

Hunting Hills Country Club

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



March Events

Thursday March 16th
St. Paddy's Day Guinness Dinner
Enjoy Guinness on tap with themed menu

Friday March 17th
Clubhouse closed for private event

Saturday March 18th
St. Paddy's Day Celebration
Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Club! We will be offering Irish inspired food and beverages.

Sunday March 19th
Red Sox Themed Brunch
Bring your kids out for a meet and greet with Mugsy from the Salem Red Sox!

Saturday March 25th
Passport Dinner to Italy
Join us for the third stop on our journey! This month we will be showcasing food and beverages from Italy, and Italian wines!

Live Music:

March 3rd: Tim Martin
March 10th: Jodie Davis
March 24th: Dave and Becky
March 31st: Suitcase Hero

HHCC Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 16th
6pm Cocktail Hour
7pm Meeting



Thank you to our 2023 Golf Hole Sponsors

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Valley Wealth Group
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Century Title Services, Inc.
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Woodland Hills

If you are interested in Sponsoring one of the remaining golf holes please reach out to sarah@huntinghillsccl.com

April Featured Events

Off the Clock (Session 2)
Tuesday, April 4th

Easter Sunday Brunch
Sunday, April 9th

New Member Social
Wednesday, March 22nd

Passport Dinner to France
Saturday, April 15th

Golf Comic Event
w Comedian T.P. Mulrooney
Thursday, April 20th

Tennis

Wins at Hunting Hills

Wins often reference the final score. Winning is often pictured with a trophy and correlated with the title of champion—which is a fun element of tennis for sure. But there are other victories to capture, besides holding the trophy. Perhaps they're less obvious. There are wins that reference personal goals. Moral victories. Wins that are more abstract, or more simple—anyone consider it a win to play a whole match without reaggravating that nagging injury?

I had a bilingual coach growing up. I remember one practice he kept asking this particularly lazy player, “where’s your ganas?”.

At some point he stopped the practice and explained to us what ganas means. I don’t speak Spanish, but this is what I remember learning that practice session, refreshed by what Google translate clarified for me. Ganas comes from the Spanish word, ganar which means both “desire” and “to win”.

I mention all this because I want to shout out all the wins and all the ganas that went down at Hunting Hills over the past month. We had all kinds of wins. Not only were dozens of trophies handed out, but several players achieved moral victories, crushed personal goals, and contributed ganas to the collective whole.

Here are a few examples of the top:

- Couple that’s been married way longer than I’ve been alive competed together in a tournament for the first time.
- Couple that’s been playing tennis for two weeks played their first ever tournament together (and also their first ever tennis match of any kind).
- First tournament back after years away from the game.
- Mother and son teaming up for the first time.
- New friends made over tennis.

I’m stoked to be a part of a community that has ganas. That has a desire to pursue the sport and contribute to the wins of others, both tangible and abstract.

Last but not least, there was a particularly significant win that came out of Hunting Hills Country Club this month. John Barker has been named Pro of the Year by the United States Professional Tennis Association, Mid-Atlantic Division. This may come as no surprise to those of us who know how great our Director of Tennis is—but it’s a huge honor so make sure to congratulate him on this achievement next time you see him on the courts!

Shephard Newcomb



Congratulations to our Director of Tennis, John Barker, for winning the USPTA Mid Atlantic Tennis Professional of the year award.

Pickleball Potluck Social

March 17th at 6:30pm

Cash Bar & Bring a Dish

No Charge for Members

Call John Barker to register

540-580-7780

Putting 101

I learned if you don't know how far away you are from the hole, it will be challenging to judge the speed of your putt. Next time you find yourself on the green, mark your ball and pace off (WALK OFF) the distance of your putt. Count your paces and multiply the number by three to calculate how many feet you are from the cup. Over time, you'll develop a consistent feel for the length of stroke, depending on the length of the putt.

Before you worry about the direction in which the putt will curve, assess the slope of the putt. Is it uphill, downhill, or a bit of both? To make a putt, you must combine the correct line and speed. Getting the right pace is all about understanding the slope.

You can start this process as you approach the green. Look for the high parts of the green complex and identify significant slopes that are part of the green. Once you have paced off your putt to the cup, take a step back and look at the hole from behind your ball. Imagine pouring water from your ball into the cup; which way would the water flow (left, right, downhill, uphill)? Also, if you were to overfill the cup with water WHICH WAY WOULD IT flow out (this is called the low side)? Great, now you have an idea of which way the putt is breaking. Now walk (the low side) and see if you can find any undulation (slopes/ridges); this will help confirm the way the putt is breaking. This part takes time and practice to develop the feel. (the more you practice, the better you get) to confirm your line stand at the halfway mark of the ball and hole on the low side, from this position, it is easier to confirm your line.

Use your putting stance to determine how far to take your putter back for the putt you have. This involves taking the putter back to the inside of your right foot(rear foot); this could be your 10' putt. Next, take back to the middle of your right foot, this could be your 15' putt. Finally, take the putter back to the outside of your right foot, this could be your 20' foot. These first two steps should only take 30-60 seconds and be done waiting for your turn to putt to help keep the pace of play. If you're furthest from the hole, it's okay to take time as everyone else is reading their putts. Now take a couple of steps back from your ball and use the information you gathered (break(slope), speed (paces)) to make a confident decision of where to aim and how hard you should hit it. If you are still gaining more confidence, go to the halfway point between your ball and hole and take a few practice strokes while imagining your ball rolling where you aimed it (does it break where you thought, or do you need to adjust your target? You should be confident and comfortable before hitting any putt.

Putting routines are essential; a good routine helps remove the pressure, slows the mind down, and gives you time to think about the upcoming putt. If you don't have a putting routine, try this: Stand next to your ball, lined up in the general direction of where you want your ball to start its line, and take two practice strokes you want your real stroke to feel like. Address your ball. Take one look down your line and to the cup, seeing the ball go in. Take a second look down your line to the apex of the break and then down to the hole. Stroke your putt. This is the simplest routine I know, and it's helped me putt at an elite level for a very long time.

James Kasza

REFER A FRIEND Program

Help us continue to grow our membership this year and earn club credit. As a thank you for helping us grow our membership you will receive a one-time credit on your bill up to \$235 for each membership referral.

Golf Clinics

Men's Golf Beginner Clinics
March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
at 5 pm

Women's Golf Clinics
March 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th,
16th, 21st, 22nd, 27th & 29th
at 5 pm

Junior Golf Clinics
March 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th,
21st, 22nd, 27th & 29th
at 4 pm



Women's Golf Association Hunting Hills Country Club Spring Kickoff Dinner

Wednesday, March 8, 2023
6:00 PM

Please join us for a three-course meal as we socialize and discuss the upcoming golf season. Return members and new faces are welcome, as are golfers new to the sport.

We would love to meet you!
RSVP to Barbara Zubler
gpcbarb@gmail.com

Men's Golf Association Kickoff Dinner

Thursday, March 30th
5:30-7pm
Buffet Dinner

Callaway Demo Day

March 30th 2:00p-6:00pm
Call the Pro Shop to set up
schedule your time

Hunting Hills Country Club

2023 Golf Calendar

Member Events

Sat, May 20th : Sun, May 21st – Men's Member Guest
Mon, May 29th : Memorial Day Shootout
Tue, July 4th : 4th of July Tournament
Sat, July 29th : Sun, Jul 30 – Men's Club Championship
Fri, Aug 18th : Big Kahuna Golf Tournament
Sat, Aug 26th : Member 3 Guest Tournament
Mon, Sep 4th : Labor Day Golf Tournament
Sat, Sep 23rd : Sun, Sep 24th - Men's Member Member
Sun, Oct 29th : Oktoberfest Golf Tournament

Women's Golf Association

Tuesdays starting at 8:30am
Weekly from April - October
Wed, March 8th : WGA Kickoff Dinner

Junior Summer Camps

June 13th – 16th : Junior Sports Camps
June 27th – June 30th : Junior Sports Camps
July 11th – July 14th : Junior Sports Camps
July 25th- July 28th : Junior Sports Camps

Nine & Dine

Held on the last Friday of each month
April 28th, May 26th, June 30th,
July 21st, Aug 25th, & Sep 29th

Men's Golf Association

Thu, March 30th : MGA Kickoff Dinner
Sat, April 1st : Opening Day Scramble
Thu, April 6th : Week 1
Thu, April 27th : Week 2
Thu, May 4th : Week 3
Thu, May 11th : Week 4
Thu, June 1st : Week 5
Thu, June 15th : Week 6
Thu, June 29th : Week 7
Thu, July 13th : Week 8
Thu, July 27th : Week 9
Thu, Aug 10th : Week 10
Thu, Aug 24th : Week 11
Thu, Sep 7th : Week 12
Thu, Sep 14th : Week 13
Thu, Sep 28th : Week 14
Thu, Oct 19th : Week 15

Course Maintenance

Solid Tine Aerification : April 10th
Hollow Tine Aerification : October 2nd

Outside Tournaments

Sun, March 26th : New Hope Tournament (PM tee times)
Fri, April 14th : Faith Christian School Golf Tournament (g.c. closed / practice area open)
Thu, April 27th : Valley Girls Fundraiser Tournament (g.c. closed / practice area open)
Sat, April 29th : First Tee of Roanoke Play Day (tee times 2:00p-4:00p)
Fri, May 5th : GWRABA (12:00 SG – g.c. closed /practice area open)
Sat, June 3rd : Sun, June 4 – Four Ball Tournament (AM tee times, g.c. open in afternoon)
Sat, June 17th : Sun, June 18 – Valley Girls Tournament (AM tee times, g.c. open in afternoon)
Thu, June 22nd : Fortner Golf Tournament (8:30a shotgun)
Fri, July 14th : RVGHOF (AM tee times, g.c. open mid afternoon)
Sat, Aug 5th : Shiloh Baptist Golf Tournament (golf course closed)
Sat, Sep 16th : Cave Spring Basketball Tournament (open mid afternoon)
Mon, Sep 18th : Cave Spring District Match (1:00p shotgun, g.c. closed 11:00a -3:00p)