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News from the Golf Shop

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family having a fantastic summer! While the kids may be returning to school this month, there will still be plenty of long sun filled days to enjoy all the amenities that Golden Hills has to offer. Whether you are enjoying a round with friends and family, serving up a few aces, or just lounging around the pool, we hope you will be able to find time to slow down and relax at Golden Hills!

There were several golfers that really enjoyed themselves on Saturday, July 12th, for MGA's annual Pick 6 tournament. The format involves playing 6 holes from 1 set of tees, 6 holes from the tees forward of that tee and 6 from the tee box behind that tee. So 6 green, 6 black and 6 blue. Scott Lewis shot his lowest round of the year with a gross 73/Net 66 to finish in first place. Gregg Erickson, Trent Whitfield, and Ernie Dotson also had fantastic rounds finishing with 4 under 67's to tie for second place. Congratulations gentlemen, well done!! Next up on the MGA tournament schedule is a 1,2,3 tournament on Saturday, August 23rd. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

For all the Mom's and Dad's out there, join us on August 9th for our Parent-Child golf tournament. The format is 2 person captains choice with 2 divisions. Parent/Child (children 18 and younger) and Parent/Adult Child (child over age of 18). Tee times will begin at 10:00. To sign up call the Golf Shop.

The Senior Men's Golf Association is continuing to knock it out of the park with consistently having 50 players or more each Tuesday morning. If you are new to the club, age 55 or older, or just looking for a consistent time to play golf, come on out and join this great group of guys. Play begins with a shotgun start at 9:00 and players are asked to be here by 8:40. If you would like to join this great group of guys call the Golf Shop by noon on Mondays to sign up.

Our Ladies Days continue to as popular as ever! Ladies, if you are a beginning or scratch golfer, play 9 or 18, walk or ride, all are welcome to come join in the fun. Play days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings with tee times beginning at 8:15. If you are interested in joining this great group of ladies call the Golf Shop and we will help get you in touch with the Ladies Golf Association.

TEE TIMES: Over the past couple of months, we have noticed an alarming number of no shows, short shows and double bookings. Unfortunately, this deprives other members of the opportunity to play in some of the most sought-after times. Please be respectful to the rest of the membership by being accurate with your tee times with respect to the number of players in your group, making sure someone else in your group did not make a tee time as well, and notifying the Golf Shop when you need to cancel or modify your tee time. With this in mind, we will begin charging for no shows, short shows and double bookings. The member that booked the tee time will be the one charged. I would like to give you an example of how this benefits a member. A member booked a Saturday tee time at 10:42, the earliest we had, but asked if anyone cancelled earlier to please let him know so they could play earlier. Another member who had a tee time at 8:42 had to cancel their tee time on Thursday for Saturday and the Golf Shop staff was able to call the 10:42 tee time and move them to 8:42. This may be you one day! With our membership continuing to grow, it is important that we are able to utilize all available tee space, especially on the weekends. While many of you may be saying, well I don't like being paired up. I have seen it happen in my 35 years as a golf professional that 9 times out of 10 everyone enjoys the experience and most of the time end up playing golf together for a very long time. I mean think about it, we are doing something we love, playing golf!! One more reminder: Tee times on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings before 11:00 are for 18 hole players only.

TEE TIMES part 2: If you are playing in the dogfight on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday you must call the Golf Shop 48 hours in advance to secure your spot. Please be respectful to the rest of the membership and the Golf Shop staff and let us know you are coming.

We hope all of you have a great rest of the summer and as always, our door is always open to you!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Trustin Wadford

Upcoming Events:

8/9: Parent-Child 10am

8/11: ICW 10am

8/16 - 8/17: Ryder Cup v Ponderosa

8/18: Mt. Horeb 10am

8/23: MGA 1,2,3 9am t-times

8/28: LGA Fun Day 9am

Local Knowledge:

- **FUN DAY:** Attention ladies, don't miss out on the next FUN DAY at the club. Read news from the LGA for details.
- **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:** Will Gilfillan found the bottom of the cup on 7/4/25, hole 3, 105yds. Josh Bagwell also had an ace on 7/23/25, hole 7, 163yds. Congratulation gentlemen!
- **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.

We had a great time last month at our summer party. The fun began with a 9 hole Captain's Choice tournament and ended with a terrific meal and social time together at the clubhouse. Congratulations to the winners of the tournament: 1st: Karen Strathas, Ginny Maxwell, Nancy Hanna & Cheryl Swanson; 2nd: Jean Burns, Melanie Ward, Mary Petit & Kim Dawson; 3rd: Annemarie Keene, Wilma Shaw, Marge Dorey & Cathi Feeley.

Please save the date for the next LGA FUN Day on August 28th, with a 9:00 shotgun start. It will be an 18-hole, Captain's Choice format playing from the forward tees, where you can string it to win it! There is no cost ...and hopefully you can grab a drink after golf and stay for the Membership Meeting. Contact Kathy Shillaber if you plan to participate.

A new LGA event is coming to Golden Hills — the Queen's Cup — in early September! This is a match play tournament with handicap. Ladies will be asked to sign up by Aug. 30th so Steve can put participants in to brackets via a blind draw. There will be a \$20 entry fee, and with each winning match, you'll earn \$20! There will be a nice payout if you win a few matches and/or play your way into the finals. You'll have two weeks to play each match, and if unable to play within that time frame, you will forfeit. So it is up to the players to work out their schedules to be able to play within the time frame. You may also email Trish Proctor so she can schedule the match on our regular Ladies' Days. 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:

7/1: Handicap: Flight A - 1. David Ha (64), 2. Rick Green (67), 3. Mark DiMaggio (68), 4. Doc Griffin (69). Flight B - 1. Jessie Snipes (63), 2. Larry Harding (64), 3. Frank Jansen & Doug Harper (67), 5. Don Elliott & Rick Hubbard (69).

7/8: Flight A - 1. Jody Young (+8), 2. Bill Lorenzen (+5), 3. Butch Hale (+4), 4. Tommy Mann (+3); Flight B - 1. Don Elliott (+8), 2. Dale Mamele (+5), 3. Al Beard & Randy Miller (+3), 5. Bob Light, Steve Lyman, Bob Peterson, Jessie Snipes, Doug Harper (0)

7/15: Texas Scramble - 1. Doc Griffin, Barry Mears, Randy Laney, Nick Stathas (126), 2. Ray Chiellini, Nick Rinaldi, Joe Ecker, Keith Morgan (131), 3. Mark DiMaggio, David Ha, Dave Richardson, Dave McElrath (135), 4. Rich Turgeon, Doug Stanard, Jim Anderson, Gary Maynard & Mark Wiggins, Bob Waterfield, Dale Mamele, Bob Peterson (138)

7/22: Flight A - 1. Kirk Wiley (+8), 2. Jim Anderson (+6), 3. Jody Young & Nick Stathas (+4); Flight B - 1. Jesse Snipes (+3), 2. Mike Kammer (+2), 3. Steve Lyman & Bruce Lambert (+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

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