November 2022

The Link



Upcoming Events:

11/3: Babcock Center 12pm
11/5 & 6: MGA Championship 9am T-Times
11/7: VFW of the Midlands 10am
11/10: LakeMurray.com 10am
11/13: Couples Tournament 10am
11/14: Silver Jax Cheer 10am
11/17: West Columbia Police 10am

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

Local Knowledge:

• Lessons & Grips

Our new 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.

• Couples Tournament

Don't miss out on the last Couples Tournament of the year this month. Join us on November 13 at 10am for a great time on the course and a delicious meal following play at the Clubhouse.

• Employee of the Year

We are proud to announce that Golden Hills very own distinguished employee, Chad Berry, has been named the South Carolina Golf Course Owners Association "Employee of the Year". The award was presented during the association's annual meeting on October 26 at the Daniel Island Club. It is a very well deserved award and recognition. Congratulations Chad & Thank You for all you do!

· 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!

Special Occasions

The clubhouse makes the perfect setting for any special event. Whether a party, shower or business meeting, contact our Food & Bev. Manager, Laurice Mears, for assistance at (803) 957-3355

• 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

Fall is finally here! We will see numerous changes in playing conditions this month including cooler temperatures, changes in colors, dormant Bermuda grass and, unfortunately, shorter days. However, you should still be able to find plenty of daylight and warm days to come out and play a round with friends or family. With the holidays getting nearer, what a wonderful reminder that we are able to enjoy family, fellowship and the great game of golf. We here at Golden hills are thankful that we have all of you as our family. Make time this month to enjoy your club with your family and with us here at Golden Hills.

October was a fantastic month to play golf at Golden Hills. The temperatures finally began to drop but some of the golf was red hot. The Men's Golf Association played the "No Alibi" golf tournament on Saturday, October 6th. The No Alibi is unique in that instead of subtracting your handicap from your score players receive mulligans equal to your handicap. Strategy comes into play often in deciding when to take those mulligans. Ricky Beckham proved to be the Master of Strategy and the golf course turning in a great score of 72 to narrowly edge out Chris Ulmer by 1 shot with his 73. There was a 3-way tie for third with scores of 77. Congratulations gentlemen! The MGA Championship will be played on November 5th and 6th. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 957-3355. Our Annual MGA Meeting will follow Sunday's round. This year's meeting will be very important for all members to attend as we will be electing new MGA Board Members. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in both the championship and meeting.

The Senior Men's Golf Association played their season ending 2-day Championship on October 18 & 25. First round action proved to be challenging but Chuck Dunlap took the lead with an outstanding round of 64. Round two saw many of the leaders fall backwards. In the end Bruce Liles was

crowned the SMGA Champion with a 2 day total of 137. Beginning Tuesday November 8th the SMGA will be moving their start time to 10am on Tuesdays. If you are new to the club, recently retired or just looking for a steady game, be sure to call the Golf Shop by 3pm on Mondays to join in a fun round of golf with the SMGA.

Our Ladies group continues to grow! Join us on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:16am in November for the Ladies Play Days. If you are new to Golden Hills and have not yet played with our Ladies group; what are you waiting for?! Whether you play 9 or 18, walk or ride, are a scratch golfer or beginner, all are welcome to come and join in the fun. Simply call the Golf Shop to sign up.

The Golden Hills Math Play event has reached the final four! Dr. David Ha has seemingly cruised thru his matches. Chas Crane has shown flashes of brilliance to make it to the final four. Ernie Dotson has taken all of his matches on the 18th hole and the steady play of Chris Ulmer has helped him carve his way through the brackets. Congratulations gentlemen on making it to the final four and good luck the rest of the way.

With Christmas right around the corner, now is a great time to get all your clothing and accessories for the golfer(s) in your family. In November we will be offering the annual shirt, shoe and shorts sale as well as special pricing on Black Friday. Now is the time to stop by as the Golf Shop will be fully stocked to shop for the holiday season or simply treat yourself to that new apparel you have been eyeballing. Get it now while we still have a great selection in stock. If we do not have it and you need it, we will get it for you. Simply stop by and order it before December 5th to ensure delivery by Christmas.

Your Golf Shop Staff

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Ladies Golf Association

October was a busy month for our ladies! In addition to all the weekly Ladies Play Days, our ladies showed off their stellar play and competitive spirit in numerous tournaments both at Golden Hills and other courses in the state. We can only hope that November will bring even more holes played and timed enjoyed with one another.

The Ladies Handicap Match League wrapped up the season last month on October 6. It was a tight race this year and our group fought hard. We ended up finishing the season tied for second and lost by only ½ point. We had a season to really be proud of, as everyone played well, had a great time and enjoyed competing at a lot of different courses.

We held our LGA Championship on October 8. It was a gorgeous day for golf. The weather was perfect and the camaraderie was amazing, as always. Congratulations to our Low Gross Champion: Carole Stone and Lot Net Champion: Sue Styles. Captains Choice winners of the day were: Angeles Doto, Sharon Crawshaw, Lois Tessier and Tia Davis.

On October 11, Jean Burns captured 1st place in the 3rd Flight at the SC Senior Women's Golf Association Championship. It was a 2 day tournament held at the Links O'Tryon in Campobello, SC. Way to go Jean and thanks for representing Golden Hills so well!

We had another great day for our Couples Tournament on October 16. The format for the day was a Stableford and the winners were: 1st: Rosemary & Frank Jensen and 2nd: Lois & Ron Tessier. Make plans to join us for the final Couples Tournament of 2022 on November 13. It will be a Net Best Ball competition with play beginning at 10:00. Grab a partner and look forward to a great day of golf, time spent with one another and food following play.

Effective November 8, our Ladies Play Days at the club will move to Tuesday and Friday with tee times starting at 9:16am. As always, please remember to sign up in the Golf Shop at least 48 hours in advance. 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

Fall is here and it's PRIME TIME for golf so make plans to join us on the course 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.

We held our SMGA Championship last month on consecutive Tuesday's, October 18 and 25. The first round of competition was tough but Chuck Dunlap proved to be up to the challenge and took the lead with an outstanding round of 64. Round two brought a swift change to the scoreboard as many of the early leaders fell backwards. In the end, it was the 2 day total score of 137 that secured the Championship title for Bruce Liles. Congratulations Bruce and thanks to all our senior men for your participation and sportsmanship. Additional results from the tournament are listed below.

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

Oct. 4: 1st - Tommy Mann (60); 2nd - Larry Hussmann (64); 3rd - Joe Ecker (65); 4th (tie) David Gray & Bruce Liles (66); 6th - Mark DiMaggio (67)

Oct. 18 & 25: SMGA Championship:

<u>Green Flight:</u> 1st - Hardy Youmans (144); 2nd - Doc Griffin (149); 3rd - Al Beard (152); 4th - Keith Morgan (154); 5th - Doug Harper (155)

<u>1st Black Flight:</u> 1st - Doug Stanard (140); 2nd - Randy Miller (143); 3rd - Tommy Mann (144); 4th (tie) Jim Anderson & Joe Ecker (146)

<u>2nd Black Flight</u>: 1st - Bruce Liles (137); 2nd - Dan Sass (138); 3rd (tie) Ford Cooper & David Gray (142); 5th - Randy Book (144)

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

