June 2023

The Link



Upcoming Events:

6/12: Gray Collegiate 11:00 shotgun 6/18: LGA Couples 10:00 6/22: Tri County Junior 8:30 6/24: Club Championship 8:00 t-times 6/25: Club Championship 8:00 t-times 6/26: APG 9:30 6/30: St. Stephens 10:00

Weekly Member Play:

Ladies Day: Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am SMGA: Tuesday @ 9:00am Dogfights: Wednesday @ 12:00; Friday @ 12:00; Saturday @ 9:00; Sunday @ 12:00

Local Knowledge:

• Pool Time

The pool is open for the 2023 swim season. Be sure to visit our website to get your copy of the 2023 Pool Newsletter.

• Junior Golf Camp

Get your kids out to the club in July for our Junior Golf Camps. Our Assistant PGA Professional Justin Fowler will host the camps on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 5:30 starting on July II. Call the Golf Shop for more information and to register.

• Hole In One

Darryl Phelps found the bottom of the cup during day 2 of the Member-Guest. He sank it in on Hole #3, from 170 yds using a 7 iron. Congrats!

· Club Championship

It's time to put your golf skills to the test and sign up for our Club Championship on June 24 & 25. Read more in News from the Golf Shop.

• Father's Day

June is the month to celebrate all our great dads. If you are looking for a great gift, look no further than your Golden Hills Golf Shop. We are stocked with golf shirts, shoes, hats, balls and so much more. Give the gift of golf to your dad this year.

• 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

Wow. What an awesome May we had at Golden Hills! Spring like temperatures hung around for the month of May bringing great playing conditions to our golfers. Brooks Koepka became the first LIV golfer to win a major. Over Memorial Day weekend, the pool opened for everyone to enjoy a dip to cool off or just hang out with friends. The golf course continued to get greener and is playing fantastically. Wow indeed! Good news is summer is here and the months ahead promise to be just as good!

The 2023 Member Guest was played on May 20th & 21st. The weekend kicked off with a practice round on Friday followed by the putting contest won by David Morrison; quest of Gregg Erickson. A prime rib dinner was catered by Hudson's where players enjoyed a great meal and fellowship with their fellow competitors. Saturday's round was played under wet conditions from the 4 inches of rain that fell on Thursday and Friday. That didn't slow our golfers down as several teams had outstanding days. William McCamy and Eric Caughman led the way with a 12 under par 59 followed closely by the teams of Chris Ulmer/ Gary Collins and Paul Daurity/Tim Dupree who shot 11 under par 60's. Then came Sunday! The rain started 5 minutes after the players teed off and did not stop until they finished. But, finish they did! There were several great shots and rounds on Sunday including a hole in 1 on #3 by Darryl (flip flop) Phelps. William McCamy and Eric Caughman held on with a score of 62 on Sunday and total of 161 for a wire-to-wire victory. Congratulations to our 2023 Member Guest champions and thanks to everyone for your participation.

The Men's Golf Association held a Blind Draw ABCD tournament on Saturday, May 6th. The format was 1 gross best ball plus 1 net best ball of the 4 players that were drawn out of a hat after they teed off. The format makes for a suspenseful tournament as players did not know how their teams did until all the scores were computed at the end. David Huff, Jeff Smoak, Chaz Crane, and Chris Martin shot a score of 16 under 126 to capture the crown. Congratulations gentlemen!

Be sure to mark June 24th & 25th on your

calendar for our next major tournament, the 2023 Golden Hills Club Championship. Sign up, sharpen your game, take a lesson if need be, and prepare to test your skills in this event. Tee times will begin at 8:00am with Seniors teeing off first, followed by the Mens division. Both the Ladies and Junior division will be decided by one round played on Saturday. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The Senior Men's Golf Association is continuing to grow and each Tuesday morning they have an outstanding field looking forward to a little friendly competition on the links. This is a great group of guys that are willing to play with everyone. If you are age 55 or older, new to Golden Hills, or just looking for a steady game then Tuesday mornings are for you. If you would like to play on Tuesday mornings with the SMGA just call the Golf Shop by Monday at 3:00pm to sign up.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings are Ladies Day. If you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 or 18, all are welcome to come and join in the fun that is Ladies Day. Both Tuesday and Thursday mornings play begins at 8:15. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop by 3:00pm the preceding day.

Got Kids? Golden Hills will be hosting a Junior Golf Camp in July. On Tuesdays and Thursdays in July, starting July 11th, your Golden Hills staff led by Justin Fowler will be offering junior golf camps for junior golfers ages 7-14. The camp will be at 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost for the camp will be \$25 for an individual session or \$120 for all six dates. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 or email Justin Fowler at justinfowler42@gmail.com.

In closing, we would like to thank all those who have been very helpful in maintaining your golf course by filling your divots with sand, repairing ball marks and obeying all cart rules. This summer help to make Golden Hills the best it has ever been by continuing those efforts.

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Ladies Golf Association

If you are new to the club, just picking up the game or simply looking for more playing opportunities, then make plans to join us each Tuesday & Thursday for our Ladies Play Days. Our ladies tee off at 8:15 and you are welcome to play 9 or 18 holes, walk or ride. Regardless of your skill level, all are welcome and encouraged to participate. Call the Golf Shop 2 days in advance at (803) 957-3355 to secure your tee time with our great group of ladies at the club.

Everyday on the course is a good day but we had an extra fun day at the club last month for our FUN DAY. We are appreciative of all the ladies that participated and if you missed out, don't be disappointed because we are planning another Fun Day later in the year. Congratulations to the winners of the Par 3/ Captain's Choice Tournament - Carole Stone, Pat Brockmann, Nancy Hanna, and Rosemary Jansen. This team won by 4 shots! Janet Hoffmann, Sharon Crawshaw, and Carol Wiggins garnered second place by one shot. Jean Burns, Beth Koin, Norma Hammill and Milly Kester earned third place by one shot.

Congratulations to our Golden Hills LGA team who played in the Ladies Handicap Match League (LHML) last month at Stoney Point and brought home 7 ½ of the 9 possible points. That's awesome! Last month's team included: Team A: Carole Stone & Kathy Shillaber; Team B: Jean Burns & Janet Hoffman; Team C: Ginny Maxwell & Sue Styles. Team A took all 3 points as did Team B! Way to go ladies! Team C took 1 ½ points but had to play against the course (and not their home course). Way to go Team C taking on a new course! Our LGA ladies rock! Next month we'll be playing at Ponderosa on June 15th. The team next month will consist of Regena, Ginny, Lisa, Jean, Kathy & Jill. Good luck ladies!

Unfortunately our Couples Tournament was rained out last month. So we hope to see a large turnout for the Couples Tournament this month which will be held on June 18. Play will begin at 10:00am. Find your partner and call the Golf Shop to register. Lunch will follow play at the clubhouse.

Our ladies had a great time playing in the Sandlapper tournament last month at Ponderosa. Golden Hills was well represented with 13 players in the field. Two of our ladies played particularly well and took home some cash. Congrats to Lisa Hayes - 1st in Flight 8 and Jean Burns - 2nd place in Flight 1. Thanks ladies for showing up big time for Golden Hills.

We hope you will mark your calendar for our Summer Party that will be held on July 8. Participants will have the option to play 9 holes, prior to the party, with tee times starting at 10:00. The party will follow play at the Golden Hills clubhouse

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

The warm sun filled days have left us with great opportunities to play on a course that is second to none! If you are looking to play more, then we invite you to join our senior men's group each Tuesday at 9:00am. All senior men, age 55 & over, are welcome to join our weekly outings that prove to be both competitive and fun. 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.

On June 6th we will play a 2 Man Best Ball format. Find a partner and register your participation by contacting the Golf Shop by June 4. 100% handicap will be used.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, June 15 at 6:00pm for our Summer Social. A great meal will be served and it will be an evening of fun and fellowship together. If you look like to attend, please RSVP to Jody Young or Butch Hale

Our Senior Ryder Cup team found its "mojo" and won both their matches last month. In the first match they defeated Newberry 12.5 - 5.5 and in the second match they whipped Santee Cooper 14.5 - 3.5. The next two matches will have the team taking on Camden CC on June 15 and Woodlands CC on July 13. Anyone interested in participating on the Golden Hills team or for more information, contact team Captain Mike Ruddy at: mmruddy@outlook.com

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

<u>May 2:</u> 1st - Rick Hubbard (+7); 2nd (tie) Al Beard, Dick Howe, Mark Wiggins (+5); 5th - Steve Lyman (+3); 6th - Bruce Liles (+2); 7th - Butch Hale (+1)

<u>May 9:</u> 1st - Gary Maynard (66); 2nd - Keith Morgan (67); 3rd (tie) Doug Harper & Rich Turgeon (68); 5th (tie) Al Beard & Dan Sass (69)

<u>May 16:</u> 1st - Keith Morgan (+4); 2nd (tie) Chuck Felkel & Frank Jansen (+2); 4th (tie) Rick Green, Larry Haussman, Dan Sass (+1); 7th (tie) David Ha & Mike Kammer (0)

<u>May 23:</u> 1st - Dale Memle (+11); 2nd - Don Elliott (+2); 3rd - Al Beard (0); 4th (tie) Rick Green, Butch Hale, Mark Lipinski, Bill Lorenzen & Dan Sass (-1)

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



Junior Golf Camp

We hope to see your aspiring junior golf stars at our Junior Camps this summer. The camps will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30 beginning on July 11. Read more in "News from the Golf Shop"



Couples Tournament

June 18th

Join us June 18th for the next Couples Tournament at the club. Play will begin at 10:00 and lunch will be served at the clubhouse following play. Find your favorite partner and register your participation by contacting the Golf Shop.



2023 Championship

June 24th & 25th

Step up to the challenge & your chance to be crowned a 2023 Club Champion. The exciting 2 day, 36 hole contest will be held on June 24 & 25. The format is 36 hole stroke play, flighted after the 1st round. You can't win it if you aren't in it!



Dive In

Summer 2023

Dive into summer by lounging poolside at Golden Hills. The pool is open from 12pm - 8pm on weekdays & 11am - 8pm on weekends. Look under the 'swim' tab of our website for pool news, swim team info, swim lessons & more!