

February 2026



News from the Golf Shop

They say the average temperature in January is 55 degrees. I guess, if half the month is near 70 and the other half is 40 degrees, they are right and it's what we experienced last month at Golden Hills. For the first half of the month, we were blessed with abnormally warm temperatures and many opportunities for golfing. The second half of the month not so much. Hopefully in February we will have more average days to play the great game of golf!

While the cold temperatures moved in late last month, on January 17th, 98 players were able to tee it up in the annual Par 3 Challenge. In this event every hole on the golf course is played as a par 3 ranging from 65 yards to 140 yards. A cloudy cool morning gave way to sunny skies and the golf was on! Shawn Miller proved to have a great iron game capturing the gross division by 1 shot shooting a 2 over par 56. Norman Asmer finished 2nd at 57. Howard Werner rode a hot putter to a 2 under par score of 52 in the net division to narrowly beat 3 players by 1 shot. They were Barry Gossett, Bill Harrington and Shawn Heimbach. Congratulations to all who placed in the money and thanks to all for participating.

Next up on the tournament calendar is the Super Bowl Saturday - Play It Forward on February 7th. In this format all competitors will play 1 tee forward of their normal tee. Blue tees play the Green, Green tees play the Black, Black Tees and Red tees play the forward tee. If you would like to play, simply make your normal tee time on Saturday and let the Golf Shop staff know that you are planning to play it forward. There must be at least 2 members of your group playing in the event and have an established USGA handicap. Please call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 and let us know you are planning on playing.

The first MGA tournament will be played on Saturday, February 21st. The format will be a 2-man team Pinehurst Alternate shot. In this format both players hit tee shots, then play the other's ball for their second shot; after comparing the two second shots, they choose the better one and play alternate shot from there into the hole, requiring strategic teamwork. It's popular for mixed-skill teams because it allows both partners to contribute significantly, blending the best of scrambles and traditional alternate shot. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 957-3355. If you have not paid your MGA dues by then, they will collect it that morning.

The Senior Men's Golf Association will continue to play on Tuesday mornings at 10am in February. If you are new to the club, 55 or older, just recently retired or just looking for a steady game, come on out and join our SMGA. To sign up simply call the golf shop by 2pm on Sunday to play.

Our Ladies Golf association continues to grow bigger and stronger every month. Regular play days are on Tuesday at 9:15, Wednesday at 1:15 and Thursday at 9:15. If you would like to come play with this great group of ladies simply call the Golf Shop and they will give you the information you need to get connected.

Of the many issues that any golf course faces, the hardest topic to tackle is slow play. While we love to see each of you enjoying the great game of golf, we all have the responsibility to show proper etiquette and play in a timely fashion so all can enjoy their round. An LPGA hall of famer described it this way: If you are not waiting on the group in front of you, you are probably playing too slow. Here at Golden Hills, we have a pace of play policy posted on the first tee that states rounds should be played in 4 hours or less. Please help everyone enjoy their round at Golden Hills by playing in a timely fashion.

Your Golden Hills Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Doyle Price



Upcoming Events:

Feb 7 *Play it Forward* *t-times*

Feb 21 *Pinehurst Alt. Shot* 9:30

Local Knowledge:

- Simply the BEST! We are proud to announce that we have, once again, been voted Best Golf Course by the readers of Lexington Life. Thank you for your vote & continued support!
- Super Bowl Saturday: Before the BIG game, join us for a little friendly competition at the club. We will host our Play It Forward tournament on February 7. In this event, you will be able to move up 1 tee from your normal game. See details in "News from the Golf Shop".
- MGA: The MGA will kick off their tournament season this month with a Pinehurst Alternate Shot. Find a partner and make plans to play with the MGA on February 21. Call the Golf Shop to register.
- Save your Date: The clubhouse makes the perfect setting for any celebrations you are planning in 2026. The dates are filling in fast so be sure to contact Laurice to save your date soon. 803-957-3355
- 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

We have another busy year planned for our LGA. Our first Membership Meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, Feb 19th, with a Fun Day Captains Choice tournament before. We will also be holding Couples Tournaments again this year, with the first one being held on Sunday, March 15th. We will hold a Member-Member Tournament, a Member-Guest Tournament along with our annual LGA Championship again this year. We will have a Summer Party along with our Christmas Party, and two Golf Trips. Join us at the meeting for all the details and dates for these fun events!

If you would like to join us for any of our weekly LGA Play Days, consider this your invitation. We have ladies of all skills levels that participate, some like to ride and while others prefer to walk. If you just want to play 9 holes, that is fine as well. Our play days for February will be held each Tuesday at 9:15, Wednesday at 1:15 and Thursday at 9:15. If you would like to come play with our great group of ladies simply call the Golf Shop and they will give you the information you need to get connected.

If you would like more information on ladies golf at Golden Hills, contact Trish Proctor at: proctrish@gmail.com

Senior Men's Golf Association

Since 2019, the SMGA has raised and distributed \$19,692 to local Lexington Charities, i.e.: VFW, Mission Lexington, Toby's House, etc. The funds come from a 50/50 raffle the SMGA has each Tuesday they play. Participants get 6 tickets for \$5 with 50% going to the raffle winner and 50% going to their charity fund. Way to go gentleman!!

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 2:00pm on the proceeding Sunday at (803) 957-3355.

For all our SMGA members, make plans to join us for our Christmas party, at the clubhouse, on December 10th at 6:00pm.

The results from last month were as follows:

Jan 6: Points: Flight A: 1 - Tommy Mann & Bill Harrington +2; 3 - Mark DiMaggio +1; 4 - Hardy Youmans & Dave Cionek 0; Flight B: 1 - Tom DiMashe & Frank Jansen +2; 3 - Rich Turgeon & Al Beard 0; 5 - Randy Book & Howard Werner -2

Jan 13: Flight A: 1 - Nyle Burks 68; 2 - Keith Morgan 72; 3 - Gary Maynard 73 ; 4 - Mark DiMaggio & Randy Laney 74; Flight B: 1 - Howard Werner 69; 2 - Mark Hubbard 71; 3 - Chuck Dunlap, Tom DiMashe, Bill Buonomo & Rob Waterfield 72

Jan 20: Points: 1 - Rick Green +1; 2 - Butch Hale 0; 3 - Randy Laney, Mark DiMaggio & Nyle Burks -2; Flight B: 1 - Chuck Dunlap +2; 2 - Bob Waterfield 0; 3 - Randy Miller, Tom DiMashe & Mark Wiggins -4

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