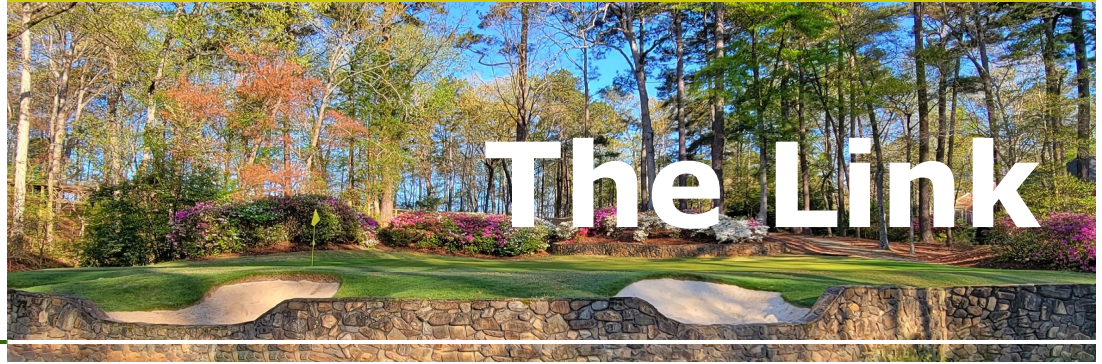


May 2026



News from the Golf Shop

Good news, it's still Spring! While the weather got quite hot in the middle of April, we were reminded toward the end of the month how beautiful the weather can be in South Carolina. We skipped the April showers and went right to May flowers and the beauty of Golden Hills shined for most of the month. We hope you were able to carve out some time to enjoy a round with friends and family as it was truly a great month for golf!

The Masters Pick A Pro was played on Saturday, April 11th, and Scottie Scheffler continued his torrid Saturday round and shot a 65 at Augusta National. In the hat pick format Jody Young was fortunate to have Scottie as his partner and paired with Jody's 71 they shot a total of 136 for a 4-shot victory over 2 other teams. Bob Walts had the cleverness to pick Cameron Young in the choice division who also shot a 65 on Saturday and paired with Bob's 72 for a total of 137. The duos score was enough for a 1 stroke victory over 2 other teams. We would like to thank all who participated in the event and congratulate those that played well enough to finish in the money.

Thirty Four teams teed it up on Saturday, April 25th with an opportunity to become the 2026 Member/Member champion. Saturday's format of Pinehurst Alternate shot on the front nine and Captains Choice on the back nine saw several teams get off to hot starts. Leading the way with scores of 61 were the teams of Jason Cochcroft/Levi Cochcroft and Trent Witfield/Gregg Erickson. Just like the Masters, it all came down to the back 9 on Sunday where the teams play aggregate net total and all shots count. Haemoon Oh/Keith Parker fired a final round of 96 for a 2 day total of 161 to narrowly hold off Chris Ulmer/John Phillips and Steven Lamb/Scott Anderson who shot 162. Congratulations to our 2026 Member/Member Champions: Haemoon Oh and Keith Parker. Well Done!

The Golden Hills Member Guest will be held May 15, 16 & 17. The festivities begin with an optional practice round on Friday. The putting contest will begin at 5:00 followed by the Long Drive Contest at 6:00. Dinner will be served after the conclusion of the Long Drive around 7. The format for Saturday and Sunday's round is Net Best Ball. All competitors must have a USGA handicap. Play will begin both days with a shotgun start at 9:00. The cost is \$360 per team plus a \$100 cash buy in. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9am. If you are new to the club, age 55 or older, or just looking for a steady game, come on out and join this great group of guys. To sign up simply call the Golf Shop by 2:00pm on Sunday. The Ladies Golf Association also meets on Tuesday's at 8:15 and also Friday's at 9:30. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or scratch golfer, walk or ride, play 9 or 18 all are welcome to come and join in the fun. Call the Golf Shop for more information on how to get signed up to play with our great group of ladies.

While the weather is getting awesome it has been great to see so many taking advantage of the driving range. What has not been so great is to see how many hit balls and did not fill divots with sand. Please help us keep the turf at the driving range in great shape by filling your divots with sand, hitting only from designated areas and keeping your shot in the confines of the driving range.

The same can be said for the wonderful condition of the fairways! I am always amazed how many carts get turned in by members and there has not been a single scoop taken from the bucket on the cart. Please help us keep the golf course in fantastic shape by filling your divots with sand in the fairways and on the par 3 tee boxes.

Now that the days are getting longer the Golf Shop will remain open till 6:30 in May to allow more opportunities for those beautiful late evening rounds. It is spectacular!

Your Golf Shop Staff: Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Doyle Price

Upcoming Events:

5/2	MGA Texas Scramble	t-times
5/4	Optimist Club	10:00
5/11	Hemmingway's	12:30
5/14	Lex Police Dept	10:00
5/15	Member-Guest Practice Round/ Dinner	
5/16-17	Member-Guest	9:00
5/18	ICW	10:00
5/21	LGA Fun Day	9:30
5/26	Aerification – course closed	
5/31	LGA Couples Tour.	10:00

Local Knowledge:

- **Pool Time:** The pool will open for the 2026 swim season on May 23. Be sure to visit our website & read the Pool Newsletter for all the latest info on the upcoming season.
- **Winter Clearance:** Visit the Golf Shop for savings up to 75% off all remaining winter apparel.
- **Coolers:** Please note that personal coolers are not allowed on the golf course. Thank you!
- **Swim Team:** Registration is still 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.

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Ladies Golf Association

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 at 8:15 & Friday at 9:30 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.

We had 7 couples participate in the April Couples tournament. First place went to Pete & Susan Lovaas, 2nd - Ralph & Regena Sellers & 3rd - Trish Simmons & her partner. The May LGA couples tournament will be held on May 31st. The format is Stableford.

“The Queen’s Cup” match play tournament will be wrapping up at the end of the month. We have one more semi-final match, and then the grand finale to see who will earn the right to wear the crown (and win a nice pot of money!).

The ladies who are currently signed up for the Birdie Tree are: Jean, Donna, Susan, Melanie, Carole S., Karen S., Rolfe, Graceanne, and Kathy. Carole Stone is leading the pack with the most birdies so far and Jean Burns is a close second! It’s not too late to join as this event runs through Dec. 1. If your name isn’t on the list or if you would like to learn more about the Birdie Tree, contact Kathy Shillaber: shillaberkc@gmail.com

Our next scheduled Fun Day will be held on Thursday, May 21st. As usual, it will be an 18-hole, Captain’s Choice (from the forward tees), with a little twist...and no cost except for the cart fees. Play will begin at 9:30. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for an extremely FUN day at the club. Contact Kathy Shillaber to register.

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

On May 5th, we will hold our annual 3 man team Yellow Ball tourney. To participate you must be signed up in the Golf Shop by 2pm Sunday. If you are not in tourney but want to play, sign up as a single and we will pair you up if there is room. Payouts will be determined on the number of players.

The results from last month were as follows:

April 7: Flt A: 1 - Don Richards +6; 2 - Keith Morgan +3; 3 - Dale Shelhorse & Mark Lipinski +1; Flt B: 1 - Howard Werner +9; 2 - Buddy Driskell +6; 3 - Chuck Dunlap & Doug Harper +4; 5 - Lloyd Meinke & Johney Williams +2

April 14: Blind Draw: Flt A: 1 - Doug Stanard/Chuck Dunlap 136; 2 - Bob Waterfield/Barry Mears & Ohmer Slaven/Bob Walts 138; 4 - Mark Lipinski/Bill Buonomo & Larry Harding/Dale Shelhorse 141; 6 - Doug Harper/Gary Maynard 142

April 21: Handicap: Flt A: 1 - Tri Tran 66; 2 - Keith Morgan & Doug Stanard 72; 4 - David Ha 73; Flt B: 1 - Tom DiMashe 61; 2 - Jessie Snipes 63; 3 - Don Richards & Howard Werner 67; 5 - Bill Buonomo 68

April 28: Flt A: 1 - Bill Harrington +6; 2 - Don Richards +4; 3 - Dale Shelhorse +3; 4 - Mark DiMaggio +2; 5 - Dave Cionek +1; Flt B: 1 - Byron Reams +7; 2 - Wallace Chavis & Randy Book +6; 4 - Dale Mamele +4

If you would like to receive emails from the SMGA about events & results, contact Ray Chiellini at: dober2plus1@gmail.com or call (803) 518-4215.