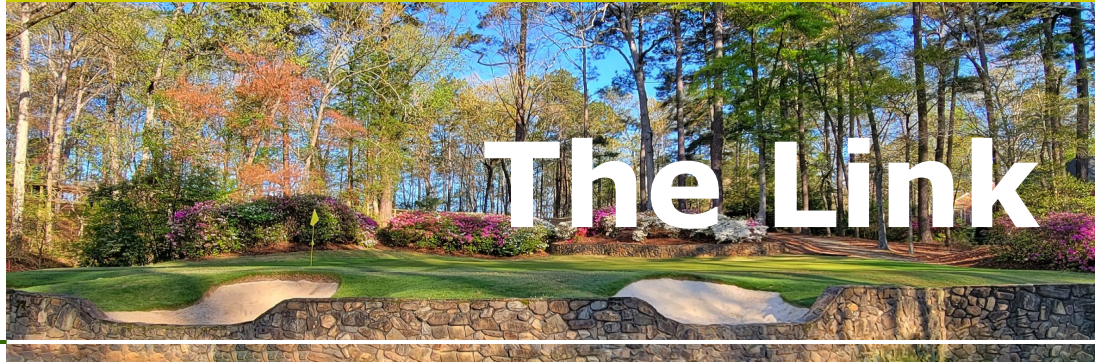


December 2024



Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



Upcoming Events:

- 12/2: Bearcat Invitational 11:00
- 12/9: Senior Golf Circuit 10:00
- 12/12: SMGA Christmas Party 6pm
- 12/14: LGA Christmas Party 10:30
- 12/17: Member Christmas Party 6-8pm
- 12/25: Merry Christmas!
- 12/30: Coaches Winter Classic 9:00

News from the Golf Shop

The 2024 golf season is nearing its close. We hope that you and your family have been able to find enough time to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer this year. If not, that is what New Years resolutions are for! Thankfully, here in South Carolina, the winter season will provide plenty of opportunities to play, as we always experience some unseasonably warm days. We hope you and your family will spend some time with us this holiday season.

November was an outstanding month at Golden Hills. The trees started to drop their leaves and change colors. With the cooler evenings the grass did not grow as fast making the greens a little faster and trickier, an added challenge to an already challenging course. Warmer temperatures hung around until the end of the month when finally winter told us she is right around the corner. What an awesome month to experience Golden Hills!

Experience paid off in the 2024 Match Play tournament. The tournament began in early September with 32 gentlemen prepared to do battle mono a mono. Every 2 weeks the field was trimmed in half until only 2 were left standing. Shawn Miller and Trey Gray battled their way through winning 4 matches each before winding up in the finals to face each other. After a front nine described as a pillow fight where neither golfer could find their game, Shawn rode some steady play on the back side to win the match 3 & 2 and was crowned the 2024 Golden Hills Match Play Champion. Congratulations Shawn!

The Men's Golf Association played its year end championship on November 9th & 10th. Saturday's round was uneventful as golfers seemed to be setting themselves up to be in position to win on Sunday. It seemed as though the golf course had a lot of teeth over the weekend as Thomas Looper captured the Net Division with a score of 3 over par 145. Thomas also tied with Mike Calkins for the gross division with scores of 7 over 149. Congratulations gentlemen on being the 2024 Golden Hills MGA Champions!

Once again Golden Hills will be hosting a Christmas Drop In on Tuesday, December 17th from 6-8pm. In addition to food, beverages and merriment, we will have our annual Christmas Sale going on at the same time. Bring your Christmas list to the drop in for convenient stress-free shopping. Your Golf Shop staff will be standing by to assist you with all your gift giving needs. With Footjoy, Adidas, Under Armour, Titleist, Taylormade and more in stock, there are plenty of choices for everyone on your Christmas list. As a reminder to those who have played well enough to earn Golf Shop credits in 2024, they must be used by December 31st. The Christmas Drop In sale is a great way to use them up.

As always, the winter weather provides unique circumstances for care of the golf course and range. For those divots that will not grow in, please fill them with sand. Ball marks on the greens do not heal as quickly, please repair them properly. Rain and water do not evaporate as quickly, please stay on the path when directed to do so. Frost and freeze warning and conditions cause delays in tee times, please check with Golf Shop staff before using any part of our facilities (including the putting green and range). Golden Hills was voted Lexington's BEST by readers of the Chronicle and it is because of your efforts! Thank you to all who help us maintain the golf course and facilities in outstanding condition.

Your Golf Shop staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

Local Knowledge:

- Hole In One: Congratulations to the newest members in our hole in one archive: Doug Reedy aced #3 on 10/31/24 from 144 yds using his 6 iron. Ryan Stroz found the bottom of the cup on hole #3 on 11/5/24, from 147 yds using his 8 iron.**
- Golf Shop Credit: If you earned Golf Shop credits this year, please remember that it has to be spent before 12/31/24.**
- Murphy's Custom Golf: Broken shaft? Could your clubs use a loft & lie adjustment? Count on Ryan to get you back on the tee & hunting birdies. Call (803) 360-4909**
- Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Lessons are offered for all ages & ability levels. Call (912) 381-1584 for more info.**

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Ladies Golf Association

Tee's the season! We've had a great 2024 and look forward to more fun this month as we prepare for the holidays.

We will celebrate the holiday with our annual LGA Christmas Party on December 14. Everyone has the option to play a 9-hole Captains Choice tournament before the party. The 1st tee time will be at 10:30 a.m. and the party will follow. The cost to play in the event is \$5 which will be collected that morning. The Christmas Party will include lunch and a \$25 gift exchange (Dirty Santa style). We will also be awarding the Ringer Board & Birdie Tree contest winners along with the 'Most Improved' golfer during the party. Our Christmas Charity this year is Samaritan's Purse to specifically aid victims of Western North Carolina. Donations can be made in advance to Regena, Annemarie or Trish P. or at the party. Feel free to donate via check payable to 'Samaritan's Purse' (of course, cash is fine too). You can also donate via PayPal or Venmo to Annemarie (but be sure you chose the correct person). There will be a donation box at the party as well. Please contact

Regena Seller to sign up for the party by December 6th. You can reach Regena at: regena.sellers@yahoo.com. When signing up, please indicate if you are signing up for golf, the party or both.

Thanks to so many of our ladies for a successful Member-Guest tournament at the end of October. We had 32 ladies play in our event. This year's format was a 4-person net competition. We played 'Best Ball' on the front 9 & 'Captains Choice' on the back 9. Congratulations to our winners: 1st (tie): Jean Burns & Debbie Richard with Sue Syles & Laura Kelly (net 52); 2nd (tie): Joanne Carpenter & Ruth Van Zee with Carol Wiggins & Marcia Rozendad (net 56).

Special thanks is also in order for everyone that helped plan and participated in our Fun Day last month. Congratulations to Carol Wiggins who won closest to the pin with a great shot from the island on #10 to within 10' the cup. 3rd place for our Captain's Choice tournament was won by Janet Hoffmann, Carol Wiggins, Karen Waterfield & Trish Proctor. 2nd place

was garnered by Jean Burns, Hannah Liles, Rosemary Jansen, and Lia with a score of 65. Nancy Hanna, Eva Mitchener, Tia Davis, & Kathy Shillaber captured 1st place with a 65 on a match of cards. Way to go ladies!

We held our last couples tournament of 2024 last month. There were 8 couples that participated. We had great weather followed by a yummy lunch thanks to the Lipinkski's! The format was net best ball. 1st place went to Ralph & Regena Sellers, 2nd place to Bob & Karen Waterfield, and 3rd place to Ken & Wilma Shaw. We will resume with the couples tournaments in March 2025!

Quite a few of our LGA ladies braved the cold & rain in last month's WSCGA One Day Event at the Cheraw State Park. Some of our ladies even finished up in the money! Congratulations to Kathy Shillaber, Jean Burns, Sue Styles and Trish Proctor whom won 1st place in the 2nd Flight.

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

Our annual SMGA Christmas Party will be held at the club on December 12 at 6pm. The cost is \$25/couple or \$15/single. Please contact Jody Young by December 2 if you plan to attend.

If you are new to the club or just looking for more playing opportunities, consider joining our SMGA. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, can join us each Tuesday at 10:00 am for a little friendly competition. To be included on the roster, call the Golf Shop by 2:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

On December 3, we will play a 4-man captains

choice. If you want to play make sure your 4-man team is on the master list in the Golf Shop by 2pm Sunday. If you want to play, but not in the tourney, we will put you at the end if there is room.

Results from November:

Nov 12: Points - 1st - Butch Hale (+7); 2nd - Del Crawshaw (+3); 3rd - James Cavanaugh, Don Elliott, Barry Mears (+2); 6th - Larry Harding & Dan Sass (+1); 8th - Al Rodriquez (-1); 9th - Chuck Felkel (-2)

Nov 19: Handicap - 1st - Chuck Felkel, Gary Maynard, John Sumbera (69); 4th - Knut Brock-

mann, Mike Ruddy (70); 5th - Joe Ecker & Bill Lorenzen (71); 7th - David Ha & Kirk Wiley (72)

Nov 26: Blind Draw - 1st - Mark DiMaggio/Doug Standard & Rick Hubbard/Dan Sass (142); 3rd - Mike Kammer/Al Beard (144); 4th - Joe Ecker/Butch Hale (145); 5th - Wallace Chavis/Rich Turgeon (146)

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

Men's Golf Association

We had a great MGA Championship golf weekend along with absolutely beautiful weather on Saturday and tolerable cooler temps on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who came out to play and Congratulations to our Champions: Co-Gross Champions: Mike Calkins & Thomas Looper (149); Net Champion: Thomas Looper 145.

Only 2 people played in every MGA tournament this year. Thanks to Shawn Miller & Gregg Erickson for your loyal participation. Shawn & Gregg will be free from paying MGA dues next year! Congratulations to Gregg Erickson also on being the 2024 MGA Leading Money Winner!

Our annual MGA meeting was also held last month and no new nominees were brought up, so the current board will stay in place: Trent Whitfield—Pres; Jarrod Frick—VP; Gregg Erickson—Treas & Communications' David Huff—Tourn Dir.; Chas Crane—Handicap Manager.

Murphy's Custom Golf

Murphy's Custom Golf at Golden Hills is your destination for enhancing your game. With the days getting shorter and cooler temperatures on the way, having an indoor facility allows golfers of all skill levels to grow your game. Ryan Murphy offers lessons, club repair, grips, shafting, extensions, loft & lie adjustments and custom club fitting. All services are available 7 days a week and at any time by appointment. If Ryan isn't in when you drop by, simply leave your club repair needs in the Golf Shop for a quick turnaround.

Take your golf skills to new heights by contacting Ryan at 803-360-4909.



JOIN US FOR OUR
GOLDEN HILLS MEMBER

Christmas Party!

DECEMBER

17

6:00 - 8:00 PM



FOOD | COCKTAILS | CHRISTMAS SALE

RSVP by December 12, 2024 (803) 957-3355

