### December 2022

# The Link



#### **Upcoming Events:**

12/3: LGA Christmas Party Ilam T-Times
12/5: Bearcat Invitational Ilam
12/8: Jesse Eudy Memorial IOam
12/12: Member Christmas Open House
12/19: Coaches Winter Classic 8:30 T-Times

12/25: Merry Christmas!

Weekly Member Play:
Ladies Day: Tuesday & Thursday 9:16am
SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am
Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00;
Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

#### Local Knowledge:

#### • 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.

#### • Saturday Dogfight

Please note that the start time for the dogfights on Saturday will move to 10:00am starting this month.

#### Golf Shop Credits

As a reminder to all who have played well enough to earn Golf Shop Credits this year, they must be used by Dec. 3lst. Be sure to put that hard earned credit to use this month in the Golf Shop.

#### • Hole In One

Congratulations to Randy Dreyer on his hole in one made on November 25. Randy aced hole #7, using a 4 iron from 170 yards. Tee it up this month to see if you might be the next one to join our Hole In One Archive!

#### MGA Officers

The MGA has elected officers for 2023 and they are: President - Trent Whitfield; Vice President - Rick Kester; Treasurer - Gregg Erickson & Tournament Director - David Huff.

#### • Care for the Course

Taking divots is a normal part of golf. Making our best effort to repair divots should also be a routine part of the game. Spending a little time to properly repair divots makes a big difference in how the course plays & sets a positive example for others. Repairing divots is an easy way to care for the course, while helping other to enjoy their round!

#### • 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

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# **News from the Golf Shop**

The 2022 year in golf is nearing its end. We hope you and your family have been able to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer this year. Thankfully, here in South Carolina, the winter season will provide many opportunities to play a plenty of golf! While temperatures may start to turn slightly chilly, there will still be many sun filled days to enjoy a little fun and fellowship on the links. We hope you and your family will plan on spending a little time with us this holiday season!

November was a great month at Golden Hills. The trees started to turn colors and drop their leaves. With the greens beginning to turn dormant, they became a little faster and trickier; an added challenge to the golf course. The Men's Golf Association held their season ending Championship on November 5th & 6th. They were treated to outstanding weather and playing conditions. Mike Calkins dominated the Gross division by shooting a 2-day total of 145. The Net division proved to be a battle of attrition and proved that in golf every stroke counts! The first 7 places were all separated by 1 stroke. In the end it was Norman Asmer proving that par is a great score by shooting even par 142 for the 2 days to capture the Net Champion! Congratulations and well-done gentlemen!

The 2022 Golden Hills Match Play Tournament was concluded last month. The tournament proved again to be one of the most exciting

events played all year. Of the 31 matches played over 3 months 6 took over 18 holes to determine a winner and 9 of them played all the way to 18. In this years finals, Chris Ulmer and Ernie Dotson squared off in what proved to be a pillow fight (neither of them played particularly well). After playing nine holes Chris held a 1 up lead and continued to grow his lead finishing the match 4 & 3 on the 15th hole. Congratulations Chris on capturing the 2022 Match Play Championship!

Our Senior Men's Golf Association ran into some wet days in November but still managed to get in a few good rounds with good friends. Our SMGA continues to grow on Tuesday mornings and is always looking for new members to join in the fun! In December the SMGA will meet at 10:00 on Tuesday mornings. If you are new to the club, over the age of 55, and looking for a game, give these guys a shot. If you would like to play with the SMGA on Tuesdays, simply call the Golf Shop at 957-3355 by Monday at 3pm to sign up and you can come join in the fun. Whether you are a scratch golfer or looking to break 100 for the first time, they will find you a group.

Our Ladies Play Days continue to be a hit! In December our Ladies Play Days will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15. If you are new to the club or nervous about playing with others - don't be. These ladies are a greatest collection of fun-loving golfers you will want to

meet. Don't worry, they were in the same place you are at some point in their golf life. If you are a scratch golfer or beginner, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, it does not matter. All are welcome to come join in the fun. Just call the Golf Shop 2 days in advance to sign up.

Bring your Christmas list to the Golden Hills Golf Shop for convenient stress free shopping. Your Golf Shop staff is standing by ready to assist you with all of your gift giving needs. With Footjoy, Adidas, Under Armour, Titleist, Callaway, Taylormade and more in stock there are plenty of options for all your Christmas wishes. If you see something at another Golf Shop, retail store, or online please give us the opportunity to see if we can find it for you; possibly at a better price. If you have a hard time deciding, we have two 1 size fits all options: Gift Certificates and lessons from Head Pro Steve Larick & Assistant Justin Fowler. Without a doubt you don't want to miss our Member Christmas Open House on December 12. In addition to food, beverages and merriment, we will have our annual Christmas Sale going on from 6:00-8:00.

As a reminder to all who have played well enough to earn Golf Shop Credits this year, they must be used by Dec. 31st. Be sure to put that hard earned credit to use this month in the Golf Shop.

As winter approaches, your golf course conditions seem to change daily. With these changes come some special needs for care of the course. Whether it's filling your divots with sand, repairing your ball marks, or obeying cart rules, please help us keep your golf course in great shape by doing your part. Also important in taking care of the turf are those unavoidable frost delays. Please be patient as we will do all we can to get you on the golf course as possible while taking precaution to care for the fantastic putting surfaces and fairways you enjoy year-round.

Your Golf Shop Staff

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay



## **Ladies Golf Association**

It's hard to believe it's almost time for Christmas and a New Year. We have certainly made the most of this year, as our membership has grown, we've competed in tournaments throughout the state and we've enjoyed play days at the club every week. We look forward to more of the same in 2023!

Speaking of the holidays, our annual LGA Christmas Party will be held on December 3. We have an 11:00am tee time for those who want to play 9 holes prior to our party. As part of the Christmas Party, we will have our normal gift exchange with a \$25 limit. We will also have an optional donation opportunity to either the Nancy K. Perry Childrens' Shelter or Mission Lexington. If you are planning to attend please contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Our last Couples Tournament was held November 13, on a cold and windy day but the sunshine made it bearable. We had six couples playing Net Best Ball. Thank you to Karen and Mark Lipinski for the tasty chili, salad and cupcakes that warmed us up nicely. Our winners were: 1st place: Jean Burns and Annemarie Keene; 2nd place: Sharon and Dell Crawshaw; 3rd place: Karen and Bob Waterfield.

We elected a new slate of officers last month at our yearend meeting. We would like to thank everyone that served during the past year and we wish the new officers good luck and a thanks for your willingness to serve. The 2023 Board includes: President - Trish Proctor, Vice President - Regena Sellers, Secretary/Treasurer - Annemarie Keene, Sandlapper Representative - Tia Davis.

As always, if you are new to the club, picking up the game or looking for more playing opportunities, please join us at the club each week for the Ladies Play Days. We have tee times set aside each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:16. To participate, please contact the Golf Shop at least 48 hours in advance sign up. Whether you like to walk or ride, play 18 or 9, all ladies are welcome to participate.

If you would like to join in on our fun or learn more about the LGA, contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: snauzers@yahoo.com

# Senior Men's Golf Association

Christmas time is almost here and we look forward to spending the holiday season with all the great men in our SMGA. If you are new to the club or looking for more occasions to play, please feel welcome to join us this month. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, is invited to participate in our matches held each Tuesday at 10:00am. The format changes each week and is fun for all ability levels. To be included on the roster, simply call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 by 3:00pm on the proceeding Monday.

After a two year hiatus due to COVID our annual SMGA Christmas Party will return this year. All members of our SMGA are invited to join us at the clubhouse on December 15th for a festive evening filled with great food, spirits and conversation. We will have a catered meal and open bar. The party will begin at 6:00pm and the cost is only \$5/couple. Please RSVP your intentions to join us by contacting Ray Chiellini.

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

<u>Nov. 1:</u> 1st - Hardy Youmans (+13); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tommy Mann (+12); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bruce Liles & Chuck Cordovano (+11); 5<sup>th</sup> - Frank Jansen (+8); 6<sup>th</sup> - Doc Griffin, Dick Howe & Dale Mamele (+7)

<u>Nov. 8:</u> 1st - Steve Lyman (61); 2nd - Tommy Mann (64); 3rd - Butch Hale (68); 4th - Del Crawshaw, Doug Stanard & Mark Wiggins (69); 7th - Jim Anderson, Rick Green, Frank Jansen, Mark Lipinski, Bill Lorenzen & Dan Sass (70)

<u>Nov. 22:</u> 1st - Chuck Dunlap, Joe Ecker & Don Elliott (+9); 4th - Knut Brockmann & Larry Hussmann (+8); 6th - Doug Stanard (+4)

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