

March 2024



Upcoming Events:

3/2: MGA Pinehurst Alt. Shot
9am t-times

3/7: Battle of the Dam
9:00am t-times

3/17: Couples Tournament 10am

3/21: Garris Gonce 1pm

3/23 & 3/24: Member-Member

3/25: Al's Palmetto Golfers 9:30

News from the Golf Shop

After a cold damp January, February gave us a glimpse of spring with several warm days but also plenty of rain. These warm wet days have brought some green grass to your golf course earlier than usual. With Daylight Savings time beginning on March 10th there will be extra hours of daylight in the evenings to take advantage of the late afternoon rounds on the links or last minute bucket of balls. Bottom line, there will be plenty of time and opportunity to fit a little golf into your busy schedule. The course will turn greener week by week and once again will be in fantastic shape. We hope each of you will be able to find a little more time in your schedule for a little fun and fellowship on the links with us this month.

The 2024 Play It Forward tournament was a huge success. 50 golfers teed it up from 1 tee forward than their age will allow them. For most, the golf course still showed some teeth even at the shorter distance. There were a few that mastered the shorter distance and took home some prizes. Dewayne Heffley shot a 74 which included a triple bogey 8 on #12 followed by 3 birdies in a row on 13,14,15. DeWayne's 74 was good enough to take home the low gross prize. Regena Sellers had a sizzling back nine and took home the low net prize with a score of 64. Congratulations and thanks to all who enjoyed and participated in the event!

Speaking of fun! The 2024 Member/Member golf tournament will take place this year on March 23rd & 24th. The format is 2 person teams playing 4 different 9 hole formats. Saturday's round will be comprised of Pinehurst Alternate shot on the front nine and Captains Choice on the back nine. Sunday's round will be Net Best Ball on the front nine and Aggregate Net score on the back nine. Like they say at the Masters it all comes down to the back nine on Sunday. Flights will be determined by total team handicap and winners will be crowned in each format. The overall champion will be determined by the total score of all four formats. The entry fee will be \$180 per team plus a \$100 team cash buy in. If you would like to sign up or receive more details, stop by or call the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

The Men's Golf Association will be back on the schedule on March 2nd with the Pinehurst Alternate Shot. In this format both players tee off, then both players will hit their partners tee ball on the next shot. From there, you will choose 1 ball and continue to alternate until the ball is holed. Play will begin at 9:00 with tee times. If you have a request for early or late tee times please let the Golf Shop staff know when you sign up. Again, you can stop by the Golf Shop or call to sign up.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play at 10:00am on Tuesday mornings throughout March. Whether you are new to the club or just looking for a new group to play with, sign up and come join this great group of guys. The only qualifications are you must be 55 years of age and have a great attitude! Call the Golf Shop by 3pm the preceding Monday to sign up.

Ladies Day continues to be a smashing hit! If you have considered playing with the ladies on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, please come out and join in the fun. The key to beginning to play golf with others is knowing that we have all been in the same place. Are you apprehensive about meeting new people? Think you are not good enough? Only want to play nine holes? Put those thoughts aside. This group is all about fun and fellowship! Oh yea, they also like to chase a little white ball (maybe yellow, orange or green) through some amazing, beautiful landscaping and are sure to hit a couple of great shots along the way. The Ladies Play days are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 during the month of March. Don't be shy, they would love to have you come and join in the fun. Just call the Golf Shop to get plugged in!

Save the Date: The 2024 Member/Guest will be played on April 26, 27 & 28th. The format will be net best ball over 36 holes. Friday will feature a practice round, putting contest, long drive contest & dinner. The competition begins Saturday morning with a shotgun start at 9:00. Also on the schedule for April is the Ladies Chip and Chatter beginning Tuesday, April 9th at 5:30 for 3 consecutive weeks.

Your Golf Shop Staff

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Local Knowledge:

- Congratulation to Kirk Wiley on his Hole-In-One made on 2/27/24. Hole #7 from 140yds using his 7 iron.
- If you haven't been able to login to your member account or our t- time portal please let us know. Email: info@goldenhillgolf.com for assistance.
- Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Coach Moorman offers lessons to all ages & ability levels but focuses heavily on junior tennis enthusiasts. Call (912) 381-1584 for more info.

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Ladies Golf Association

We held our 1st Qtr Kickoff meeting last month and have a full slate of events scheduled for 2024. Upcoming events in March include our Spring Golf Trip to Santee on March 13-15 (we have twelve ladies attending) and a Couples Tournament on March 17. The format for the Couples Tournament will be a Net Best Ball and lunch will follow play at the clubhouse. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Grab your partner and join us on the 17th.

We'll be defending our 2023 Championship in the Ladies Handicap Matchplay League starting this month. On March 5, we will play at Mid Carolina vs. the team from Oak Hills. We will field a team of six ladies (different team each month) to compete against other clubs each month (March-October). Team

Captains for Golden Hills are Annemarie Keene and Janet Hoffman. If you are interested in playing, please rank your event date and location preferences and give that information to Janet or Annemarie.

The 1st Sandlapper Tournament of the year will be held on March 26 at Cobblestone.

Our golf Pro's, Steve Larick and Justin Fowler will be hosting a Ladies Chip & Chatter on April 9, 16 & 23 at 5:30pm. If you are interested in participating, contact the Golf Shop for details at (803) 957-3355.

Several LGA ladies joined the SC Senior Women's Golf Association and will be playing in their tournaments this year including the one Golden Hills is hosting on June 17th. Several of our ladies will be playing at

their event in Newberry on April 8th.

As you can tell, ladies joining the Golden Hills LGA have incredible opportunities to play in a lot of tournaments at different area courses.

If you are new to the club, just picking up the game or looking for more playing opportunities, we invite you to join us for one of the club's Ladies Play Days. Tee times are set aside for ladies at the club each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am and each Wednesday afternoon at 1:15pm. Whether you prefer 18 or 9 holes, walk or ride, all are welcome to participate.

If you would like more information on ladies golf at Golden Hills or our LGA, contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Gentlemen, we've almost made it through winter and we will certainly welcome spring with open arms this month. With improving weather and course conditions, our weekly outings will get better by the week. If you are new to the club, looking for more playing opportunities or just need an excuse to get out of the house, we invite you to join us each Tuesday at 10:00am for a friendly and fun round of golf. Any male members of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, are welcome. To be included in our lineup, simply call the

Golf Shop by 2:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

Results from February:

Feb 6: 1st (tie) Del Crawshaw & Jessie Snipes (70); 3rd - Frank Wingate (72); 4th (tie) Doc Griffin, Larry Harding, Frank Janzen (73); 7th - Randy Laney (74); 8th (tie) Doug Harper & Howard Werner (75)

Feb 20: 1st - Keith Morgan (+9); 2nd (tie) Butch Hale & Rich Turgeon (+3); 4th (tie) Rick Hubbard & Randy Miller (+2); 6th - Mark Lipinski (0); 7th (tie) Don Elliott, Rick

Green, David Ha, Jeff Jordan (-1)

Feb 27: 1st (tie) Rick Green, Doug Harper, Rich Turgeon (68); 4th (tie) Mark Lipinski, Bill Lorenzen, Kirk Wiley (69); 7th (tie) Chuck Cordovano; Gary Maynard, Doug Stanard, Frank Wingate (70)

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: dober2plus1@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar: MGA, LGA & Club Tournaments 2024:

March 2 - MGA 2-MAN PINEHURST SHOT TOURNAMENT

March 17 - Couples Tournament

March 23-24 - Golden Hills Member/Member Tournament

April 13 - Golden Hills Masters Pick-A-Pro Tournament

April 21 - Couples Tournament

April 26-28 - Member/Guest Tournament

May 9 - LGA FUN Day

May 18 - MGA 3-MAN YELLOW BALL TOURNAMENT

May 19 - Couples Tournament

June 8 - MGA 4-MAN BLIND DRAW TOURNAMENT

June 16 - Couples Tournament

June 17 - SC Senior Women's Golf Association

June 22-23 - Golden Hills Club Championship

July 13 - MGA PICK 6 TOURNAMENT

August 3 - MGA 1-2-3 TOURNAMENT

August 5 - LGA—Ladies Handicap Matchplay League

August 18 - Couples Tournament

August 27 - Sandlappers Tournament

September 7 - MGA 3 FORMAT TOURNAMENT (2 MAN)

September 15 - Couples Tournament

September 15: Match Play Begins

September 21 - LGA Member-Guest

October 4 - LGA Championship

October 12 - MGA NO ALIBI TOURNAMENT

October 20 - Couples Tournament

November 9-10 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP

November 17 - Couples Tournament