### April 2023

## The Link



#### **Upcoming Events:**

4/8: Masters Pick a Prottimes
4/10: Town of Lex. Police 9:30
4/13: Par Junior Golf/LJ's 10:00
4/16: LGA Couples 10:00
4/17: ACECSC 12:00
4/18: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:00
4/20: BCEDU 12:30
4/22-4/23: Member-Member 8:30 t-times
4/25: Ladies Chip & Chatter 5:00
4/27: World Outreach Center 9:30

Weekly Member Play: Ladies Day: Tuesday & Thursday &8:5am SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

#### Local Knowledge:

#### • 3 More Added to Archive

We had 3 more members added to our Hole In One Archive last month! Congratulations to: Jeff Doto, 3/3/23; Hole 17, 132yds, 8 iron; Doug Harper, 3/9/23, Hole 13, 159yds, 7 iron; Gregg Erickson, 3/25/23, Hole 17, 124yds, 9 iron.

#### • Ladies Chip & Chatter

It's back! The infamous Ladies Chip & Chatter clinics will be held on April 18, 25 and May 2. Read more in "News from the Golf Shop" and make plans to join our pro's for a little instruction and fun at the club starting this month!

#### Lessons & Grips

Our Assistant Golf Pro, Justin Fowler, is available for golf lessons for all ages & skill levels. You can book through the Golf Shop or call Justin at (803) 979-1395. The rate for members is \$65/hr & lesson packages are also available. Justin is also available for regripping clubs.

#### • SMGA – Ladies Play Days

Beginning on April II, both the SMGA and Ladies Play Days start times will move back I hour. The Ladies will move to 8:15am and the SMGA will move to 9:00am.

#### • Tennis Lessons

Sean Koch offers tennis lessons for all ages & ability levels. Whether you're looking to pick up the game or improve it, he can assist. Contact Sean at (803) 719-1104 or snkoch5@gmail.com

Golden Hills Golf & C. C. 100 Scotland Drive Lexington, SC 29072 (803) 957-3355 goldenhillsgolf.com

## News from the Golf Shop

Even though the first day of Spring was officially March 20<sup>th</sup>, Mother Nature reminded us that she reigns supreme by sending us some cooler temperatures and rainy days at end the month. Never fear, April is here! The official kickoff to the golf season begins with the Masters. Trees and azalea's start to bloom and it just starts to look and smell like Spring. With the longer daylight hours provided by daylight savings time, April is a great month to get some of those late evening rounds in at Golden Hills! Make sure to carve out some time this month to play the best golf course in the Midlands, Golden Hills!

There will be lots of activity at Golden Hills this month with both the Masters Pick a Pro and Member/Member golf tournaments taking place. Originally scheduled for Sunday, April 9th (Easter Sunday) the Masters Pick a Pro has been rescheduled to Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>. With the Masters Pick a Pro, there are 2 tournaments in 1. Each participant will pick 1 player out of the hat for 1 tournament and on the other side of the event you will be allowed to pick your favorite player. The Entry fee will be \$20 per player. You can make your own tee times. There must be at least 2 players in your group participating and all players must tee off before noon. To sign up and make your tee time call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355.

The 2023 Member/Member will be played on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year's format is 2 person teams playing four different formats. Saturday's round will be comprised of Pinehurst Alternate shot on the front nine and Captains Choice on the back nine. Sunday's round will be Net Best Ball on the front nine and Aggregate Net Score on the back nine. Like they say at Augusta, it all comes down to the back nine on Sunday! Flights will be determined by total team handicap and winners will be crowned in each format. The overall champion will be determined by the total score of all four formats. If you would like to sign up or receive more details simply call the Golf Shop.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues its weekly play every Tuesday. The current start time is 10:00am. Beginning on April 11th, the start time will be moved back to 9am. If you are looking for a friendly, competitive environment come on out and join this great group of guys. The only requirement is you must be 55 years of age or older. Call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding Monday to sign up.

Our Ladies Play Days will also be changing in the month of April. Beginning April 11<sup>th</sup>, both the Tuesday and Thursday play days will move back to 8:15. As always, our Ladies Play Days are open to all ages and skill levels. If you are looking for a great group of ladies to enjoy some fun and fellowship on the links, these are your gals. Call the Golf Shop two days in advance to sign up.

LADIES: The infamous Chip & Chatter is back!! Beginning April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, running 3 consecutive weeks, come and get all your golf needs fulfilled. Steve and Justin will be hosting the Chip and Chatter just for you! The first session will be on the short game. Session 2 will focus on ball striking. Session 3 will be on the course! If you would like to sign up simply call the Golf Shop or contact Steve directly.

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or concerns, our door is always open.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

## Ladies Golf Association

Spring has sprung and we are ready to enjoy nice warm days on the links! Our Ladies Play Days have been growing in participation and we look forward to seeing more of you join us in the days ahead. This month the start time for the play days will change. Our start time each Tuesday and Thursday will move to 8:15 beginning April 11. Regardless of skill level, all are welcome! You can play 9 or 18 holes and you are welcome to join with those walking or riding. If you would like to participate, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355.

The first LHML tournament was extremely successful! We're very grateful to our ladies who volunteered to freeze (it was cold!), we mean to help out during the tournament by directing players to the driving range or being spotters on some of the holes. Thank you very much Sharon, Trish P., Regena, Tia, Lisa, Carol, Lois & Nancy H! And now for the players. On Team A was Kathy S. & Janet, Team B was Jean & Trish S and Team C was Annemarie & Sue. Our ladies played hard against our course on Monday (it's not an easy course) and all 3 teams scored all 3 available points for a total of 9 points for our team. What an awesome way to start the LHML year! Our next match will be held on April 11 and we will be taking on the team from Timberlake. Good luck ladies!

We started off the new year for the Couples Tournament on March 19. It was a cold day but we had 8 couples playing Net Best Ball. 1st Place went to Ralph and Regena Sellars (71); 2nd Place went to Neal and Dawn Clark (76) and 3rd Place went to Mark and Carol Wiggins (78). Thank you to our hostesses Annemarie Keene and Trish Simmons. Our next tournament will be April 16. We hope to see you then!

On March 28, we had a great day at Camden Country Club for the Sandlapper tournament. Six of our ladies participated and Jill Ticknor took 1st place in Flight 6. Congratulations Jill and thanks to all our ladies for representing Golden Hills! We hope many more of you can play in the next Sandlapper Tournament at Timberlake on April 25th.

The infamous Chip & Chatter will be returning this month. Beginning April 18th at 5:00pm, running 3 consecutive weeks, come and get all your golf needs fulfilled. Steve and Justin will be hosting the Chip and Chatter just for you! The first session will be on the short game. Session 2 will focus on ball striking. Session 3 will be on the course! If you would like to sign up simply call the Golf Shop.

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

## Senior Men's Golf Association

Azaleas are in bloom, temperatures are on the rise and the luster is returning to the course with each passing day. Make the most of this happy transition of seasons by joining our group of senior men each Tuesday for a little friendly competition on the links. All Golden Hills members age 55 & over are welcome to participate. We will play at 10:00am on April 4 but our standing start time will move back to 9:00 beginning April 11. 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.

The 2023 Midlands Senior Ryder Cup returned to action last month. In the first match of the season, our senior men faced off against Mid Carolina on March 9. Unfortunately, our team ceded the match to the home team by a score of 11.5 to 6.5. Hopefully team Golden Hills can shake off the loss on get back to their winning ways. Only 12 players are allowed to play in each match, so not everyone may be able to play in each match but don't let that deter you from signing up. The team captain, Mike Ruddy, along with his co-captains will make every effort to get those interested into at least 1 match this season. You can contact Mike with any questions or for more information at: mmruddy@outlook.com

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

<u>March 7 - Points:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> - Butch Hale (+7); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Jim Anderson, Chuck Felkel, Rick Green (+5); 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Bill Lorenzen, Steve Lyman, Dale Mamele, Keith Morgan (+4)

<u>March 14 - Points:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> - Randy Miller (+8); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bruce Liles (+6); 3rd - Rick Green, Steve Lyman, Gary Maynard (+5)

<u>March 21 - Handicap:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> - Dale Mamele (67); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Larry Haussmann (68); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Doug Harper, Jody Young (70); 5<sup>th</sup> - Frank Jansen (72); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Randy Miller, Rich Turgeon (73)

<u>March 28 - 18 Hole Blind Draw:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> - Dale Mamele/Bruce Liles (137); 2<sup>nd</sup> -Larry Harding/Don Elliott (143); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Knut Brockmann/Gary Maynard (147); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Steve Lyman/Hardy Youmans, Rick Green/Mark Lipinski, Bill Lorenzen/Gary Liles (148)

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



The South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation's mission is to enrich the lives of South Carolina's youth through funding for educational and recreational opportunities, including junior golf programs. The Board of Trustees' vision of the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation is to meet the following objectives:



• To create avenues to get children into grass roots golf programs • To support programs throughout the state that serve population clusters enabling children of all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in the game of golf • To secure enough funding to provide awards for five new

**FOUNDATION** game of goin \* To secure enough funding to provide awards for five new scholarships annually • To create the opportunity to provide free equipment to any school, group, program or individual who so desires to facilitate the game and teach life values associated with the sport • To show the strength of personal character promoted through the game and how it encourages children to become socially responsible leaders and more productive citizens.

The annual *Golf Ball* is the SCJGF's largest fundraiser each year. We hope you will join us in supporting the future of golf by attending the event this year. The Golf Ball will be held on April 6, at the University of SC's Alumni Center. The event will include a live and silent auction and lots of fun throughout the evening. To learn more about the SCJGF and the Golf Ball please visit their website at: scjgf.org

# GOLDEN HILLS

The Golden Hills Swim Team offers programs to swimmers ranging in age from 4 - 18 years old. Registration for the 2023 swim team is underway. Visit our website to learn more about the team & to register for the Golden Hills Gators team.