

April 2026



News from the Golf Shop



We hope this newsletter finds you doing well! Here at Golden Hills we experienced every season in March. Mother Nature provided us with some 80 degree days followed by highs in the 40's. Thankfully April is here and all that will be behind us soon. The fairways are almost full of grass and the greens are running true. The dogwoods and azaleas are starting to bloom and Golden Hills is showing off the beautiful colors that makes it the Midlands favorite golf course. Be sure to find some time this month to come and experience the beauty that is Golden Hills!

The MGA had 14, 4-man teams play in their Yellow Ball tournament last month. They were treated with great weather in the race to see who would make it the furthest around the course with their yellow ball still in play. Amazingly, 12 teams completed and brought back their yellow ball. They upped the quality of the yellow ball this year. Did that have something to do with it? Maybe, but we will also attribute it to the skill of our members play! Landing in 1st place in the Yellow Ball format was the team of: Stan Rawl, Haemoon Oh, Keith Parker & Dave Richardson (67). Their was a tie for 1st place in the Net Best Ball format between the teams of: Mike Calkins, Alan Gibson, Bryan Goodwin, Joey Joiner and Gregg Erickson, Trent Whitfield, Norman Asmer, Kyle Kimrey (128). Congratulations gentlemen!

The Masters always signals the start of golf season in April. Join us on April 11th for our annual taste of the Masters with the Pick a Pro golf tournament. Golfers will be able to have 2 Masters participants as their partners that day; one you choose out of a hat and one that you can pick as your preferred partner. If you would like to participate, you simply make your normal tee time for Saturday morning and let the Golf Shop staff know you wish to participate. At least 2 members of your group must play in the event to be eligible. You also can not pick your favorite player if he has already teed off. The cost for the event is only \$20!

The 2026 Member/Member is sure to be another fantastic event. Pick your partner, sign up and come out and join in the fun! The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday April 25th & 26th, with tee times beginning at 8:30. The tournament features four nine-hole formats: Pinehurst Alternate Shot, Captains Choice, Net Best Ball and Aggregate Net of both players. Each format will pay 1st & 2nd in each flight and flight winners will be determined by the overall score of all 4 formats. The entry fee is \$200 per team plus a \$100 cash buy in. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

For those of you that enjoy using the driving range, good news, we will back to hitting off the grass this month! As always, please remember to abide by all the rules of the driving range. When the range is closed do not hit balls. Do not shag balls from the driving range. Please do not hit balls over the fence. Only hit from designated areas. Last but not least, please fill your divots with sand. If everyone would adhere to these policies, we all would have a better experience at the driving range.

In April, the Senior Men's Golf Association will be moving their start time ahead 1 hour on Tuesday mornings. The new start time is 9:00am. Please be sure to call the Golf Shop by 3pm each Sunday to sign up to play with this great group of guys.

The Ladies Golf Association will also move forward an hour each Tuesday and Friday, with play now beginning at 8:15. If you would like more information on how to join up with this great group of ladies simply call the Golf Shop and we will point you in the right direction.

As traffic continues to increase on your golf course this spring please be aware of your pace on the golf course. Slow play has been an issue that plagues the golf business and relies on the golfer's awareness as to their pace of play. As the great LPGA Hall of Famer Beth Daniel explained it; if you are not waiting on the group in front of you, you are probably playing too slow. Please help everyone enjoy their rounds by maintaining good pace of play.

As always, our door is always open to you!

Your Golf Shop Staff,

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Doyle Price

Upcoming Events:

4/11	Masters Pick A Pro	t-times
4/13	Lake Murray/Irmo Rotary	1:00
4/15	Lex County Championship	12:30
4/16	BCEDU	12:30
4/19	LGA Couples Tourn	10:00
4/20	ACECSC	11:00
4/25	Member-Member	8:30
4/26	Member-Member	8:30
4/27	Lavie	11:00
5/1	LGA Member-Member	

Ladies Golf Association

We had 10 couples participate in the March LGA Couples Tournament. The weather cooperated, somewhat, and we were able to finish 9 holes. 1st place went to Sandra & Larry Jackson, 2nd place was Susan & Pete Lovaas, and 3rd place was Steve and Holly Lamb. The next LGA Couples Tournament will be April 19th with a 10 am shotgun start. The format for April is Play it forward.

What a great day our ladies had in the 1st Non-handicap Match Play for 2026. We competed against Mid Carolina. Our team of Carole Stone and Susan Lovaas won their match 10-8. Our team of Jean Burns and Janet Hoffmann won their match 11.5-7.5. Mid Carolina has strong players but so do we! Way to go ladies and special thanks to all our volunteers that helped with the days event.

Our Match Play event, the Queen's Cup, is underway and the winner will be announced in May. If you haven't already, there's still time to join the Birdie Tree. It only costs \$10 and you have until Dec. 1st to garner birdies on any of our Ladies Play Days. Our LGA Member-Member will be held on May 1st. The next Fun Day (Captain's Choice with a few twists!) will be held on May 19th. Be sure to mark your calendar accordingly with all these great upcoming events. Contact Kathy Shillaber if you have any questions about these events (shillaberkc@gmail.com).

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, while others prefer to walk. If you just want to play 9 holes, that is fine as well. Our play days for April will be held each Tuesday & Friday at 8:15 and Wednesday at 1:15. If you would like to come play with our 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

Local Knowledge:

- **Welcome to the Club ~ Hadley Renee Fowler.** Born 3/26/26 to our Assistant Pro Justin & his wife Nicole. Congratulations!
- **Winter Clearance: Visit the Golf Shop for savings up to 75% off all remaining winter apparel.**
- **Hole In One: Yet again, we had 2 members find the bottom of the cup last month: Bob Walts rained it in on #7 & John Isaac sank it in on #3. Congratulations gentlemen!**
- **Swim Team: Registration is now open! Come swim with us this summer. Visit our website for details & 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**
- **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.**

Golden Hills Golf & C.C.
100 Scotland Drive
Lexington, SC 29072
(803) 957-3355
info@goldenhillsgolf.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 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:

March 3: Flight A: 1 - Gary Maynard +3, 2 - Mark DiMaggio +2, 3 - Butch Hale & Ron West -1; Flight B: 1 - Rich Turgeon +2, 2 - Buddy Driskell +1, 3 - Wallace Chavis, Mark Wiggins & Johnny Williams -1

March 10: Flight A: 1 - Lynn Griffin 67, 2 - Ron West & Keith Morgan 69, 4 - Mike Ruddy, Bob Walts, Dave Cionek & Doug Stanard 70; Flight B: 1 - Tri Tran 67, 2 - Larry Harding 70, 3 - Johnny Williams 72, 4 - Don Elliott & Frank Jansen 73

March 24: Flight A: 1st - Randy Laney +5, 2 - Butch Hale & Tri Tran +3, 4 - Mark DiMaggio & Dave Cionek +1; Flight B: 1 - Tom DiMashe +6, 2 - Chuck Dunlap +4, 3 - Lloyd Meinke, Johnny Williams & Howard Werner +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



Golden Hills Swimming

Welcome to the 2026 Season!

The Golden Hills Gators Swim Team welcomes swimmers ages 4-18 of all skill levels. Whether a swimmer is just getting started or has years of experience, we strive to create a fun, encouraging, and supportive environment where every child can succeed.

Since joining the Columbia Swim League in 2000, our coaches and families have worked together to build a fun and successful program. We love helping swimmers grow, build confidence, and celebrate their progress in and out of the water. Swimmers who attend practice regularly and bring a positive attitude have the opportunity to compete at a level that fits their skills and experience.

Developmental Team:

For swimmers, who are comfortable putting their face in the water but are still learning to swim across the pool. Swimmers will build confidence and practice basic swimming skills. Practices are 30 minutes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. ** typically ages 10 and under

Competitive Team:

Beginner:

Ages 8 and under, who can swim one lap independently. Swimmers will continue building confidence and endurance while learning the four competitive strokes. *For swimmers with limited experience.

Intermediate:

Swimmers who already know the four competitive strokes. Focuses on stroke refinement, starts, turns, and competitive swim training.

Junior:

Top younger swimmers; time is devoted to starts, turns, stroke refinement and aerobic training.

Senior:

Swimmers ages 12 and older with competitive swim experience. Focuses on advanced stroke refinement and aerobic training.

Registration Notes:

Registration for both the Competitive and Development Teams is limited to ensure adequate training space for all swimmers.

The registration fee is \$175 per swimmer, with a 10% discount for each additional child. Registration for returning swimmers opens March 15, and registration for new swimmers opens April 1. To register or learn more, visit the Swim tab on the Golden Hills Golf & Country Club website.

Important

Dates to Remember:

March 15- Early Registration

April 1- Open Registration Begins

May 3- Parent Meetings: 5:00 Development Group / 5:30 Competitive Team

May 11- After-school practice begins

May 26- Regular morning practice starts

** CITY MEET: date TBD depending on your age-group **

Practice Schedule:

After school on Mon, Wed, and Fri

May 11 - May 22:

5:00 - 5:30 pm Development Team

5:30 - 6:00 pm Beginners and Intermediates

6:00 - 7:00 pm Juniors and Seniors

Morning practice times will start on May 26th:

Mon, Wed, Fri.

8:00 - 8:30 am Development Team

Mon - Fri:

8:30 - 9:30 am Beginners and Intermediates

*10 and under

9:30 -10:45 am Intermediate 11/12 age group, Juniors and Seniors

Note: Swimming ability will determine your practice group.

2026 Meet Schedule:

Home meets: swimmer arrival time- 4:45 warm-ups at 5:00

Away meets- swimmer arrival time 5:00 warm-ups at 5:15

All meets start at 6:00.

B meets

May 21- @ Governors Grant

June 1- home- Harbison

June 8- @ Newberry YMCA

June 15- home- Timberlake

A meets

May 28- @ CCL

June 4-home vs. Quail Hollow

June 11- home vs. Topspin

June 18- home- Quail Valley

June 22- @ Murraywood

June 27-28: City Meet @ USC Blatt Pool

For further information/questions e-mail:

Head Coach: Whittaker-Anne Johnston - wajohnston@lexington1.net

Parent Rep: Kevin Rose

Assistant Coach: Mollie Beth Wilson

Junior Coaches: Kennedy Harris, Riley Halloran, Cooper Halloran



2\$&* '@ 5 'A Ya VYf#A Ya VYf Tournament

Friday, May 1st

Check-In (Pro Shop): 8:00 a.m.

Chipping Contest: 8:30 a.m

Shotgun Start: 9:30 a.m.

Cost = \$20 + Cart & Green Fee (if applicable)

Required Information: Member Name _____
Member Name _____

(If no GHIN, HCP of 0 will be used.)

Format: 6 holes each - Captains Choice, Best Ball & Alternate Shot
Please give completed form & \$20 to Annemarie or Regena by 4-17-26

