June 2024



Upcoming Events:

6/8: MGA Blind Draw 8:30am
6/16: Couples Tournament 10:00am
6/17: SC Women's Sr Golf Assoc 10:00am
6/20: Tri County Jr. 10:00am
6/22: Club Championship 8:00am
6/23: Club Championship 8:00am
6/24: Lexington Post 7 10:00am

Local Knowledge:

- POOL TIME! The pool is open from 12pm-8pm Mon-Fri, and from 11am-8pm Sat & Sun. Be sure to visit our website to get your copy of the 2024 Pool Newsletter.
- Junior Golf: Our Pro, Justin Fowler, will hold Jr Clinics on July 10, 17 & 24 from 5:00-6:00pm. Call Justin with questions or to register at 803-957-3355.
- 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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News from the Golf Shop

May was spectacular at Golden Hills! The golf course is in fantastic shape with fairway's that are green and lush and the greens are rolling as true as ever. The pool opened over Memorial Day weekend in preparation for some of those hot summer days where we all will enjoy a cool dip in the water. With longer days in store, you will have more time to enjoy some of those late evening 9 holes when the temperatures cool down. We are glad you have chosen Golden Hills as your home and hope this summer will bring you countless moments of enjoyment.

The Men's Golf Association held a 3 man Yellow Ball tournament on May 18th. The Yellow Ball is actually 2 tournaments in 1. If at any time during the round the team loses the yellow ball they are out of that competition. While 1 member of the team plays the yellow ball the other 2 members of the team play net best ball. Of the 15, 3 man teams signed up only 6 teams returned with their yellow ball. Finishing first with a great score of 69 was the team of Shawn Miller, Mike Moody and David Huff. In the best ball competition, there were also some fantastic scores with 3 teams tying for 1st place with scores of 62. They were: Trent Whitfield, Phillip Gibson, Keith Parker/Jason Swinford, Aaron Siegelman, Steven Hawk/Michael Slapnik, Walter Peake, Randy Laney. Congratulations gentlemen. The next event on the MGA Calendar is on June 8th. The format is a 4 man team blind draw. In this format, players will play in their own groups and the teams will be drawn at the conclusion of play. This is a great way to meet other players in the MGA. Simply call the Golf Shop to sign up.

The LGA held an event for couples on Sunday, May 19th. The format was blind nine. The couples played their round and then 9 holes were chosen at random to establish their score for the day. Congratulations to Gary and Hannah Liles for their outstanding play in capturing 1st place. Next up for the couples is a Texas Scramble on June 16th at 10:00. To sign up just call the Golf Shop by Thursday at 12:00. The Ladies Golf Association will continue Ladies Day in June on Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 8:18. 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 that is Ladies Day. If you don't know how to sign up simply call the Golf Shop and we will get you in touch with the right people.

Our Senior Men's Golf Association is continuing its growth and each Tuesday morning they have an outstanding field looking forward to a little friendly competition on the links. This is a great group of guys that is willing to play with everyone. If you are 55 or older, new to Golden Hills, or just looking for a steady game then Tuesday mornings are for you. If you would like to play with the guys, simply call the Golf Shop by 2 pm on Monday afternoon to sign up.

THE GOLDEN HILLS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP registration has begun and will be played on June 22nd & 23rd. You do not have to have an established handicap to play. If you would like to play and measure your skills against the best that Golden Hills has to offer this is the tournament for you. There will be divisions for all. Men's, Women's, Seniors, Super Senior, and Juniors. Please be sure to notify us as to which division you would like to play in when you sign up. Where there are enough players within the division, flighting will take place after the first round. Fine tune your game and come and test your skills!

For those of you who enjoy using the driving range, we are establishing etiquette and rules guidelines for proper use of the range. They read as follows: 1-when the range is closed the range is closed. 2-Do not pick balls off the range. 3-Only hit from the designated area. 4-Do not hit balls over the fence. 5-Fill your divots with sand. If you see someone breaking these rules and guidelines, please do not hesitate to remind them of these rules and notify the Golf Shop. If everyone will do their part in following the etiquette and rules guidelines we all will have a better surface to hit from and avoid having to hit off the mats. Please be part of the solution not the problem!

We would like to thank those of you who have been courteous in helping maintain the golf course by filling divots with sand, fixing ball marks and obeying cart rules. This summer help to make Golden Hills the best it has ever been by continuing those efforts.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Ladies Golf Association

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.

We appreciate all the ladies that participated in our Fun Day last month! It didn't start out so fun, but the ladies were patient and still enjoyed several holes of Par-3 golf. Jean Burns bragged that she could win with only 3 clubs and she and her team did just that! Congratulations to Jean, Debbie, Trish P., and Kim for finishing first. Second place went to Stacey, Annemarie, Tia, and Sharon. Two shots back was the team of Cheri, Susan, and Angeles. A huge applause goes to Sharon Crawshaw for winning closestto-the-pin on #11. Make sure you put Sept. 6th on your calendar for our next Fun Day!

Not sure how we got lucky with the threat of rain last month but we were able to get our Couples Tournament in. Nine couples signed up to play and they all showed up. Despite a dreary start and a few sprinkles along the way, everyone had fun! The format was blind 9net best ball.1st place winners were Hannah & Gary Liles, 2nd place went to Sandra & Larry Jackson and 3rd place Sharon & Del Crawshaw. The next couples tournament is June 16th. The format will be 2 person Texas Scramble. Sign up in the Golf Shop by June 13th if you are planning to play.

Six of our ladies played in the Ladies Handicap Match League Tournament last month at Ft. Jackson. Thanks to our amazing team, we took home 5.5 points. We played against Mid Carolina and they were worthy competitors. Team GH included: Teri Byrdic, Kathy Shillaber, Janet Hoffmann, Annemarie Keene, Beth Koin and Sue Styles. We are still holding on to 1st place with 20.5 pts, Mid Carolina is in 2nd with 17.5 pts. It's still a tight race with 4 more tournaments to play. The next LHML Tournament will be held on June 6th at Oak Hills. We'll play against Ft. Jackson. Please don't forget we host on August 5th. We'll be asking for volunteers to help out closer to the event. Good luck ladies! If you would like more information on ladies

golf at Golden Hills or our LGA, contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

June should bring plenty of bright sunny days 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.

Men's Golf Association

Next up for the MGA is a 4 Man Blind Draw on June 8. The field will be broken into to A, B, C & D players and randomly drawn into four man teams. Total score will be the best gross ball and the best net ball from each 4 man team on each hole. Places will be based on lowest total scores. Sign up in the Golf Shop.

We would like address 2 issues: (1)Closest to the pin markers: When you mark the closest to the pin with your distance to the pin, please include feet & inches on each, EVEN IF YOU ARE INSIDE OF 1 FT. EVEN IF YOU ARE measurable in less than 100", please use the feet Results from May:

May 7: Handicap - 1st (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Don Elliott & Mark Wiggins (68); 4th (tie) Bruce Liles, Gary Maynard, Al Rodriguez (69); 7th (tie) Del Crawshaw, Chuck Dunlap, Joe Ecker, Frank Jansen (70)

May 21: Points - 1st - Ray Chiellini & Doug Stanard (+6); 3rd - Jim Anderson & Rich Tur-

AND inches notation. For a shot that is closer than all the most recent measurements on the CTP marker, See the following examples of how to write it down.

Examples: 8 inches: 0' 8" (or if there is room to write it out 0 ft 8 inch). 39 inches = 3' 3" (or if there is room to write it out: 3 ft 3 inch). Writing just the inches without spelling it out DOES BECOME CONFUSING & can cost you or others winner's money.

(2) HANDICAPS: We have voted in and installed a handicap system that takes scores collected from stroke play MGA events & Club geon (+4); 5th - Keith Morgan (+3); 6th - Bill Lorenzen, John Sumbera (+2); 8th - Jim Davis, Butch Hale, Mike Ruddy, Mark Wiggins (+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

Championship scores to create an MGA handicap index. This index is separate from your USGA index & is most likely different. It could be possibly higher or possibly lower than your USGA index. We will use the lower of the 2 indexes to calculate your course handicap for the day of the MGA tournament. We are trying our best to make it fair and spread out the winnings as much as possible, based on previous outcomes. If you have a better way to manage the net scoring and can help us make this process even better, we welcome that input.

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

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