

July 2025



News from the Golf Shop

Summer arrived right on time this year as it seems to always do in South Carolina. The summer heat and afternoon showers have brought the golf course to life. The fairways are fantastic, rough thick and juicy, and greens pure as they get. This time of year, the golf course shows its teeth and provides a great challenge for golfers of all skill levels. Once done with your round the pool offers an outstanding way to cool down with a cold beverage and a quick dip in the pool. If you haven't done so already, be sure to carve out some time for all the activities that Golden Hills has to offer!

Speaking of challenging, the 2025 Golden Hills Club Championship was played on June 21st and 22nd. The golf course was in excellent condition for this year's championship providing an outstanding challenge to all who teed it up. There were several close competitions across the 4 different championships that were decided on Sunday. None closer than the Ladies division which was decided by 1 shot over 36 holes. Congratulations to Jean Burns for capturing the 2025 Ladies Club Championship by 1 shot over Emma Hawk. The Super Senior division saw a repeat champion for the 4th year in a row. Bob Cave put the rest of the field behind him with an opening 73 in round 1 and cruised to victory on Sunday with a 2-day total of 155. The Senior division was led by Randy Laney's 76 on Saturday but the steady play of Trent Whitfield on both days was good enough for a 4 shot victory at the end. The Men's division saw David Gibson catch fire on Saturday's round with birdies on his last 5 holes in route to a 3 under par 68. While the field tried its best to catch him on Sunday, David held on to shoot even par 142 for the 2 days and capture his 2nd consecutive Club Championship. Be sure to visit our Facebook page for photos of the champions and participants out on the course. Congratulations to all of our champions and thanks to all who participated!

Next up on the Golden Hills tournament schedule is the MGA Pick 6 two-man team tournament on July 12th. Golfers will choose the tees they play based on age requirement and choose 6 holes to play from that tee, 6 holes played from the tee forward of that tee and 6 holes from the tee behind that tee. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to meet at 9:00 on Tuesday mornings throughout the month of July. As always if you would like to join this great group of guys just call the golf shop by 2pm on Sunday to sign up.

Ladies Day is also on Tuesday mornings with tee times beginning at 8:15am. Our ladies also play at 1:15pm on Wednesdays and 8:15am on Thursdays. For more information on how to sign up to play with the ladies, simply call the Golf Shop and we will point you in the right direction. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are invited to come join in the fun!

From time to time, it is important to refresh all of our memories on some of the rules and regulations at Golden Hills. When driving a golf cart, drivers must have a valid drivers license and only drive from the driver's side of the cart. Avoid sudden starts and stops and drive the vehicle straight up and down slopes not on the side of them. Make sure that when the vehicle is parked the parking brake is fully depressed and set. When driving on wet terrain, slow down! Do not ride on the back of the vehicle. Carts are not toys and are meant to be driven with care! While some of these may feel mundane and common sense, from time to time we all need a little refresher on using golf carts safely. We hope these tips will help you enjoy your next round at Golden Hills.

Thanks again for choosing Golden Hills as your home club!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

Upcoming Events:

7/9: SMGA Ryder Cup 9am

7/12: MGA Pick 6 9am

7/14: US Kids 9am

7/16: Ladies Scratch League 9:30

7/28: Aerification-Course Closed

Local Knowledge:

- **Junior Golf Camp:** Limited space is still available in the Jr. Golf Camp being held July 9-12, 9am-12pm. Call now to get your junior golfer signed up. Contact Ryan Murphy at (803) 360-4909
- **Pool Time:** The pool is open weekdays from 12-8pm & weekends from 11am-8pm. Visit our website to read the Pool Newsletter & learn all that's going on at the pool this summer.
- **Hole In One:** We've added John Stehmeyer to the Hole In One Archive. John found the bottom of the cup on hole 3 on 5/16/25 from 105yds using his wedge. Congratulations!
- **Personal Coolers:** 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

Looking to get in the game or for more playing opportunities? We invite you to join us each week for the Ladies Days at the club. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 and 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.

Congratulations to Jean Burns & Joanne Carpenter who each won 2nd Net in their respective flights in the 2025 Midlands Women's Golf Championship Tournament that was held on June 9th & 10th at Mid Carolina Club. Jean won 2nd place in the '1st flight' and Joanne won 2nd place in the '3rd flight'. Awesome way to represent our Golden Hills LGA and our club! You took down some major players and that's super impressive. Congratulations again to Jean & Joanne!

We would also like to congratulate our GH LGA Team that played at Timberlake on June 19th, against Ponderosa. Our team included: Team A: Cheri Toerck & Susan Lovaas; Team B: Jean Burns & Karen Stathas; Team C: Joanne Carpenter & Beth Koin. Team A took 1 point, Team B took 1 1/2 points and Team C took all 3 points. Great job ladies! The current LHML standing has our GH team in 2nd, behind Mid Carolina by only 1/2 pt. As a reminder, we do not have an LHML Tournament in July. Our next Tournament will be held on August 21st at Oak Hills. We'll be playing against Timberlake.

Please don't forget to post your scores in the GHIN. If you picked up on a hole, use the USGA Most Likely Score (Rule 3.3) for that hole.

Our annual LGA summer party will be held on July 12. We will play 9 holes beginning at 10:30, prior to the party. If you can't make it out to play, please try to join us the party. Following play we will have lunch and a special summer "punch" provided by Regena Sellers. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Golf Shop or Regena.

The next LGA meeting is scheduled for August 28. We will play a Captain's Choice prior to the meeting. More details to follow.

If you would like more information on ladies golf at Golden Hills, 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:

6/3: Blind Draw: 1- Al Beard & Mark Lipinski (133); 2- Frank Jansen & Ron West (135); 3- John Sumbera & Chuck Dunlap (136); 4- Richard Watts & Doug Stanard (139); 5- Bob Light & Doug Harper (141); 6- Nick Rinaldi & Butch Hale (142) and Bob Peterson & Bruce Lambert (142)

6/17: 4 Man Captains Choice: 1- Butch Hale, James Cavanaugh, Ron West, John Sullivan (56); 2- Rick Green, Kirk Wiley, Larry Harding, Dale Shelhorse (58); Larry Jackson, Jessie Snipes, Randy Miller, Steve Lyman (58); Rick Hubbard, John Sumbera, Wallace Chavis, Terry Conroy (58); 5- Jim Anderson, Rich Turgeon, Doug Stanard, Gary Maynard (59); Dale Mamele, Bob Peterson, Doug Harper, Bob Waterfield (59)

6/24: Points: (paid 4 in each flight): **A:** 1- Ron West (+4); 2- Doug Stanard (+3); 3- Rick Green (+1); 4- Jody Young (0); **B** 1- Don Elliott & Rick Hubbard (+4); 3- Mark Wiggins (+3); 4- Frank Jansen (+1)

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

July 12 - MGA PICK 6	September 20 - MGA 3 ~ 6's	November 8 & 9 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP
August 9 - Parent/Child Tournament	September 21 - Couples Tournament	November 16 - Couples Tournament
August 16&17: Ryder Cup v. Ponderosa	October 4 - MGA NO ALIBI	
August 23: MGA 1-2-3	October 19 - Couples Tournament	
August 28 - LGA Captain's Choice	November 7 - LGA Championship	

JUNIOR GOLF CAMP

**GOLDEN HILLS GOLF AND
COUNTRY CLUB**

AGES 6-14

WEEK 1: JUNE 16-20

WEEK 2: JULY 14-18

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

\$225 PER WEEK



**TO SIGN UP, CONTACT
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