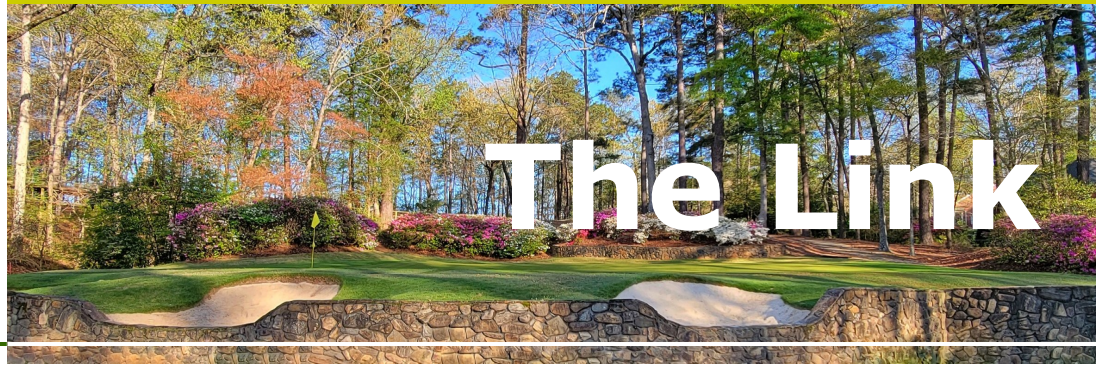


August 2026



Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



News from the Golf Shop

The summer heat certainly continued throughout July, but frequent afternoon showers have kept your golf course lush, green, and in outstanding condition. If you haven't had the opportunity to play recently, there are still plenty of long summer days left to experience why Golden Hills continues to be recognized as one of the premier golf courses in the Midlands.

July was another productive month on the golf course. Several problem areas of the cart paths were removed and resurfaced, improving both appearance and playability. We also completed additional tree removal around several greens to increase sunlight and improve air circulation in areas that have struggled with turf health. Perhaps the most noticeable addition has been the arrival of our new electric golf carts featuring GPS and geofencing technology. Thank you for your patience as we've continued making adjustments to the system.

Renovations on #12 green began last month and, once complete, work will begin on #17 green. Both greens will receive new drainage, improved shaping, and new turf. These improvements are another investment in ensuring Golden Hills remains one of the finest maintained golf courses in the Midlands for years to come.

Handicap Posting During Green Renovations: One of the most common questions we've received concerns posting scores while the 12th and 17th greens are under renovation. Under the USGA World Handicap System, golfers should post their scores hole-by-hole and simply leave holes 12 and 17 blank. The handicap system will automatically calculate an Expected Score for those holes based on how you played the remaining 16 holes. Golfers may also use the Net Par method. If your Course Handicap gives you a stroke on a hole, record a bogey. If it does not, record a par.

The Men's Golf Association battled scorching temperatures during July's Texas Scramble (also known as a Shamble), where teams played a Captain's Choice from the tee before each player finished the hole with their own ball. Despite the heat, the scoring was outstanding. Congratulations to Bryan Goodwin, Phillip Gibson, Norman Asmer, and Dave Richardson, who recorded an incredible 23 birdies and one eagle on their way to a remarkable 27-under-par victory. Their performance was good enough to finish four shots ahead of Chris Ulmer, Scott Lewis, John Phillips, and Ernie Dotson.

Next on the MGA schedule is the popular 1-2-3 Team Tournament. In this format: Holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 & 16 – Count 1 net best ball; Holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14 & 17 – Count 2 net best balls; Holes 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 & 18 – Count 3 net best balls. To register, simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The Senior MGA continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. throughout August. Golfers 55 and older are invited to join this friendly group each week. Simply call the Golf Shop by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday to reserve your spot.

The Ladies Golf Association continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. Whether you're a beginner or a scratch golfer, whether you prefer walking or riding, or enjoy playing 9 or 18 holes, everyone is welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying a great morning on the course. For additional information or to sign up, call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The annual Golden Hills Parent/Child Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 15. This two-person Captain's Choice event features two divisions: Parent/Junior and Parent/Adult. Registration closes August 12. To sign up, contact the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

After a month of gathering information from our new GPS fleet, we've been able to make several improvements based on cart traffic patterns. The biggest news is that Holes #6 and #14 are no longer cart-path-only! We'll continue refining the geofencing system as needed. If you encounter an area where your cart seems to be restricted unnecessarily, please let the Golf Shop know. Your feedback helps us fine-tune the system while protecting the golf course and providing the best possible experience for everyone.

We appreciate your continued support of Golden Hills and look forward to seeing you on the course throughout August!

Your Golf Shop Staff:

Steve Larick, Justin Fowler, Doyle Price

Upcoming Events:

8/8	MGA 1,2,3	9am
8/15	Parent - Child	9:30am
8/17	Mt. Horeb	10am
8/20	LGA Fun Day	9am
8/31	Faith United	10am

Local Knowledge:

- **LGA FUN Day:** The ladies will be treated to another FUN day this month on August 20. Read News from the LGA for details.
- **Welcome Coach Vroon:** We are glad to announce that Coach Howard Vroon is now be available for golf lessons at the club. If you would like to reach out to Coach Vroon for a tune-up or series of lessons, you can reach him at 843-364-8322.
- **Pool Time:** Be sure to visit our website & read the Pool Newsletter for information on everything happening at the pool this summer. If you need a fob for the pool gate, email: info@goldenhillsgolf.com
- **Member Dogfights:** If you would like to play in any of our weekly dogfights, they are held each Wednesday at 12:00, Friday at 11:30, Saturday at 9:00 & Sunday at 11:30. Please call the Golf Shop 48hrs in advance to be included.
- **Coolers:** Please note that personal coolers are not allowed on the golf course. Thank you!
- **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

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Ladies Golf Association

We had a hot but fun day at the club last month for our Summer Party. Thank you to all the amazing ladies who came and played golf in the heat. We have the best LGA! Congregations to our winners: 1st - Susan Lovaas, Debbie Hayes and Milly Kester with a net score of 23; 2nd - Carole Stone, Becky Mack, Dawn Clark and Karen Waterfield with a net score of 24; Note: 2nd Place was really close with a scorecard win. Honorable Mentions to: Janet Hoffmann, Donna Jerman, Ginny Maxwell and Kim Dawson with a net score of 24; Rolfe Olsen, Graceanne White, Trish Proctor and Kris Cato with a net score of 24.

Save the date! Our next Fun Day is Thursday, Aug. 20th. We'll be playing a Par 3 Tournament and have a shotgun start beginning at 9:00. With all holes being a par 3 — the round will take less time and that will feel great with those warmer temperatures. There is no cost except for your cart fee if you ride. Plan to stay after golf for our Quarterly Membership Meeting. Contact Kathy Shillaber if you'd like to play on the 20th!

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 are held each Tuesday & Thursday at 8:15 and Wednesday at 1:15. If you would like to come play with our ladies, simply call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355 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

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.

The results from last month were as follows:

July 7: Handicap: Flight A: 1 - Nyle Burks 69; 2 - Hardy Youmans, Tri Tran & Gary Maynard 70; 5 - Bill Harrington 71; Flight B: 1 - James Cavanaugh & Jackson Mack 67; 3 - Bob Waterfield 71; 4 - Tom DiMashe 72; 5 - Mark Wiggins & Don Elliott 73

July 14: Points: Flight A: 1 - Randy Laney +11; 2 - Ron West +9; 3 - Butch Hale & Hardy Youmans +7; 5 - Kirk Wiley & Keith Morgan +3; Flight B: 1 - Jackson Mack +13; 2 - Mark Wiggins & Tom DiMashe +6; 4 - Mike Kammer +4; 5 - Randy Miller, Lloyd Meinke & Dick Howe +3

July 21: Blind Draw: 1 - Tom DiMashe/Tri Tran 135; 2 - Ron West/Dale Shelhorse 138; 3 - Rick Green/Dick Howe, Randy Miller/Johney Williams & Mark Wiggins/Keith Morgan 143

July 28: Handicap: Flight A: 1 - Randy Laney & Hardy Youmans 70; 3 - Ron West, Rick Green & Tri Tran 71; Flight B: 1 - Lloyd Meinke 66; 2 - James Cavanaugh 68; 3 - Tom DiMashe 71; 4 - Howard Werner 72; 5 - Randy Miller, Mark Wiggins, Bob Waterfield & Johny Williams 75

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.