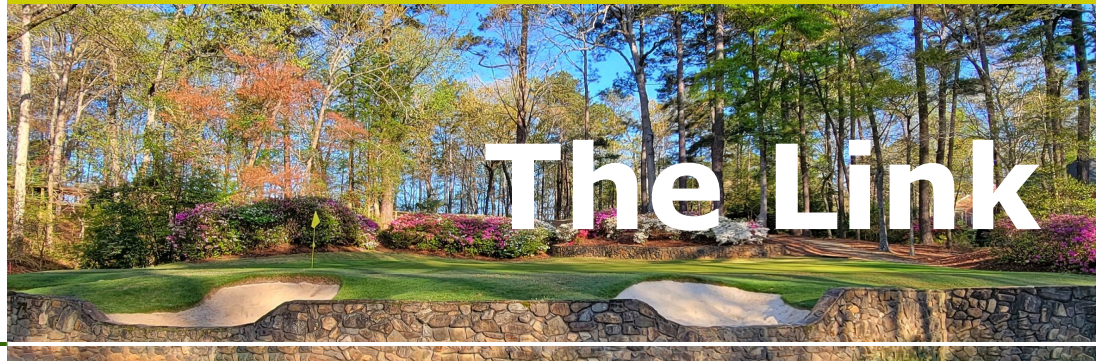


April 2025



## *News from the Golf Shop*

Finally, winter is officially over! After a wet cold winter, March treated us with longer days, warmer temperatures, abundant sunshine and green grass finally starting to show. As we roll into April, your golf course will start to show its true colors. The Azalea's will start to bloom; the leaves will return to trees and the fairways and rough will be full of grass! Be sure to carve out some time in April to come and play the course voted #1 in the Midlands—Golden Hills!

The Men's Golf Association got a taste of spring on March 22<sup>nd</sup> playing their annual Yellow Ball golf tournament. Golfers were treated to sunny skies and warm temperatures as all teed off in hopes of returning with their yellow ball. In this event while one player is playing the yellow ball, the other 2 are playing a net best ball. A record number returned the yellow ball this year as 13 of the 18 teams managed to not lose it. While many brought it back, scoring was still difficult as Scott Lewis, Arman Razavipour, and Adrian Peters took home the top prize with a 1 over par 72. In the net division, the scores were excellent with Chris Ulmer, John Phillips, and Ernie Dotson taking home the top prize with a score of 9 under par 62. Congratulations gentlemen!

Spring time is also marked by the most famous golf tournament of the year: the Masters. We will again be celebrating this great tournament by having one of our own. The Masters Pick a Pro will be played on Masters Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Each competitor (you) will be given the opportunity to choose a name out of a hat of a Masters participant who made the cut and their favorite golfer. That's right, you get 2 players. The competitor (you) will combine your net score with the score of their Masters participants Saturday score to determine the winner. There are 2 divisions: Hat Draw and Your pick. The cost is only \$20. To participate in the event, just make a tee time for Saturday before 12:00. There are only 3 rules to the tee times: 1) You must pick a pro before they tee off 2) You must have a USGA handicap 3) You must have at least 2 members of the group participate. Grab your friends, make a time, and come on out and join in the fun!

April also is the month for the 2025 Golden Hills Member/Member golf tournament. This year's tournament will be played on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. The format is unique in that teams will play 4 different 9-hole formats. Pinehurst Alternate shot on the first nine. Captains Choice on the second 9. Net Best Ball on the third nine. Aggregate Net total score on the 4th nine. Like they say in Augusta, it all comes down to the back nine on Sunday. The cost for the tournament is \$200 + \$100 buy in. Teams will be flighted by total team handicap. If you would like to play in this years Member/Member simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 to sign up.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play on Tuesday mornings in April but will begin play at 9am beginning April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are 55 years old and would like to come and join this great group of guys, simply call the Golf Shop before Monday at 2:00 to sign up.

The Ladies Golf Association will continue to meet on Tuesday morning as well but their start time will begin at 8:15. The ladies will also play on Friday mornings at 9:30. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, all are invited to come join in the fun of ladies golf at Golden Hills.

**TEE TIMES:** Over the past few months, we have noticed an increasing number of no show or short shows (less than number booked) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. As you may or may not be aware, more and more people are finding Golden Hills the best value in town for their golfing \$. In order to service our membership better it is important that when using the online portal, you are accurate with the number of golfers booked. This will allow us to pair singles and twosomes with other twosomes or 3 somes. Please show proper etiquette and be inviting to others who would like to play the great game of golf. I believe the saying "golf doesn't build character, it reveals it's true. Never be unwilling to meet and play with other golfers, you never know, you may just meet your new best friend!

Along these same lines, we will also be restricting tee times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday's before 12:00 to 18 holes only. If you would like to play nine holes early on those mornings, please contact the Golf Shop about the availability of playing the back side before the 18 hole players make the turn.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can better serve you, remember the Golf Shop door is always open!

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

## Ladies Golf Association

### Upcoming Events:

- 4/3: Par Junior 10am  
 4/12: Masters Pick a Pro Times  
 4/13: LGA Couples 10am  
 4/14: Lavie 11am  
 4/17: BCEDU 12:30  
 4/21: ACEC-SC 11am  
 4/24: Crossroads 10am  
 4/26: Member/Member 9am  
 4/27: Member/Member 9am

Ahhh spring is finally here! Try to take advantage of every day you can join us out on the links. We invite you to join us each week for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Tuesday 8:15 and Friday 9:30 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 preceding day.

Nine of our ladies played at Ponderosa last month in a WSCGA One Day State Tournament. It was an extremely windy day but even with all that wind and cold temperature, Kathy Shillaber, Jean Burns, Sue Styles & Trish Proctor took 1st place in the 3rd Flight. Way to go ladies! Congratulations!

Congratulations to our LGA ladies who played in the LHML Tournament last month at Mid Carolina! We took 8 of the 9 possible points against Greenwood. What a great start to the Ladies Handicap Match Play (LHML) year! Congratulations again to: Team A (Kathy S & Susan) - 2 1/2 points; Team B (Jean & Regena) - 3 points; Team C (Annemarie & Lia) - 2 1/2 points. Our next match will be held at Greenwood on April 21st. We'll play against Ft. Jackson. Good luck ladies!

Our Couples Tournament was rained out last month so we hope we will be treated to an extra nice day this month. Grab your partner and make plans to join us on April 13. We will play 9 holes with a Stableford format followed by lunch at the clubhouse. Contact the Golf Shop to register at (803) 957-3355.

14 of our ladies will be traveling to Santee for our Spring Golf Trip March 31-April 2. We will be playing at Santee National and Lake Marion Golf Courses.

We've been talking to some of the Senior Men's Golf Association (SMGA) gentleman and there's an interest in a doing a "Sadie Hawkins" tournament between the SMGA & LGA. One SMGA guy would be paired with one LGA lady. Before getting into the planning stage of having this tournament, we wanted to find out how many of our ladies would be interesting in playing. Please let us know if you would be interested in something like this.

If you would like more info. on ladies golf at Golden Hills, contact Trish Proctor at: [proctrish@gmail.com](mailto:proctrish@gmail.com)

### Local Knowledge:

- **Swim Team: Registration is open for the Golden Hills Gators swim team. Visit our website to learn more about our team.**
- **Hole In One: Congratulations to Zach Farmer for his 2nd hole in 1 at Golden Hills. His latest come on 3/22/25 on hole 17 from 114 yds.**
- **Personal Coolers: As we head into spring/summer please remember, personal coolers are not allowed on the course. Be sure to visit our Bar/Grill to stock up before your next round.**
- **Couples Tournament: Don't miss out on the action of this months Couples Tournament on April 13. Format: Stableford 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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## Senior Men's Golf Association

We had a great month of golf in March and look forward to more of the same this month. 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 9:00 am for a little friendly competition. To be included on the roster, call the Golf Shop by 12:00pm on the preceding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

The results from last month were as follows:

**3/4:** 1st Flight: 1. (tie) M. DiMaggio, C. Felkel, M. Lipinski 69; 3. (tie) J Ecker & K Morgan 70; 2nd Flight: 1. R Watts 62, 2. (tie) W Chavis, A Rodriquez, S Lymann, J. Snipes 68; 6. R Book 69, 7. A Beard 70

**3/11:** Points: 1st Flight: 1. J. Ecker +6, 2. M. Lipinski +2, 3. (tie) R Laney, H. Youmans, M Ruddy -1; 2nd Flight: 1. J Williams +2, 2. (tie) D Elliott, A Rodriquez & J Cavanaugh even; 5. C Dunlap -1

**3/18:** 1st Flight: 1. K Morgan 67, 2. B. Walts 69, 3. D. Sass 70, 4 (tie) J Ecker & D Shelhorse 72; 2nd Flight: 1. A. Rodriquez 70, 2. (tie) D. Harper & J. Williams 72, 4. (tie) C. Dunlap, R. Miller, R. Hubbard 73

**3/25:** 1st Flight: 1. D Stanard +4, 2. C Dunlap +2, 3. (tie) D Ha, J Ecker, B Hale +1; 2nd Flight: 1. R Book even, 2 (tie) J Williams, D Mamele, F Jansen -1, 5. J Cavanaugh -2

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](mailto:dober2plus1@gmail.com)

## 2025 Tournament Calendar

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