

May 2025



News from the Golf Shop

They say that April showers bring May flowers and this year we got plenty of rain to make that happen! The liquid sunshine provided great growing conditions as the fairways are turning lush and the trees and flowers are in full bloom. Golden Hills is once again showing the beauty it is known for! We hope that May will provide plenty of time for you, your family and invited guests to come out and enjoy all that Golden Hills has to offer. May promises to be an outstanding month with plenty of sunshine and longer days ahead!

Those April showers took a pause long enough for the Masters Pick a Pro to be played on Saturday, April 12th. The Masters Champion Rory McIlroy proved to be a great partner shooting a 66 on Saturday and there were numerous players who picked him as their partner. Scott Lewis didn't need much help shooting an outstanding round of 65 and paired with McIlroy's 66 gave them a total of 131 and a 3 shot victory over Bob Walts who was also paired with McIlroy. In the Hat Pick division no one was lucky enough to pick McIlroy but JJ Spaun played well enough for Scott Lewis to tie for 1st place with Phillip Gibson who picked former Masters champion Danny Willet out of the hat. Congratulations gentlemen and thanks to all who participated.

The 2025 Member-Member golf tournament was played on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th & 27th. This unique tournament had the teams playing four different 9 hole formats to decide the eventual champion. Saturday's round consisted of Pineburst Alternate Shot on the front nine followed by Captains Choice on the back 9. David Huff and Mike Moody blistered the back nine Captains Choice with a score of 28 and total score of 62 to lead the tournament by 1 over Ernie Dotson and Barry Mears. Paul Morario and Jared Frick shot an 8 under 64 to be only 2 shots behind. Just like they say at Augusta, it all came down to the back nine on Sunday. Ernie and Barry continued their steady play with a final round score of 97, nine under par while the other contenders faded on the back nine. Congratulations to our 2025 Member-Member Champions Ernie Dotson and Barry Mears and thanks to all 64 players who participated.

The Men's Golf Association will be back in action this month on May 3 for a 4 man team Blind Draw. The field will be broken into A, B, C & D players and randomly drawn into 4 man teams. Total score will be the best gross and best net ball (must be separate scores) from each 4 man team on each hole. Places will be based on lowest total score. Roughly 1/3 of the field will place in the money. Sign up in the Golf Shop soon as the date is right around the corner.

With the Member-Member behind us the Member-Guest is next up on the tournament schedule on May 16, 17 & 18. Find your partner, sign up and come out to enjoy a great weekend with us. The festivities begin with a practice round on Friday at your leisure. Friday evening there will be a putting contest at 5:00 followed by a long drive contest at 6:00 with both a senior and men's division. At the conclusion of these events' dinner will be served and your tee gifts will be handed out. The format for the 2 days of golf will be net best ball. The entry fee is \$460 of which \$100 must be cash. Play will begin both days with a 9:00 shotgun. Get in some practice with your partner, hone your game and get ready for a great weekend.

During the month of May, the Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play on Tuesday mornings at 9am. It seems every month the SMGA continues to grow. If you are new to Golden Hills, 55 or older, and looking for a great group of guys to golf with, come on out and join in the fun. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop by 12pm on Monday at (803) 957-3355.

Our Ladies Golf Association continues to grow as well! If you are a scratch golfer or beginner, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome to come join in the fun. Ladies Play Days in May will be held each Tuesday at 8:15, Wednesday at 1:15, and Friday at 9:30. There are plenty of opportunities to come out and play with the great group of ladies we have at Golden Hills. If you are interested in joining in the fun with the ladies call the Golf Shop and we can get you the information needed to join the ladies golf association. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 14th at 9:30 for the LGA Member-Guest. You don't want to miss this one!

Over the winter months the weather put a great strain on your golf course. With all the changes in the weather, heat then cold then rain, cold and heat again, the grass gets confused. While the stress of the weather may not show at this time, we would greatly appreciate your efforts in helping maintain the beautiful condition of the course by filling your divots with sand and fixing your ball marks. Please take pride in what golfers throughout our region call the #1 course in the Midlands ~ Golden Hills Golf & Country Club!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

Upcoming Events:

- 5/3: MGA Blind Draw 9am
- 5/5: Optimist Club 10am
- 5/8: Lex Police Dept 10am
- 5/12: Golf 4 Life 10am
- 5/14: LGA Member-Guest 9:30am
- 5/15: Soldiers & Vets 12:30pm
- 5/16-5/18: Member-Guest
- 5/22: LGA FUN Day 9am
- 5/27: Aerification - Course Closed

Local Knowledge:

- **Pool Time:** The pool will open for the swim season on May 24. Visit our website to read the Pool Newsletter & learn all that's going on at the pool this summer.
- **Hole In One:** Congratulations to Buddy Driskell on his hole in 1 made on 4/15/25, hole 3, from 144 yds with his 7 iron.
- **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.
- **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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Ladies Golf Association

May is here and we are ready for sun filled days to enjoy a little (or a lot!) of time on the links. We invite you to join us each week for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Tuesday at 8:15, Wednesday at 1:15 and Friday at 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 proceeding day.

If you are looking for a really fun day on the course, make plans to join us on May 22 for our FUN Day. What makes it fun? Well, we throw in a few fun twists that you can take advantage of as you play your round. For example: using your foot to knock in a putt, use your "hand" wedge for relief from a bunker, play one hole only using your putter. The format will be Captain's Choice and play will begin at 9:00. Call the Golf Shop to sign up for what promises to be a fun day on May 22.

We had perfect weather for our April couples tournament. Everyone enjoyed the 'nine and dine' format. Finishing at the top of the leaderboard were: 1st - Mark & Carol Wiggins & 2nd - Steve & Linda Kernen. Mark you calendar and be sure to join us for our next Couples Tournament on June 8.

The 2025 LGA Spring Golf Trip is in the books, as they say! We had a great time at Santee, playing at Santee National and Lake Marion Golf Club. We also had 2 Putting Contests on the Traverse Putting Course at Lake Marion. If you missed out on our Spring fun, make plans to join us this Fall for a few more days of fun. The Fall trip will take us to Edisto on October 13-15.

Congratulations to our Golden Hills LGA team who played at Greenwood last month in the Ladies Handicap Match League (LHML) tournament: Team A: Kathy Shillaber & Susan Lovaas; Team B: Jean Burns & Regena Sellers; Team C: Trish Proctor & Sue Styles. Our team took all 9 possible points against Fort Jackson. Way to go ladies! Our next match will be held on May 6th at Fort Jackson (against Mid Carolina). The team scheduled to play is Janet Hoffmann, Annemarie Keene, Beth Koin, Marge Dorey, Jill Ticknor & Sue Styles. Our subs are Kathy Shillaber, Trish Proctor, Diane Lashua, Jean Burns, Joanne Carpenter, Regena Sellers, Karen Waterfield & Susan Lovaas. Team members, please confirm you are still able to play by contacting Annemarie Keene. The current standings in the LHML league are as follows: Golden Hills 17, Mid Carolina 14, Ponderosa 10.5, Greenwood 9, Timberlake 8, Oak Hills 6.5, Ft. Jackson 6. Keep up the good play ladies!!

If you would like more information on ladies golf at Golden Hills, make plans to join our next meeting on May 22 or contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

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 proceeding Monday at (803) 957-3355.

The results from last month were as follows:

4/1: Blind Draw: 1. Barry Mears & Rich Turgeon (134); 2. Jim Anderson & Mark Lipinski (137); 3. (tie) Mark DiMaggio & Randy Laney and Tommy Mann & James Cavanaugh (138); 5. (tie) Doug Stanard & John Sumbrea and Butch Hale & Dale Mamele (139)

4/8: Handicap: 1st Flight: 1. Mark DiMaggio & Dale Shelhorse (67); 3. Rick Green (68); 4. Bill Lorenzen (71); 2nd Flight: 1. Chuck Dunlap & John Moore (68); 3. Rich Turgeon (70); 4. James Cavanaugh & Randy Book (73)

4/15: Points: 1. Chuck Felkel (+7); 2. Gary Maynard (+4); 3. Bill Lorenzen & Chuck Dunlap (+3); 5. Dale Shelhorse (2)

4/22: Handicap: 1st Flight: 1. Hardy Youmans & Bob Walts (67); 3. Bill Bird, Rick Geen, Chuck Dunlap (69); 2nd Flight: 1. Howard Werner (66); 2. Bob Light (68); 3. Randy Miller (69); 4. Larry Harding (70); 5. Brian Knotts & Bruce Lambert (71)

4/29: Yellow Ball: 1. (tie) Frank Jansen, Don Elliott, Al Beard & Gary Maynard, Doug Stanard, Larry Haussmann (71); 3. (tie) Mark DiMaggio, Dave Richardson, Dave McElrath & Rick Green, John Moore, Dale Shelhorse (72); White Ball: 1. Randy Book, Brian Knotts, Al Rodriguez (56); 2. Barry Mears, Doc Griffin, Randy Senn (58); 3. Hardy Youmans, Ron West, Mark Lipinski (60); 4. Ohmer Slaven, Rich Turgeon, Jim Anderson (61)

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