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Golden Hills Golf & Country Club



News from the Golf Shop

We hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying the start of fall! During the end of September, fall finally decided to show up, bringing cooler temperatures that we have all been looking forward to. Before long, Golden Hills will begin displaying the beautiful fall foliage that our course is known for. October is one of the best months of the year to enjoy the weather and play more golf, and we hope your busy schedule includes plenty of rounds here at Golden Hills!

The 2026 Golden Hills Ryder Cup team traveled to Ponderosa on September 12th & 13th for this year's home-and-home match. This event has always proven to be a tough challenge for the visiting team, and once again, the home team at Ponderosa put together one of the best Saturdays on record to capture the Cup. The final score was Ponderosa 24, Golden Hills 8. Congratulations to Ponderosa, and a big thank-you to all of our Golden Hills players who represented the club!

The Men's Golf Association held a tournament on September 26th. The two-man team format included six holes of Net Best Ball, six holes of Modified Pinehurst Alternate Shot, and five holes of Captain's Choice. **Chris Ulmer and John Phillips** took home the top prize with an impressive **12-under-par 56**, narrowly defeating **Steven Lamb and Brigham Watson**, who finished at **10-under-par 58**.

Next up on the MGA schedule is the **Pick 6 Tournament** on October 17th. In this format you will play 6 holes from 3 different tees. If you normally play from the green tees you will play 6 from the black, 6 from the green and 6 from the blue. Blue tee players will play 6 from the Gold, 6 from the blue and 6 from the green. To sign up call the Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

We hope by now that everyone is getting comfortable with our new golf carts and their GPS systems. Just a reminder: if you find yourself in an area that is geofenced as a **No Cart** zone, the way out is to simply reverse back to the permitted area. If you haven't taken a close look at the GPS screen, be sure to explore some of the many features available, including weather information, pin locations and more. There is a lot of helpful information right at your fingertips!

Now that we will be back playing the newly renovated green complexes on **Nos. 12 and 17**, it is especially important that we take good care of these greens as they continue to mature. Please remember to **always repair your ball marks**—not only on Nos. 12 and 17, but on every green. Nothing makes a green look poorly maintained faster than a large number of unrepaired ball marks. Taking a few seconds to repair yours helps keep our greens looking and playing their best for everyone.

The Senior Men's Golf Association continues its weekly play every Tuesday at **9:00 a.m.** If you are new to the club, are 55 or older, and are looking for a regular game, come out and join this great group of guys! To get signed up, simply call the Golf Shop by the preceding Sunday at **3:00 p.m.**

Our Ladies Golf Association continues to grow and is proving to be one of the most fun groups in town! During October, the Ladies will play on **Tuesday mornings**, with tee times beginning at **8:15 a.m.**, and **Friday mornings**, with tee times beginning at **9:30 a.m.** It doesn't matter if you're a scratch golfer or a beginner, walk or ride, or play 9 or 18 holes—**everyone is welcome to join in the fun!** If you would like more information about joining this great group of ladies, call the Golf Shop at **803-957-3355**.

The LGA will also host a **Couples Tournament on October 18th at 10:00 a.m.** This month's format is Alternate Shot, also known as "divorce golf." Just kidding! It's a fun format that requires both golfers to work together and participate in the fun. To sign up, call the Golf Shop.

The **LGA Championship** will also be played on **October 30th**. The format will be stroke play with both gross and net divisions. To compete for the gross division, players must play from the red tees. All other players are welcome to play from the forward tees. Play will begin with tee times starting at **9:30 a.m.**

Getting ready for the fall season and noticed you may be a little shy on golf apparel? Your Golden Hills Golf Shop is fully stocked with everything the golfer in your family needs for the cooler months. And remember, **if we don't have it, we can order it!** Stop by the Golf Shop today to check out the new fall lines and get your favorites while they last!

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and support throughout the summer. We are constantly striving to make Golden Hills the best it can be for your enjoyment.

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please don't hesitate to stop by the Golf Shop. Our **door is always open!**

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

Ladies Golf Association

Upcoming Events

10/5	Gator Nation	11:30
10/8	Cancer of Many Colors	10:00
10/12	DCAC	12:00
10/15	Lexington Lions Club	10:00
10/17	MGA - Pick 6	9:00
10/18	LGA Couples	10:00
10/19	Lexington Chamber	12:00
10/22	Lex. Educ. Foundation	10:00
10/26	MCEC	12:30
10/30	LGA Championship	9:30

Local Knowledge:

- **Simply the Best:** Thanks to you all for voting Golden Hills "Best Golf Course" in The State's 2026 contest.
- **Fall Fashion:** Your Golden Hills Golf Shop is fully stocked with all you need for the cooler months ahead!
- **Hole In One:** Congratulations to Aimee Rinaldi for her ace on Hole #3, from 108 yds on 9/1/26.
- **LGA Couples:** Grab your partner & get registered for the next LGA Couples Tournament on October 18.
- **MGA:** The MGA's 'Pick 6' tourney be held on October 17.
- **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.
- **Save your Date:** The clubhouse makes the perfect setting for any celebrations you are planning. The dates fill in fast so be sure to contact Laurice to save your date soon. 803-957-3355

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Wow! September was an action-packed and fun-filled month for the Golden Hills LGA! In addition to our regular play days, we hosted the Sandlappers event, held our annual LGA Member-Guest, and enjoyed a wonderful Fall Golf Trip to Santee with many of our members.

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who participated in the Sandlappers event, whether you played in the tournament or volunteered your time to help make it a success. We truly appreciate everyone who contributed to such a great event!

We were also blessed with beautiful weather for our LGA Member-Guest, making it a perfect day to enjoy golf, good competition, and time with our guests. Congratulations to all of our winners: **Overall:** 1st – Graceanne White & Kaylea Cole; 2nd – Rofle Olsen & Jill Averyhart; 3rd – Nancy Dodge & Julie Snider. **Low Net:** 1st – Susan Lovaas & Jordan Quinzi; 2nd – Dawn Clark & Twyla Lands; 3rd – Joanne Carpenter & Marcia Rozendaal. **Captain's Choice:** 1st – Katy Shillaber & Sue Zankowski; 2nd (Tie) – Stacey Hewson & Ada Simmons; Jean Burns & Debra Richard; Carol Wiggins & Ruth Vanessa

October Events: Oct. 13 – Non-Handicap Match Play @ Forest Lake; Oct. 18 – LGA Couples Tournament; Oct. – Sandlapper @ Cobblestone; Oct. 30 – LGA Championship Please mark Friday, October 30 on your calendar for our annual **LGA Championship!** This will be our regularly scheduled play day, with tee times reserved for those who would like to compete in the Low Gross and Low Net competitions. The entry fee is only \$5, and there will be some nice prizes up for grabs in both divisions. We would love to see a great turnout, so come out and join us for a fun day of golf and friendly competition! To sign up, please contact Kathy Shillaber. Come Play With Us!

If you have ever thought about joining us for one of our weekly LGA Play Days, consider this your invitation! We welcome ladies of all skill levels. Whether you prefer to ride or walk, play 18 holes or just 9, there is a place for you with us. During October, our regular play days are: Tues.: 8:15 a.m.; Wed.: 1:15 p.m.; Fri.: 9:30 a.m. If you would like to join us, call the Golden Hills Golf Shop at 803-957-3355.

For more information about ladies golf at Golden Hills, please 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 3:00pm on the proceeding Sunday at (803) 957-3355.

The results from last month were as follows:

9/1: Blind Draw: 1 - Ralph Sellers & Wallace Chavis (136); 2 - Dale Shelhorse & Bill Buonomo (138); 3 - Don Elliott & James Cavanaugh & Ohmer Slaven & Bill Harrington (144); 5 - Ron West & Ron Pagoota (145);

9/8: Handicaps: Flt A: 1 - Mike Ruddy (64); 2—Ron Pagoota (67); 3 - Ollie Oliver, David Cionek & Wallace Chavis (69); Flt B: 1 - James Cavanaugh (69); 2 - Bob Waterfield (72); 3 - Howard Werner (73); 4 - Larry Harding, Bill Buonomo & Wallace Chavis (74)

9/15: Points: Flt A: 1—Hardy Youmans & Wallace Chavis (+6); 3 - Tri Tran (+4); 4 - Ollie Oliver & Mike Ruddy (+2); Flt B: 1—Howard Werner (+6); 2—Buddy Driskell (+5); 3 - Randy Miller (+3)

9/23: Handicap: Flt A: 1—Rick Green, Keith Morgan & Hardy Youmans (69); Flt B: 1 – Byron Reams (66); 2 - James Cavanaugh (72)

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.