of Newberry. The season started off as a huge success with 88 ladies in the field. All 10 of our ladies either came into the money or were only 1 stroke out of the money. That says a lot about our amazing LGA! Our winners were: Janet Hoffmann & Teri Byrdic (4<sup>th</sup> Low Net in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight); Annemarie Keene & Regena Sellers (1<sup>st</sup> Low Gross in the 4<sup>th</sup> Flight); Jean Burns & Sue Styles (2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross in the 4<sup>th</sup> Flight); and Carole Stone & Carole Wiggins were only 1 stroke out of the winners circle.

At the April LHML Match our Team A took 3 points, Team B took 2.5 points & Team C took 3 points. Team GH consisted of Jean Burns, Annemarie Keene, Regena Sellers, Beth Koin, Trish Proctor & Sue Styles. It was an incredibly windy day so our ladies had to fight hard for all those points. Our stellar play has our team sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> place. The next LHML match is scheduled for May 7th at Fort Jackson. Good luck ladies!

The Golden Hills LGA was well represented at the April Sandlapper Tournament held at Fort Jackson's Wildcat Course. It was a beautiful day with most of our ladies playing some great golf! CONGRATS to Kathy Shillaber and Janet Hoffmann for taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place respectively in Flight #1 ! We hope more of our ladies will be able to join us for the next Sandlapper tournament that will be held on May 21 at the Woodlands.

If you are new to the club, just picking up the game or looking for more playing opportunities, we invite you to join us for one of the club's Ladies Play Days. Tee times are set aside for ladies at the club each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15am and each Wednesday afternoon at 1:15pm. Whether you prefer 18 or 9 holes, walk or ride, all are welcome to participate.

If you would like more information on ladies golf at Golden Hills or our LGA, contact Trish Proctor at: [proctrish@gmail.com](mailto: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 2:00pm on the proceeding Monday.

Results from April:

**April 2:** 2 Man Captain's Choice - 1<sup>st</sup> Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> - Do Griffin & Randy Senn (58); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nick Rinaldi & Joe Ecker (64); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Jody Young/ Butch Hale, Ray Chiellini/Keith Morga, Frank Gebhardt/Chuck Cordovano, Bruce Liles/Dan Sass (65); 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> (tie) Gary Liles/Ed

Siggelko, Al Beard/Del Crawshaw (63); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dale Mamele & Doug Harper (64); 4<sup>th</sup> - Mark Wiggins & Bob Waterfield (66)

**April 9:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Ray Chiellini & Mark DiMaggio (+7); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rick Green (+6); 4<sup>th</sup> - Joe Ecker, Butch Hale, John Sumbera (+4); 7<sup>th</sup> - Rick Hubbard (+2); 8<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Jordan, Gary Maynard, Jody Young (+1)

**April 16:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Doc Griffin & Mark Wiggins (65); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Frank Jansen (67); 4<sup>th</sup> - James Cavanaugh, Chuck Felkel, Rick Hubbard, Dale Mamele (68); 8<sup>th</sup> - Gary Maynard, John Sullivan, Jody Young (69)

**April 23:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Barry Mears (+8); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jody

Young (+7); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Don Elliott & Rick Green (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> - Al Beard (+4); 6<sup>th</sup> - Rick Hubbard (+2); 7<sup>th</sup> - Del Crawshaw, Gary Maynard, John Sullivan (+1)

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: [dober2plus1@gmail.com](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

## Mark Your Calendar: MGA, LGA & Club Tournaments 2024:

May 9 - LGA FUN Day

May 18 - MGA 3-MAN YELLOW BALL TOURNAMENT

May 19 - Couples Tournament

June 8 - MGA 4-MAN BLIND DRAW TOURNAMENT

June 16 - Couples Tournament

June 17 - SC Senior Women's Golf Association

June 22-23 - Golden Hills Club Championship

July 13 - MGA PICK 6 TOURNAMENT

August 3 - MGA 1-2-3 TOURNAMENT

August 5 - LGA—Ladies Handicap Matchplay League

August 18 - Couples Tournament

August 27 - Sandlappers Tournament

September 7 - MGA 3 FORMAT TOURNAMENT (2 MAN)

September 15 - Couples Tournament

September 15: Match Play Begins

September 21 - LGA Member-Guest

October 4 - LGA Championship

October 12 - MGA NO ALIBI TOURNAMENT

October 20 - Couples Tournament

November 9-10 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP

November 17 - Couples Tournament