

January 2025



## News from the Golf Shop

We hope you and your family enjoyed a great holiday season! As 2025 begins, many people will take this time to assess where they are and where they would like to be. Your golf game is no different. The new year will provide many opportunities to enjoy the great game of golf at the best course in town! We are excited about all that 2025 has to offer and hope that spending more time with us at Golden Hills is at the top of your New Years resolution list!

December saw old man winter make an early showing with unseasonably cold and wet conditions throughout the month. These colder temperatures made it difficult to get play started on time. During the month of January be sure to check your email or call the Golf Shop before you come to the golf course for any delays that may happen. Also, please check with the Golf Shop staff before using any of the facilities such as the driving range or putting green to make sure they are ready for play. Please be aware that we are committed to starting as smoothly as possible with as little delay as possible. Also during the winter months, please help keep your golf course in great shape by obeying all cart rules. With frost or excessive moisture, driving a cart on the grass can cause damage to the leaf blades and roots. Check with the Golf Shop staff before starting your round for the rules of the day.

Many of you have expressed an interest in establishing or transferring a USGA handicap. The tournament season will be upon us soon and a USGA handicap is required to compete in most events. If you would like to establish or transfer your handicap, now is the time. All we need is your name as you want it to appear, an email address, your GHIN number if you are transferring, or your last 20 scores going back 1 year. If you currently have a handicap and would like to cancel it for the 2025 season, please let the golf shop staff know by January 12th to avoid being charged for the 2025 season. All handicap fees will be charged to members accounts in January.

The 2024 Tournament season concluded with the crowning of the Golden Hills Match Play Champion. Trey Gray and Shawn Miller squared off in the final match. While both gentlemen struggled to find their games on the front nine, Shawn found his steady play on the back nine to win the match 3 & 2. Congratulations to Shawn Miller, Champion Golfer of the Year!

January will also bring the first event of the 2025 season. The annual Par 3 Challenge will take place on Saturday, January 25th with a 9:00 shotgun start. The tournament will be open to the first 90 participants and play will be in groups of 5 to allow as many as possible to enjoy the unique event. The cost is \$30 per player and applicable cart fees will be charged. There will be closest to the pin prizes on each hole as well as Low Net and Low Gross prizes.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings in January. Hopefully 2025 will spare the SMGA from the awful weather they had on Tuesday mornings in December and we will be able to see all your smiling faces. To play with the SMGA on Tuesday mornings just call the Golf Shop by Monday at 12pm to sign up.

The Ladies Golf Association will also continue to meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15. Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come join in the fun.

Your Golf Shop staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

# Par 3 Challenge

January 25, 2025

9:00 Shotgun

### Local Knowledge:

- **USGA Handicap:** If you would like to establish or transfer a USGA handicap, contact our Golf Shop for assistance.
- **2024 Match Play:** We saw a few great matches last fall! Congratulations Shawn Miller on playing your way through the brackets and capturing the Championship title.
- **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*

Don't let your game go cold this winter! Keep in the swing of things by playing with us. Join us each week for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am you can join a group of ladies for a quick 9 or 18 hole round. To participate, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding day. Make plans to join us this year, you will be glad you did!

We had a great day for our LGA Christmas Party! The weather was wonderful for golf. Congratulations to Janet Hoffmann, Trish Proctor & Cheryl Swanson for winning the 9-hole Captains Choice tournament before our luncheon and party. Thank you Regena Sellers for the absolutely delicious food. Wow! She's a 'BOSS' in the kitchen. Thank you also to Karen Waterfield who warmed up the food while our ladies were playing golf, even though she wasn't feeling well. We also recognized and celebrated our 2024 contest winners. We had 19 ladies participate in our Ringer Board & Birdie Tree contests. All 19 ladies competed for the best score (per hole) from the first round to the last (of the season) and for the most birdies made on our LGA Play Days. Thank you, Kathy Shillaber, for running the contest and keeping everyone engaged throughout the year. Congratulations to Trish P. for winning the Ringer Board and to Jean Burns & Kathy Shillaber for tying the Birdie Tree contest! Congratulations to Regena Sellers who won the 2024 Most Improved Golfer award! The award is a WSCGA award based on the 'most improved' golfer for the year which is determined by your GHIN improvement from March 1st to November 30th.

Our LGA chose Samaritan's Purse for our charity last year with funds specifically going to the Hurricane Helene victims in Western North Carolina. We collected over \$1,000!

We had petty cash left over from our Couples Tournaments this year and from the Fun Days. The Board agreed to use those funds for 'door prizes' at our Christmas Party, specifically for '2025 LGA Dues' for the winners. Congratulations to the following winners who won free LGA memberships for 2025: Lois Tessier, Joanne Carpenter, Milly Kester, Melanie Ward, Karen Lipinski, Regena Sellers, Karen Waterfield, Annemarie Keene, Cheri Toerck & Trish Simmons.

Our 'Dirty Santa' gift exchange was a huge hit! The stealing started early and continued until the last person (literally, as Regena drew #1 and stole the last gift of the game from Teri Byrdic at the very end of the game). The gift exchange is always so much fun but this year seemed particularly exciting! Great job ladies!

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*

The weather last month didn't provide us with many playing opportunities for our weekly Tuesday matches. We were able to one points competition on December 17. The results were as follows:

### **Dec. 17:** Points

1st - Randy Miller (+10); 2nd - Butch Hale (+3); 3rd (tie) Al Beard, Mark Lipinski, Dale Shelhorse, Joe Ecker (0); 7th - Keith Morgan (-1); 8th (tie) Gary Maynard, Rich Turgeon, Randy Laney (-2)

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 12:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

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)

## *Men's Golf Association*

Our MGA officers will meet in the coming weeks to determine the tournament schedule for 2025. Hopefully we will be able to post the dates and events in the February newsletter.

If you are new to the club or looking for more opportunities to play, please consider joining us. The officers for 2025 are: Trent Whitfield—Pres; Jarrod Frick—VP; Gregg Erickson—Treas & Communications; David Huff—Tourn Dir.; Chas Crane—Handicap Manager. Contact the Golf Shop staff with your interest and they will pass on your name to someone from the association.

## *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.