

March 2025



Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



Upcoming Events:

- 3/16/25: Couples Tournament 10am
- 3/17/25: Battle of the Dam 8:30
- 3/20/25: Atlanta Vipers 1:00
- 3/22/25: MGA Yellow Ball 9am
- 3/31/25: Heritage Christian 10am

Local Knowledge:

- Hole In One Archive: The archive continues to grow! Congrats to Robb Dodd for his ace on hole 17 on 1/29/25 from 120 yds; Chris Ulmer scored another ace on 2/17/25, hole #13, 154 yds; Dale Mamele found the bottom of the cup on 2/21/25, hole #3, 102 yds & on 2/25/25 Beth Koin aced hole #13 from 76 yds.**
- Couples Tournament: The 1st Couples Tournament of 2025 will be held on 3/16 @ 10am. Format: Play It Forward. Grab your partner & call the Golf Shop to register.**
- 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

Finally, it feels like winter is just about over! With spring and daylight savings time right around the corner, now is the time to start carving out some time in your busy schedule to play more golf. You will see changes to the course as the color comes back, the fairways will start to grow in, shorts and short sleeves will be back in fashion and Golden Hills will be the place to be. Come on out and join in the fun.

February seemed to be a Jekyll and Hyde month as we experienced cold, damp, snowy conditions as well as a couple of weeks with highs in the upper 60's. That didn't deter many golfers from teeing it up in 3 events in February. The Play it forward tournament was played on Saturday the 8th where all golfers teed off from one tee forward from where they normally play. Blue tees played the greens, green tees played the blacks etc. Several players played great rounds of golf but in the end, Charlie Newton came out on top of the net division shooting a net score of 4 under 67. Chris Ulmer took a liking to the black tees and fired a 3 under par gross score of 68. Congratulations gentlemen. Our annual Par 3 tournament that is normally played in January was snowed out and the competition was held on Saturday February 15th. In this format every hole was set up as a par 3 with yardages ranging from 65 yards to 140 yards. Once again there were some fantastic scores including Paul Morario shooting an even par 54 to capture first place in the gross division. Jody Young lapped the field by 5 shots shooting a blazing hot round of 6 under par 48 to capture the net division. Thanks to all our competitors for playing and congratulations to all who played well!

The Men's Golf Association started their season on February 22nd with the format being 2 man team Pinehurst Alternate Shot. In this format both players tee off, then player A hits player B's ball and player B hits player A's ball on the second shot. From that point the team chooses 1 ball to continue alternating shots until the ball is holed. It is truly a team effort. In one of the most hotly contested tournaments I have seen, 4 teams managed to tie for 1st place with scores of 6 under 65. They were: Arman Razavipour-Scott Lewis, Phillip Gibson-Paul Morario, Trey Gray-Charles Gray, and Chris Ulmer-John Phillips. Well done gentlemen! Next up on the MGA schedule is the 3-man team Yellow Ball tournament on March 22nd. In this format, player A will play the yellow ball on holes 1,4,7,10,13,16 while the other 2 players will be playing a net best ball. Player B plays the yellow ball on 2,5,8,11,14,17. Player C plays the yellow ball on holes 3,6,9,12,15,18. In the end the team will return 2 scores: 1 of the yellow ball and 1 of the 2-man net best ball. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 957-3355.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in March. If you are new to the club or recently turned 55 and looking for a great group guys to play with, simply call the Golf Shop by Sunday at 2pm to sign up. The Ladies Golf Association will continue to play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:15 throughout March. This is a great group of ladies! It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 or 18, all are invited to come join in the fun! Simply call the Golf Shop to get plugged in!

The first Couples Tournament of the year is being played on March 16th. The format is Play it Forward. 2 person team, net best ball. To sign up, call the Golf Shop to get your names on the list.

TEE TIMES: While the member portal provides great convenience to making tee times it is very important that certain guidelines are adhered to. Please only make the tee time for the number of players you know are coming to play. Also please limit the tee times 1 name per tee time. If you are making a tee time for multiple peoples we need a different name for each time. With our membership increasing it has become more important than ever to prevent no shows and short shows. A short show is when a tee time is made for 4 people and only 2 or 3 or worse no one shows up to play. When you know that a player or 2 is not going to make it or multiple tee times have been made in error please contact the Golf shop asap so the proper tee times can be made! Beginning April 1 we will start charging for no shows. We greatly appreciate your attention to this!!

Now that spring is close at hand it will become increasing important to care for you golf course. Please help us maintain the outstanding condition of your course by filling your divots with sand and repairing your ball marks! During these transition weeks, the grass and turf needs a little TLC. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see y'all soon!

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



Ladies Golf Association

Get a jump on golf season by joining our amazing group of ladies this month at Golden Hills. We invite you 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 2:00pm on the proceeding day. Make plans to join us, you will be glad you did!

We held our first LGA meeting of the year last month. We had great participation and made a lot of great plans for 2025. In addition to discussing our play days, tournaments and match play, we also discussed plans for our LGA parties, trips, prizes and awards. If you missed our meeting and would like more information on what we have in store for 2025, please feel free to reach out to our LGA President, Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com. 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!

Changes are in store for our Couples Tournaments in 2025. At one of the last Couples Tournaments last year we played a 9 hole format and had lunch following the round at the clubhouse. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the 9 hole and dine option so we have decided go with 9 & dine this year. Our first Couples Tournament of the year will be held on March 16. The format is Play it Forward (2 person team, net best ball). Play will begin at 10:00 and lunch will follow our round. To sign up, call the Golf Shop at (803) 957-3355 to get your names on the list.

Congratulations Trish Proctor, Jean Burns, Kathy Shillaber and Sue Styles for winning 2nd place at the Lake Marion Annual Ladies Tournament last month! Thanks for representing Golden Hills and all lady golfers!

We had a beautiful day last month for the first of 4 LGA Captain's Choice tournaments this year. We had a great crowd and everyone enjoyed the format — particularly teeing off from the island on #10 as well as playing the forward tees! Congratulations to Susan Lovaas, Carol Wiggins, and our newcomer, Rolfe Olsen, who scored a winning 63...WOW! We're looking forward to the next CC...stay tuned for details!

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

Despite the up and down weather in February, we were able to get in 3 Tuesday competitions last month. Hopefully the luck of the Irish will be with us this month and we will be treated to warm, sun filled days!

The results from last month were as follows:

Feb. 4: Points: 1st - Rick Green (+5); 2nd - Mark Lipinski (0); 3rd (tie) Larry Harding, Jody Young (-2); 5th - Mark Wiggins (-3); 6th (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Gary Maynard (-4)

Feb. 18: Handicap: Flight A: Mike Ruddy, Bob Walts (70); Flight B: 1st - Bruce Lambert (71); 2nd - Rich Turgeon (72); 3rd (tie) Bob Peterson, Jessie Snipes, Bob Waterfield, Howard Werner (73)

Feb. 25: Points: Flight A: 1st - Randy Laney (+3); 2nd - Bob Walts (+2); 3rd (tie) Mark DiMaggio & David Ha (+1); Flight B: 1st - Al Prudhomme (+2); 2nd (tie) Rich Turgeon, Frank Jansen, Doug Harper (0); 5th (tie) Don Elliott, Bruce Lambert (-1)

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

March 16 - Couples Tournament	July 12 - MGA PICK 6
March 22 - MGA YELLOW BALL TOURNAMENT	August 2 - MGA 1-2-3
April 12 - Masters Pick-A-Pro	August 9 - Parent/Child Tournament
April 13 - Couples Tournament	September 20 - MGA 3 ~ 6's
April 26 & 27 - Golden Hills Member/Member	September 21 - Couples Tournament
May 3 - MGA 4-MAN BLIND DRAW	October 4 - MGA NO ALIBI
May 4 - Couples Tournament	October 19 - Couples Tournament
May 14 - LGA Member/Guest	November 7 - LGA Championship
May 16-18 - Golden Hills Member/Guest	November 8 & 9 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP
June 8 - Couples Tournament	November 16 - Couples Tournament
June 21-22 - Club Championship	