



*Golden Hills Member*

# *Christmas Open House*

*December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

*Join us for complementary hors d'oeuvres & beverages*

*Mix, Mingle & Enjoy the spirit of the season*





## Upcoming Events:

- 12/4: Bearcat Invitational 11:00am  
 12/7: Cancer of Many Colors 11:00am  
 12/9: LGA Christmas Party 10:00am  
 12/14: SMGA Christmas Party 6:00pm  
 12/19: Member Christmas Drop In 6-8pm  
 12/21: Coaches Winter Classic 8:30am

### Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tuesday & Friday 9:15am  
 SMGA: Tuesday @ 10:00am  
 Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00;  
 Saturday @ 10:00; Sunday @ 12:00

## Local Knowledge:

### • Hole In One

Kevin Rose kicked off his first round as a new member by sinking an ace on Hole #3, on 11/24/23, from 165 yds using an 8 iron. Congrats & welcome to the club Mr. Rose!

### • 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. 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to put that hard earned credit to use this month in the Golf Shop.

### Lessons & Grips

Thinking about lessons to take your game to the next level? Head Golf Pro Steve Larick and Assistant Golf Professional Justin Fowler will be offering a buy 2 get 1 free lesson special for Christmas. Justin is also available for regripping clubs.

### • Member Login's

If you haven't been able to login to your member account or our tee time portal please let us know. Email: [info@goldenhillsgolf.com](mailto:info@goldenhillsgolf.com) if you need assistance.

### • Tennis Anyone?

Read page 2 of The Link to find out more information on Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills.

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## News from the Golf Shop

Wow! What a great month of November we had here at Golden Hills. Weather wise, it was absolutely stunning up until Thanksgiving. Cool crisp mornings and beautiful, sunny afternoons were the norm for most of the month. We hope December will bring more of the same and that you and your family will be able to use the Golden Hills facilities to their fullest. While the temperatures may turn a little chilly there will still be plenty of sun filled days to enjoy some fun and fellowship on the links!

The last Championship of the year was competed on November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies Golf Association Championship. What a great scene to see 23 of Golden Hills ladies tee it up on a brisk morning. Several of the ladies opted for the fun portion of the championship, a 4 person Captains' Choice. The team of Jill Ticknor, Debbie Siggelko, Hannah Liles and Melanie Ward birdied their last three holes to shoot a 73 and win by 1 shot. In the Net division of the championship Annemarie Keene and Sue Styles tied with a score of 75. Annemarie went on to capture the Net championship in a scorecard playoff. In the Gross division it was Carole Stone firing a score of 92 to win by 2 strokes. Congratulations ladies and thank you to all who participated. If you would like to join our great group of ladies at the club, they play twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15. Simply call or stop by the Golf Shop for more details on how to sign up. The Senior Men's Golf Association continues to grow and are consistently having 55-60 golfers every week. If you would like more details on how to join this great group of guys call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

As many of you know, we now have a fully functional tee time portal for members only. As our membership continues to grow, it's increasingly important to be accurate when using the online tee time portal. Over the past few months, we have experienced an alarming number of no-shows coming from the member portal. A no-show is when a tee time is made for more people than are actually coming or no one at all showing up to play without notifying the Golf Shop staff at least 12 hours in advance. Both of these circumstances are unacceptable. While it is a privilege of membership to use the portal, it is also a member's responsibility to be accurate in making tee times for their group. No-shows deprive fellow members the opportunity to play. While we do not want to put a pre-pay policy in place, it may be necessary if this

trend continues. In lieu of pre-pay, we will be adopting a no-show policy beginning January 1 of a cart fee charged to the member who makes the tee time for every no show in the group. Please help us do a better job of servicing our membership by providing accurate information on the online portal!

Without a doubt you don't want to miss our Member Christmas Drop-In on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Callaway, Titleist, Taylormade and more in stock there are plenty of options for everyone on your Christmas list. As a reminder, those who have played well enough to earn Golf Shop credits it must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Christmas Drop In/Sale is a great way to use them up.

The 2023 Match Play Championship is nearing its conclusion. There are 5 players still alive in the Championship. Rick Kester, Thomas Looper, and David Huff are in the semi finals with Charles Gray and Ricky Epperson playing their quarterfinal match. Good Luck gentlemen, play well!

Thinking about lessons to take your game to the next level? Head Golf Professional Steve Larick and Assistant Golf Professional Justin Fowler are offering a buy 2 get 1 free lesson special for Christmas. Be sure to stop by the Golf Shop and take advantage of all the discounts for Christmas!

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 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 do all we can to get you on the course as quickly as possible while taking the proper precaution to care for the fantastic putting surfaces and fairways you enjoy all year round.

Your Golf Shop Staff,  
 Steve Larick, Justin Fowler

## 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 2024!

Speaking of the holidays, our annual LGA Christmas Party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. For those that can, we will play a 9 hole Captain's Choice with a 10am shotgun start. Lunch will be provided immediately following at approximately 12:30. We will also have a Dirty Santa gift exchange with a \$25 gift limit, please bring a gift to be included in the exchange. This year, our service project will be for the VA Hospital.

What a beautiful day we had for our LGA Low Gross, Low Net, and Captain's Choice tournaments last month! We would like to recognize and congratulate our winners: Low Gross - Carole Stone shot a winning 92...she was as steady as a rock and kept the ball in play down the middle (Janet Hoffmann took second place). Low Net - Annemarie Keene won on a match of cards with a net 75 (while Sue Syles came in second). Captain's Choice - Melanie Ward, Jill Ticknor, Hannah Liles, and Debbie Siggelko came in first with a gross of 74 (one shot behind was the team of Trish Simmons, Milly Kester, Rosemary Jansen, and Carol Wiggins). Closest to the Pin awards went to Diane Lashua (#3), Trish Simmons (#7), and Cheri Toerck (#17...and she made the birdie!). Cheers to all our rock stars!

On January 11, our Golf Pro's Steve & Justin will give us a lesson on "Navigating Winter Course Conditions". As we all know the lies get tighter and the rough gets rougher in the winter. Our golf balls don't seem to go as far and our game seems to change a little. Steve & Justin will talk about what changes in our game in the winter and/or change with our game. After the indoor session we will head out on the course and they will help us with what we've learned. The cost of this lesson will be partially paid for by the LGA. The cost per person will be determined based on the number of participants. After the event we will meet back in the clubhouse for a pizza lunch. The session will start at 10:00am. If you would like to participate, please contact Annemarie Keene at (803) 318-3107 or email her at: [snauzers@yahoo.com](mailto:snauzers@yahoo.com). RSVP's are required to participate.

Throughout the month of December we hope you will join us at every opportunity for an 18 or 9 hole round on the links! Ladies Days at the club are held each Tuesday and Friday at 9:15am and Wednesday at 1:15. On December 14, we will replace the Friday round to each Thursday, so we will be playing each Tuesday & Thursday at 9:15am and Wednesday afternoon at 1:15. If you would like to join us, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 two days in advance to secure your spot. Come out and join us, you'll be glad you did!

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

## Senior Men's Golf Association

We're looking forward to both the holiday and more great golf this month at the club. If you are new to the club or just looking for more playing opportunities, we welcome your participation. 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, simply call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm on the preceding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

The SMGA council met last month to plan the Christmas party and how we will conduct business in 2024. The treasurer reported a total balance of \$5,917.55 (50/50 money \$3,312; operating balance \$2,605.55). SMGA dues for 2024 will be \$25 per man. To qualify for the 2024 SMGA Championship you must have at least 10 rounds recorded on Tuesdays.

Our SMGA Christmas party will be held at the clubhouse on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The fee will be \$25 per couple and \$15 per single. You must RSVP no later than December 5<sup>th</sup> so we have a solid head count. The menu will consist of turkey, pork loin, rolls, salad, mashed taters, gravy, dressing, and green beans; all prepared by our in house chefs Butch Hale and Jody Young. Liquor will be provided until it runs out, then a cash bar will be available, beer and win will be provided at no cost.

Due to our success over the last 2 years of attracting new members the following new procedures have been put in place: 1 - We will no longer accept new members. Instead there will be a waiting list, If you are interested in getting on the list, please contact the Golf Shop staff and they will pass the information along to us. From that list, prospective members will be accepted on a first come basis. 2 - We have 64 slots that we can use each Tuesday. This takes us back to hole #12. We cannot go back any further because it interferes with the maintenance schedule. The first 60 players that sign up get to play. It's the first 60 because the last foursome includes the council member in charge of the pairings. The master list will not be available until Thursday of each week, this will preclude players from signing up on the prior Tuesday without the knowledge of exactly how many they will have the following week. Singles will still be treated as before; i.e.: you will be paired with guys that are as close to your game as possible.

**Nov 7:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Al Rodriguez (68); 2<sup>nd</sup> (tie) Chuck Cordovano & Ohmer Slaven (69); 4<sup>th</sup> - Frank Jansen (70); 5<sup>th</sup> - John Sumbera (71); 6<sup>th</sup> - Jessie Snipes (72); 7<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Dunlap, Don Elliott, Dick Howe, Doug Stanard, Rich Turgeon, Mark Wiggins (73)

**Nov 14:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Rick Green (+3); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Doc Griffin (+2); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gary Liles (+1); 4<sup>th</sup> (tie) Randy Miller & Ohmer Slaven (0); 6<sup>th</sup> (tie) Mark DiMaggio & Butch Hale (-1); 8<sup>th</sup> - Joe Ecker, Frank Jansen & Jessie Snipes (-2)

**Nov 28: 2 Man Blind Draw:** 1<sup>st</sup> - Larry Haussman & John Sumbera (137); 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dick Howe & Bob Waterfield (145); 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) Randy Miller/Bruce Liles, Bill Lorenzen/Mark Wiggins, Jody Young/Rick Hubbard, Frank Jansen/Butch Hale (152); 7<sup>th</sup> - Mike Ruddy & Mike Kammer (156)

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](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

## Tennis

Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Coach Moorman offers lessons to all ages and ability levels but focuses heavily on junior tennis enthusiasts. Current programs being offered: **CHAMPIONS** - Ages 11 to 18 of all skill levels. Advanced players under 11 years of age should speak with coach to determine appropriate program. **SCHEDULE:** M, T, Th 5:00pm to 7:00pm; 5:00 - 5:15 Dynamic Warmup/Short Court, 5:15 - 6:00 Drill for "Shot of the week" including technical training, 6:00 - 7:00 Competitive games focused on "Shot of the week". \* Shot of the Week - Each week will focus on a specific skill (i.e. forehands, volleys, serves, backhand, transition, footwork). **CHALLENGERS** - Ages 6 to 11 beginners and intermediate Focus on Fun & Fundamentals. **SCHEDULE:** T and Th 4:45pm to 6:00pm; 4:45 - 5:00 Warmup and Footwork, 5:00 - 5:30 FUNdamentals, 5:30 - 6:00 FUN competition