

September 2026



Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



News from the Golf Shop

The dog days of August are behind us, and September will usher in cooler temperatures and fantastic golf conditions to Golden Hills! The course is looking incredible, and we want to thank all of our members for their patience and understanding as we continue the projects on the 12th and 17th holes. We are excited to report that, weather permitting, both holes will be reopening in the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience throughout the process and look forward to seeing everyone back on these two great holes soon. With fall just around the corner, September is the perfect time to get out and enjoy a round of golf at Golden Hills!

Despite the August heat, there was some spectacular golf played at Golden Hills last month.

August Tournament Highlights & September Events:

2026 Golden Hills Parent-Child Championship: The 2026 Parent-Child Golf Tournament was held on August 15, featuring a two-person captain's choice format. In the Parent/Child Division for children under age 12, Mike and Makenzie Kijak captured first place with an impressive nine-hole score of 39. The Parent/Junior Division for ages 12–17 ended in a tie, with Bryce and Carson Myers and Jason and Levi Cochcroft both posting outstanding scores of 5-under-par 63. The overall championship came from the Parent/Adult Division, where Kathy Shillaber and Clay Dewberry fired a fantastic 6-under-par 62 to claim the title. Congratulations to all of our champions, and thank you to everyone who participated in the 2026 Golden Hills Parent-Child Championship. It was a great day of golf and family fun!

The Golden Hills Men's Golf Association held its tournament on August 8. The MGA 1-2-3 format is a four-person team competition featuring: 1 net best ball on holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16; 2 net best balls on holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14 and 17; 3 net best balls on holes 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18. The team of Joe Pawluk, Dale Welch, Frank King and Chris Martin dominated the field, winning by five shots with an outstanding total of 120. Congratulations to the winning team!

Next up for the MGA is 3 - 6's Tournament which will be held on September 26. This is a two-person team competition featuring three different formats, with each format played over six holes. You may sign up as a twosome, or, if you already know all four players who would like to play together, you can provide the complete group when registering. To sign up, please call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

The 2026 Golden Hills Match Play Tournament gets underway in September. Sign-up begins: September 1. Sign-up deadline: September 10, or earlier if the field reaches 32 players. First-round deadline: September 27. Each subsequent match will have two weeks to be completed. The tournament is a full-handicap match play competition. With a maximum field of 32 players, be sure to sign up early. To enter, call the golf shop as soon as possible.

A Reminder About Tee Times

As we head into the fall season and enjoy some of the best playing conditions of the year, proper use of tee times becomes especially important for everyone. Please help your fellow members by following these simple guidelines: Make tee times that accurately reflect the number of players in your group. If you cannot make your tee time, please call the Golf Shop as soon as possible so another member can enjoy the opportunity to play. No-shows are not tolerated, and member accounts will be charged accordingly. A simple phone call is all it takes to avoid a no-show charge. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled tee time. Arriving late can create delays and affect other groups. Thank you for being considerate of your fellow members. Canceling tee times promptly and arriving on time helps ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy their round.

Help Us Protect the New Greens

We know everyone is excited about the upcoming reopening of the 12th and 17th holes, and we are excited to see you back out there enjoying them. When the greens first reopen, however, they will be very tender as they continue to mature. We ask everyone to do their part to help these greens establish themselves and remain in excellent condition. Please be sure to repair all of your ball marks. Taking a few extra seconds to properly repair a ball mark will make a tremendous difference in the health and appearance of these greens.

Thank you for being a valued member of the Golden Hills family. Here's to great weather, great golf and a great fall season at Golden Hills!

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

Upcoming Events

9/8	Palmetto Preview	11:00
9/9	Century Glass	9:00
9/12	Match Play begins	
9/14	Corpus Christi	10:00
9/17	SMGA Ryder Cup	10:00
9/20	LGA Couples	10:00
9/21	SC United	10:00
9/22	Sandlappers	9:30
9/24	Hope Cup	9:00
9/25	LGA Mem/Guest	9:30
9/26	MGA 3 6's	9:00
9/28	Citadel Club	12:30
9/30	SMGA Ryder Cup	10:00

Local Knowledge:

- **Hole In One:** Congratulations to our latest additions to the Hole In One Archive: Jim Anderson aced #17 on 8/1/26 & Tommy Mann found the bottom of the cup on #3 on 8/25.
- **LGA Couples:** Grab your partner & get registered for the next LGA Couples Tournament on September 20.
- **Pool Time:** Be sure to make the most of the days remaining to enjoy the pool before the swim season ends on September 7.
- **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

Thank you to all those that persevered through the humid weather last month for our Par 3 Tournament. The tee markers were in some fun places throughout the golf course. Congratulations to Carole Stone, Debbie Hayes, Milly Kester and Sandra Jackson for taking first place, with 7 birdies. Stacey Hewson, Norma Hammill, Donna Jerman, and Jill Ticknor took second, with an amazing 7 birdies as well. Debbie Hayes launched a tee shot to within 16 1/2 inches on hole #11 for closest to the pin and Stacey Hewson was closest to the pin on hole 8 with her shot that ended up 6'2" from the pin. Great golf ladies!

Our LGA Member/Guest that will be held on September 25th. Hard copies of the sign up sheets are located in ladies locker room. The cost is \$45/person and includes cart/green fees, lunch & prizes. The format is 9 holes best ball and 9 holes captains choice. We'll have prizes for both categories as well as overall and 'closest to the pins' so we'll have lots of winners. One of the ladies must be an LGA member and one cannot be an LGA member (don't think about Golden Hills membership, just LGA membership). You can create your own foursome by inviting 3 guests but you and your #1 guest will compete against guests #2 & #3 (it's super fun to create your own foursome and give back to those who've invited you to their Member/Guests and show off our course). Players will be assigned their active GHIN handicap (with a max of 36). If a player doesn't have an established GHIN, they can still play with a 0 HCP. The deadline to sign-up is September 11th. We're hoping to have a full field this year!

If you would like to join us for our weekly LGA Play Days, consider this your invitation! We welcome ladies of all skills levels. 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 & Wednesday at 1:15. If you would like to come play, call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

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:

Aug 4: Flight A: 1– Keith Morgan +4; 2 - Tommy Mann +3; 3 - Kirk Wiley, Ron West, Barry Mears & Don Richards all at +2; Flight B: 1 - Buddy Driskell +8; 2 - Rick Hubbard +3; 3 - Bob Waterfield & Bill Buonomo +2

Aug 11: 4 Man Cpts Choice: Flight A: 1 - Ray Chiellini, Keith Morgan, Nick Rinaldi & Mike Ruddy 46; 2 - Nyle Burks, Tri Tran, Byron Reams & Scott Camp 48; 3 - Rick Green, Kirk Wiley, Dale Shelhorse & Larry Harding 49; Flight B: 1 - Dale Mamele, Mark Wiggins, Doug Harper & Bob Waterfield 44 & Ralph Sellers, Howard Werner, Dave Weidner & Bill Buonomo 44; 3 - Rick Hubbard, Tom Dimashe, Wallace Chavis & Doug Stanard 48

Aug 18: Flight A: 1 - Ralph Sellers & Tri Tran - 67; 3 - Mike Ruddy & Bill Harrington 70; Flight B: 1 - Lloyd Meinke 65; 2 - Buddy Driskell 67; 3 - Rick Hubbard & Bill Buonomo 71; 5 - Bob Waterfield 72

Aug 25: Flight A: 1 - Butch Hale +12; 2 - Bill Harrington & Bryan Oliver +6; 4 - Nick Stathas & Dave Cionek +5; 5 - Barry Mears +4; Flight B: 1 - Randy Miller +2; 2 - Mark Wiggins 0; 3 - Bill Buonomo -2; 4 - Doug Harper -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.