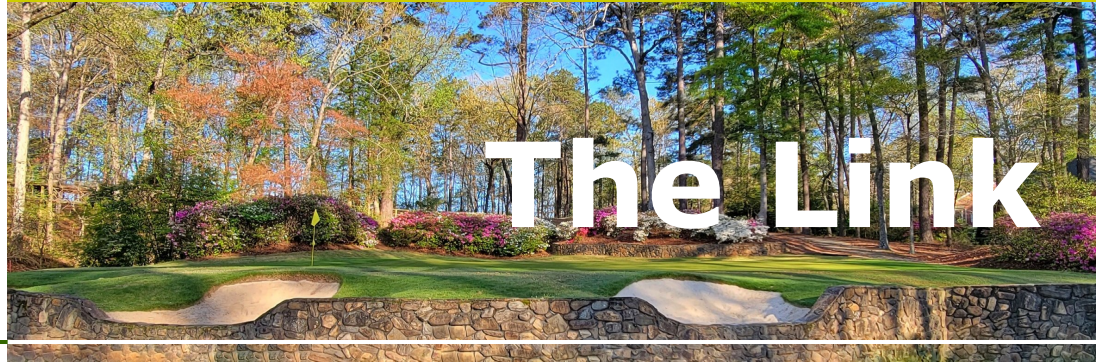


April 2024



Upcoming Events:

- 4/4: PAR Jr. Golf 12:30
- 4/9, 16, 23: Ladies Chip & Chatter
- 4/13: Masters Pick A Pro t-times
- 4/15: Lake Murray Young Life 1:00
- 4/18: BCEDU 12:30
- 4/21: Couples Tour. 10:00
- 4/22: ACEC-SC 12:00
- 4/25: Crossroads 9:30
- 4/27 & 28: Member-Guest
- 4/29: Town of Lex Police 9:30

News from the Golf Shop

You might not be able to tell from the temperatures but you can sure tell by all the pollen in the air, Spring has sprung. The fairways are turning green, the greens are rolling true and the azaleas are starting to bloom. Golden Hills is showing off its beauty and is ready for you to come out and relax, play a few holes and enjoy the company of some good friends after play. We hope this April you and your family will be able to enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer!

The Men's Golf Association got things rolling this spring with a tournament on March 2nd. Mother Nature tried to interfere by dumping 2.5" of rain on the course Friday but the MGA slogged on!! The format was Pinehurst Alternate Shot. In this format both players tee off, then you play your partners ball toward the green. Then they select one ball and continue to alternate with 1 ball. There was some fantastic play during tough conditions. In the end Thomas Looper and Rick Kester beat out 3 teams by 1 shot by shooting a 6 under par 65. Congratulations gentlemen.

The 2024 Member/Member was contested on March 23rd & 24th. Thirty four 2 person teams teed it up on Saturday morning with hopes of being crowned champions on Sunday afternoon. Saturday's round was tightly contested as 24 teams found themselves within 5 shots of the lead held by Alan Gibson/Bryan Goodwin, Jim Amderson/Rich Turgeon & Jeff Smoak/Bryan McGill. Just like at the Masters it all came down to the back nine on Sunday where Shawn Wallace/Walter Peake shot an Aggregate score of 69 to narrowly capture the overall championship by 1 shot over Trent Whitfield/Greg Erickson. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations gentlemen!

The first Couples Tournament of the year was played on March 17th and featured a Net Best Ball format. They had a great turnout as 10 couples teed it up in under sunny skies and cool temperatures. There were some impressive scores and a very close competition as Ed & Debbie Siggelko narrowly edged out Annemarie & Jerry Keene with a score of 57. Thanks goes out to Trish Proctor and Carol Wiggins for hosting the first event of the year. The next Couples Tournament will be held on April 21st, with a captain's choice format. To sign up, we ask that you call the Golf Shop no later than Thursday, April 18th.

Also coming in April is the annual Masters Pick A Pro tournament. On April 13th all Golden Hills members with established handicaps are invited to play. Each contestant will be given 2 chances to pick a pro. The first will be drawn out of a hat and for the second you are able to pick your favorite golfer. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355. All contestants will be able to play with their normal groups in the tee time they normally play. The entry fee is only \$20 and will be split in the two formats, hat pick and choice. Come on out and have your opportunity to compete in the Masters Pick A Pro.

Make sure to mark your calendar! The 2024 Member Guest is almost here. This year's event will take place on April 26, 27 & 28. Friday's festivities will start out with a practice round at your leisure. There will be a putting contest that begins at 5:00. The long drive contest will start around 6:00. Dinner will be served after the long drive contest and your tee gifts will be available at that time. Play will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 on both Saturday and Sunday. Registration has already begun and the final day to sign up will be April 24th. The Entry fee will be \$360/team plus a \$100 cash buy in. The format is Net Best Ball each day. Flighting will be done by total team handicap. Find your partner and come out and join in all the fun.

Now that Spring is here, both the Senior Men's Golf Association and the Ladies Play Day will move up an hour and begin at 9:00 and 8:15 respectively on Tuesday mornings. The Ladies will also be playing on Thursday mornings at 8:15. If you have not played with either of these groups, what are you waiting for? Come on out and join in the fun! Simply call the Golf Shop the day before to sign up. Also starting up this month is the Ladies Chip and Chatter! The Chip and Chatter will be held on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 on April 9, 16 & 23. Session 1 will be on the driving range. Session 2 will be on the short game. Session 3 will be on the course. The cost is \$60 for all 3 sessions or \$25 for an individual session. If there is a rain out the rain date will be May 7th. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

With the arrival of spring keep in mind that the golf course is a little tender as the grass begins to grow. Please help the course heal by filling your divots with sand and repairing your ball marks!

Your Golf Shop Staff: Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Jared Courtenay

Local Knowledge:

- Congratulation to Billy Burdette on his Hole-In-One made on 3/15/24; Hole #17 from 90yds using his PW.
- If you haven't been able to login to your member account or our t- time portal please let us know. Email: info@goldenhillsgolf.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

Spring has sprung and our ladies have been enjoying lots of fun at Golden Hills and participating in tournaments. 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 8:15am and each Wednesday afternoon at 1:15pm. Whether you prefer 18 or 9 holes, walk or ride, all are welcome to participate.

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.

We had a great turnout for the 1st Couples Tournament of the year last month. The format was Net Best Ball and there were some very impressive scores! 1st place went to Ed & Debbie Siggelko (57), 2nd place was Annmarie &

Jerry Keene (59), & 3rd place was Regena Sellers & Marcia Scott (60). The next Couples Tournament will be April 21st. The format will be 2 person Captain's Choice. Make plans to join us by registering in the Golf Shop no later than April 18.

Our March LHML Team included Jean Burns, Kathy Shillaber, Regena Sellers, Lisa Hayes, Sue Styles & Trish Proctor. Our ladies traveled to Mid Carolina for the match and took 6.5 of the possible 9 points; which was good enough to put us in 2nd place. Our next match will be held on April 4th at Ponderosa where we'll play against Timberlake

Our ladies played against Ft. Jackson at Mid Carolina for the 1st Match Play (non-handicap division) last month. Our A Team took 12 of the 18 possible points and the B Team took 9.5 of their possible 18 points. Team Golden Hills consisted of Kathy Shillaber, Janet Hoffmann,

Cheri Toerck & Stacey Hewson.

During the last week of March our Golden Hills Ladies represented us well across the State by taking wins in several golf tournaments! In the first Sandlapper Tournament of the year at Cobblestone, we had 9 ladies playing and 3 brought home a win. That's a third of our group! Congratulations to: Carole Stone - 1st place in Flight 1; Regena Sellers - 2nd place in Flight 4; Dawn Clark - 1st place in Flight 7. Up in the cold and rain, we had a team playing in a WSCGA tournament at the Cliffs at Keowee Falls. Congratulations to: Sue Styles, Kathy Shillaber, Jean Burns and Trish Proctor who took Low Gross (and Low Net) in Flight 4.

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

Mother Nature found favor on us last month as we were finally able to get in all our Tuesday matches. Hopefully April will bring us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the beautiful weather, playing conditions and competitions.

Please note that our weekly Tuesday start time will move to 9:00 on April 2. Also, we have a new local rule: on #10 if you hit your ball in the water on your 2nd shot, no matter where it entered, you may go to the peninsular to hit your 4th shot.

Results from March:

Mar 5: POINTS 1st - Ray Chiellini; 2nd - Keith Morgan; 3rd - Jessie Snipes; 4th (tie) Doc Griffin & Rick Hubbard; 6th - Frank Jansen; 7th (tie)

Del Crawshaw & Dale Mamele; 9th (tie) Rick Green, Gary Liles, Dick Howe

Mar 12: BLIND DRAW 1st - Hardy Youmans & Keith Morgan; 2nd - Knut Brockman & Howard Werner; 3rd - Ray Chiellini & Chuck Felkel; 4th (tie) James Cavanaugh & Don Elliot / Mark Wiggins & Randy Miller; 6th - Dick Howe & John Moore; 7th - Mark Lipinski & Nick Rinaldi; 8th - Doc Griffin & Dave Lunka

Mar 19: HANDICAP 1st - Doug Harper; 2nd (tie) Chuck Felkel, Doc Griffin, Jessie Snipes; 5th - Jim Anderson; 6th (tie) Jim Davis, Jeff Jordan, Mark Wiggins; 10th - Del Crawshaw, Dale Mamele, Gary Maynard, Randy Miller, Barry

Mears, Rich Turgeon, Bob Waterfield, Kirk Wiley

Mar 26: POINTS 1st (tie) Rick Green, Don Elliott, Butch Hale; 4th - Dave Lunka, 5th (tie) Wallace Chavis, Al Rodriguez; 7th - Jody Young; 8th (tie) Jim Davis, Frank Jansen, Randy Miller

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:

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