

February 2025



Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



Upcoming Events:

2/8/25: Play it Forward t-times

2/15/25: Par 3 Challenge

2/22/25: MGA Pinehurst Alt Shot 9am

Local Knowledge:

- **Hole In One Archive:** Two new names were added to the archive last month. Congrats to Caleb Murray for his ace on 1/12/25, hole #3, 156yds & Mike Ruddy for his ace on 1/5/25, hole #17, 120yds.
- **USGA Handicap:** Handicap fees (\$35) were charged to member accounts last month. If you would like to establish or transfer a USGA handicap, contact our Golf Shop for assistance.
- **LGA:** Our LGA will hold their first meeting of the year on February 20. If you would like to learn more about our LGA, pencil the date on your calendar.
- **Murphy's Custom Golf:** Broken shaft? Could your clubs use a loft & lie adjustment? Count on Ryan to get you back on the tee & hunting birdies. Call (803) 360-4909
- **Advantage Tennis at Golden Hills** is led by Coach Whit Moorman. Lessons are offered for all ages & ability levels. Call (912) 381-1584 for more info.

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News from the Golf Shop

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well and the new year off to a fantastic start. January was very challenging here at Golden Hills as we experienced 2 snow events and some extremely cold temperatures. Golfers experience different challenges in the winter with the ball not going as far, tight lies with dormant grass in the fairway, slick and firm greens and frost delays and shorter days with not as much time to get out and enjoy the great game of golf. Never fear! Spring is right around the corner and we will be able to carve more time out of our busy schedules to enjoy the game for a lifetime.

Hopefully Mother Nature got all of her inclement weather out of the way in January and February will be more advantageous for golf. As many of you may know our membership is continuing grow and it is putting stress on our available tee times. Please be mindful of other members when making tee times and try to be exact when making tee times online. Also, it is important for us to be able to accommodate our membership and it helps if cancellations are made in a timely fashion. Please use the online portal to modify or cancel tee times when available. When not available please call the Golf Shop and we will take care of your modification or cancellation. Please be aware that in the coming months we will begin charging members for no shows. In addition, it will become necessary for all golfers to have a tee time at Golden Hills. In the past, we have been able to block off "dogfight" tee times for members to enjoy. Beginning February 1st we will be requiring all players/groups who wish to play in the "dogfight" time to call the Golf Shop at least 24 hours in advance so that we may be able to accommodate all members wishing to play.

There are a lot of things we can overcome in the golf industry but one of them is not Mother Nature. With the snow and cold temperatures last month, we were forced to postpone the Par 3 Challenge. The new date for the Par 3 Challenge will be Saturday, February 15th. Sign ups are open to the first 18 groups. Simply call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 to sign up.

On Saturday, February 8th, Golden Hills will host a Play it Forward golf tournament. Players will be able to play in their regular groups at the tee times they desire, you will make your own tee time. The only stipulations to playing in the event is you must have a USGA handicap and a minimum of 2 players in the group play in the tournament. What is the Play It Forward tournament you ask? If your age has you playing the Blue tees you will play the green tees. Green tees will play the black tees. Black tees will play the forward tees and all ladies will play the forward tees. This is a fun event that is sure to provide some interesting conversation after play. You will get to play from tees and places you may not have played before. When making your tee times please note you wish to play in the Play It Forward event.

The Men's Golf Association will begin its tournament season on Saturday, February 22nd with a fun event, the Pinehurst Alternate Shot. This will be a 2-man team event where both players tee off, then both players hit their partners tee ball toward the green. From that point you will choose 1 ball and continue to alternate that ball until it is holed. Tee times will begin at 9am and your 2025 MGA dues must be paid prior to teeing off in the event. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

Once again, this winter it seems the Senior Men's Golf Association cannot get a break with the weather. With the frigid cold, rain or snow, mother nature got in the way it seemed every Tuesday. Hopefully February will be 65 and sunny every Tuesday! Regardless of the weather the plan for February is to play at 10:00am. To sign up call the Golf Shop by 2pm on Monday.

Our Ladies Golf Association playing time was also hit with the same inclement weather last month. Regardless, it seems the Ladies Golf Association continues to grow every month! Whether you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 or 18, all are invited to come and join in the fun! Normal Ladies Play Days are Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15.

Of the many issues that face any golf course the hardest topic to tackle is slow play. While we love to see each one of you playing golf, we all have the responsibility to show proper etiquette and play in a timely fashion so all may enjoy their round. An LPGA Hall of Famer described it this way: If you are not waiting on the group ahead of you, you may be playing to slow. Here at Golden Hills our pace of play policy is to complete 18 holes in 4 hours or less. Please help everyone playing Golden Hills be doing your best to play in a timely fashion.

Hope to see y'all soon!

Your Golf Shop staff, Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

Ladies Golf Association

Hopefully February will bring weather conditions that are a bit more favorable for golf! If it's playable, you can be sure that our ladies are going to be out on the links. Keep in the swing of things by playing with us this month. You are welcome to join us each week for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15am and each Wednesday at 1:15 you can join a group of ladies for a quick 9 or 18 hole round. To participate, simply call the Golf Shop by 4:00pm on the proceeding day. Make plans to join us this year, you will be glad you did!

Our 2025-2026 officers are; Trish Proctor - President, Regena Sellers - V.P., Annemarie Keene - Sec/Treas, Carol Wiggins - Events/Couples Tournaments Chair and Tia Davis - Sandlapper Rep. Thanks for all our ladies taking on the leadership roles and making our LGA one of the best in SC!

We will have our first LGA Member Meeting immediately after golf on February 20. We have a lot of tournaments and events planned for the year. If you are interested in learning more about our LGA, we welcome you to attend and hear all that's in store for the year ahead.

Our first Couples Tournament of the year will be held on March 16. Details will follow in the March newsletter. Our first LHML tournament for 2025 will be held on March 18. The match will take place at Mid Carolina and we will be facing off against Greenwood. We'll have a sign up sheet at the 1st LGA Membership Meeting so please remember to bring your calendars. As we've done in the past, we'll ask you to prioritize your preferred courses in hopes we can form the teams based on those preferences. Be sure to go ahead and mark your calendar for the October 8 match as we will be hosting that day. As a reminder, you must show 'Golden Hills' as your club in the GHIN system in order to qualify to play on our team. We'll go over additional LHML information at the LGA Membership Meeting.

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

Once again, the weather last month didn't provide us with many playing opportunities for our weekly Tuesday matches. We were able to get two matches in on January 14 & 28. The results were as follows:

Jan. 14: Handicap: 1st - James Cavanaugh (66); 2nd - Randy Miller (69); 3rd - Rick Green (70); 4th - David Ha (72); 5th - Dale Mamele (73); 6th - Rick Hubbard & Bob Waterfield (74)

Jan. 28: Handicap: 1st - Howard Werner (71); 2nd (tie) Mark DiMaggio & Joe Ecker (72); 4th (tie) Wallace Chavis & Randy Miller; 6th (tie) Dan Sass & Mark Wiggins (75)

If you are new to the club or just looking for more playing opportunities, consider joining our SMGA. Any male member of Golden Hills, age 55 or older, can join us each Tuesday at 10:00 am for a little friendly competition. To be included on the roster, call the Golf Shop by 12:00pm on the proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

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

2025 Tournament Calendar

February 8 - Play It Forward	May 16-18 - Golden Hills Member/Guest
February 15 - Par 3 Challenge	June 21-22 - Club Championship
February 22 - MGA 2 MAN PINEHURST ALT SHOT	July 12 - MGA PICK 6
March 16 - Couples Tournament	August 2 - MGA 1-2-3
March 22 - MGA YELLOW BALL TOURNAMENT	August 9 - Parent/Child Tournament
April 12 - Masters Pick-A-Pro	September 20 - MGA 3 ~ 6's
April 26 & 27 - Golden Hills Member/Member	October 4 - MGA NO ALIBI
May 3 - MGA 4-MAN BLIND DRAW	November 8 & 9 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP