September 2023

The Link



Upcoming Events:

9/9: MGA Three 6's 9:00 t-times
9/11: Aiken Seniors 10:00
9/13: Terry Prosser 9:30
9/14: Taylor Watford 9:00 & 2:00
9/17: Couples Tournament 10:00
9/18: Citadel Club 12:30
9/20: LGA Fun Day 8:30
9/21: Real Men Wear Pink 10:00
9/25: Danny Cates 10:00
9/28: Johnny Bowen Memorial 12:00

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:

• Ladies Fun Day

Mark your calendars for September 20th, for the next LGA Fun Day tournament beginning a 8:30am! Hopefully you can arrange your schedule so you won't miss out on this day of fun at the club. Read more under the LGA news on page 2.

• Couples Tournament

The next Couples Tournament will be held on September 17 at 10:00am. The format will be "3 Clubs & a Putter". This is a fun format and we hope you will make plans to join us.

• MGA Three 6's

Join the MGA on 9/9 for 6 holes of net best ball, 6 of alternate shot & 6 of aggregate net total. It's a 2 man team event so find a partner & register in the Golf Shop.

• Ladies Chip & Chatter

Ladies make plans to join our Pro's for the infamous Chip & Chatter beginning this month. Read News from the Golf Shop for details.

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Exciting Changes Have Arrived!

Last month we were able to roll out the online Member Account & Member Tee Time features of our new POS system. We hope everyone has been enjoying the ease of access these two features provide. If you did not receive an email inviting you to login to the Member Account portal or the email including the information for your login to the Member Tee Time link, please let us know by emailing: info@goldenhillsgolf.com

News from the Golf Shop

Wow! Although we had to endure some scorching hot weather, August was a great month here at Golden Hills. With September here we will be rewarded with great weather, the college football season, and outstanding playing conditions. Soon we will feel the brisk cool weather of fall which will be greatly appreciated after one of the hottest August's on record.

The 2023 Club Championship was played on August 19th & 20th. 70 golfers teed it up over 5 divisions: Ladies, Juniors, Super Senior, Senior and Men's. On Saturday morning the golfers were treated to almost fall like conditions and a golf course that was firm and fast. The Junior Division was competed over 1 round on Saturday. Congratulations to Maddox McCamy for becoming our Junior Club Champion with a round of 85. There were some great rounds across all divisions on Saturday with Jean Burns & Carole Stone tied for the Ladies division with scores of 91. Dick Olsen led the Super Senior division with a score of 80. Mike Calkins and Rick Kester led the Senior and Men's Division respectively with scores of 73. Sunday there was much anticipation to see who could top the leaderboard. Jean Burns captured the Ladies Club Championship and Trish Simmons came out on top of the Ladies Net Division. Bob Cave came from 4 shots back at the start of play on Sunday to finish with a final round of 76 and the Super Senior Champion title. Mike Calkins struggled on Sunday but held on to capture another Senior Men's Club Championship. All the excitement came in the Men's Division with 2 time Club Champion Gregg Erickson setting the pace early with a score of 72 and total of 150. One by one competitors came up short until David Huff birdied 18 to tie. On the playoff hole David Huff drained a 20 foot par putt to be crowned 2023 Men's Club Champion. Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to all of you who competed in this year's event.

The Men's Golf Association held an event on August 5th. The 7th annual 1-2-3 or 3-2-1 as it was in this case. In the format of 3 man teams the scoring was done by counting all 3 net scores on hole 1,

2 net scores on hole 2 and 1 net score on hole 3. They continued the 3,2,1 scores for the remainder of the round to finish with a par of 140 for the format. There were several teams holding on to first place with scores of 131 and then 130. Then Rick Kester, Bryan McGill and Jarrod Frick finished up with a score of 17 under par 123 to smoke the field by seven shots. Thanks to all who played and congratulation to our MGA 3,2,1 champions. Next up for the Men's Golf Association is the 6,6,6 tournament on September 9th. Tee times will begin at 9:00. The format is 2 man teams playing 6 holes of Alternate Shot. 6 holes of Best Ball, and 6 holes of Aqgregate. If you would like to participate simply call the Golf Shop. Since football rules in the south, the MGA Championship has been rescheduled for October 28 & 29. Please be sure to mark your calendar accordingly.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue playing on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 throughout September. With participation growing every month to almost 60 golfers weekly, now is the time to come out and join this great group of guys. All you have to do to sign up is call the Golf Shop by 3pm each Monday afternoon.

The Ladies Play Days continue to be a hit at the club. If you are new to the club and have not played on Tuesday or Thursday morning at 8:15 with our ladies, what are you waiting for? This is a fun-loving great group of ladies that plays 9 or 18, some walk and some ride, some are accomplished golfers and others are beginners. It doesn't matter your skill level or type of round you are playing all are welcome to come and join the fun. To sign up, call the Golf Shop.

Back for the fall is the now world famous Chip and Chatter. Well, Golden Hills famous anyway! On September 12th your Golden Hills Staff will host a ladies clinic at 5:30 that will run for 3 consecutive weeks. The cost is \$60 for all 3 or \$25 for an individual session. Week 1 will be at the driving range. Week 2 will be on the short game. Week 3 will be on the course. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

The Golden Hills Match Play tournament will begin in September. Sign up is now open and is limited to the first 32 competitors. Pairings will be made as soon as the sign up is full with the first match being played by Sunday 24th.Each successive match will have 2 weeks to be completed. This is a handicap event with players receiving 90% of their handicap. This event is open to all members with a USGA handicap. To sign up stop by or call the Golf Shop ASAP as this tournament will fill up!

With cooler temperatures right around the corner, September is a great month to use the practice facilities to hone your skills! Over the past 6 months we have noticed an alarming number of members abusing their range privileges by hitting balls over the fence, not filling their divots in with sand, hitting from outside the ropes and retrieving balls from the range to hit. Beginning September 1st Golden hills will be installing a range monitoring program to help remind those who may forget or not know what the rules are at the range. These rules are very important to maintaining the quality of your range experience. Our goal is to always provide you with quality turf and an ample supply of quality golf balls to be able to keep the range open. With the number of balls hit over the fence into the woods and creek, it is nearly impossible for us to maintain an adequate supply of balls and forces us to close the range from time to time. Please help us provide you with the quality experience everyone deserves by adhering to the rules of the Driving Range. We all thank you in advance for helping us alleviate this problem.

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 two days in advance at (803) 957-3355 to secure your t-time. We look forward to seeing you at the club this month!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 20th for the next LGA Fun Day tournament beginning a 8:30 am! We hope you will be able to arrange your schedule to play. It will be a Captain's Choice with teams of equal ability using different tees, playing one hole with only a putter, using your foot to knock in a putt, and hitting off the tee with your ball under a Solo cup, among others. If your best play is from a bunker, use your "hand wedge!" Missed the putt by an inch? Each team will have plenty of string to assist you in not adding another shot to the scorecard! No eye-rolling here — just lots of fun and laughter. Even if you prefer playing only 9 holes, I hope you'll consider joining us as it won't seem like 18 holes! Please sign up with Kathy Shillaber (803) 369-1908 or in the Golf Shop. Entrance fee of \$10 will cover a lite lunch and prizes.

Congrats are in order to Jean Burns, Kathy Shillaber and Carole Stone for winning at a Sr Women's Golf Tournament last month at River Hills Golf Club in Lake Wylie! Way to represent GH Ladies!!! We are so proud of you all!

This month marks the return of our Couples Tournament after a short summer break. The next Couples Tournament will be held on September 17 at 10:00am. The format will be a "3 Clubs & a Putter". This is a fun format and we hope you will make plans to join us.

Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Chip & Chatter clinics that will start on September 12. Golf lessons, cool drinks and time with friends ~ what more could you ask for?!! Read News from the Golf Shop for details.

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

We endured some extreme heat during our rounds last month, so fall and cooler temps can't arrive soon enough. Regardless of the weather, our weekly rounds will continue each Tuesday this month. 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.

Our Ryder Cup team will be back in action this month facing off against Lexington CC on September 6 at Golden Hills. The final match of the season will be against Cobblestone at their course on September 10. Currently we are in 3rd place but still in the playoff hunt. Good luck gentlemen!

Results from our SMGA events are as follows:

<u>August 1:</u> 1st - Ray Chiellini (63); 2nd - Jody Young (65); 3rd (tie) David Ha & Rick Hubbard (68); 5th (tie) Jim Anderson, Chuck Felkel, Bruce Liles, Mark Wiggins (70)

<u>August 8:</u> 1st (tie) Doug Stanard, Mark Wiggins (+7); 3rd - Dan Sass (+4); 4th - Jody Young (+2); 5th - Bill Lorenzen (+1); 6th - Jim Anderson (0)

<u>August 15:</u> 1st - Dale Mamele (67); 2nd - Randy Miller (68); 3rd (tie) Randy Book, Al Rodriquez, Ed Siggelko (69); 6th - Doug Stanard (70); 7th (tie) Jim Anderson, Don Elliot, Chuck Felkel, Bill Lorenzen (71)

<u>August 22:</u> 1st - Jim Anderson (+10); 2nd - Joe Ecker (+6); 3rd - Keith Morgan (+2); 4th (tie) Dick Howe, Randy Miller, Ed Siggelko (+1); 7th (tie) David Ha & Doug Harper (0)

<u>August 29:</u> 1st - Frank Wingate (65); 2nd - Randy Book (66); 3rd - Keith Morgan (67); 4th (tie) Lonnie Griffin, Dick Howe, John Sumbera, Bob Waterfield (68); 8th (tie) Chuck Felkel, Rick Green & Bill Lorenzen (69)

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

Tennis

Starting September 1, Golden Hills will have a new tennis coach offering lessons at the courts. Let us introduce you to Whit Moorman: Coach Whit Moorman is a PTR certified pro who began coaching in Douglas, Georgia over 20 years ago. While there he developed a thriving tennis program that sent over 20 players to all levels of college tennis (JUCO to Division I). In 2017 Coach Moorman and his family moved to Bradenton, FL where he worked first as a coach and then as the Recruiting Coordinator and Coach at two high performance tennis academies (Inspiration Academy and Next Generation Tennis Academy). While in Bradenton/Sarasota he had the opportunity to coach multiple top world ranked juniors and budding professionals. He has been a travel coach at USTA, ITF, ATP and WTA events. In May of 2019 Coach Moorman relocated to Lexington as the Assistant Director of tennis at Capital City Tennis Academy located at Topspin. For the past four years he has continued to work as a private instructor and coach focused on performance-based tennis. He believes that the coach/player relationship is the key to all success. Coach Moorman lives in Lexington with his wife, Jenny, and daughter, Laurel. In addition, his son, Lee, is a Sophomore at USC; son, Sam, is in his 3rd year of medical school; and daughter, Caroline, lives in Georgia with her family.

If you would like to learn more about lessons and clinics that Whit will be offering, you can reach him at: whit.tenniscoach@gmail.com or call (912) 381-1584