Outgoing President’s Message  - Beverly Cammerata

The 2004 golf season is winding down in the great northeast. We had our last ‘formal’ golf outing October 3rd. What a beautiful day it was – pleasantly warm, plenty of sunshine and lots of apples for picking! This year we were able to play many more days of golf than any of the previous years, even considering the rainy July we had. Our members love the game of golf, the new friends they have made, and participating in social activities.

Our election of officers for the coming year 2005 was held after the dinner, following the outing at Orchard Creek. The new president is: Marti Palacio, Vice President: Margaret McGowen, Treasurer: Hal Swingle and Secretary: Beverly Cammerata. I’m sure next year will be just as great and successful as this year. We have leaders who work hard trying to increase our membership, and want everyone to participate to keep our chapter successful.

We need volunteers to help on the Committees for the coming year. Please give a little of your time to help out. It doesn’t take that much time, and remember the chapter is only successful as you make it. So please if you can, contact Marti Palacio and let her know what committee you would be interested in helping on.

There are social events already in the planning stages for the coming months. Be sure to check the your e-mails for the latest information. Due to vacations and illness there was no newsletter printed for October.

I want to thank the officers, John Holmes, Bob Mattox and Marti Palacio, and all the Committee chair people for your support and hard work. One person cannot do it alone! To be successful we all have to work as a team, and this group has what it takes to do that.

Incoming President’s Message  - Marti Palacio

As you read this, we’re beginning a new year. Under our newly adopted By-Laws, our new year begins on November 1 and runs through next October 31st. The new Board is poised for exciting things to happen this coming year and our committee chairs have terrific ideas for us all. The new Board is composed of Marti Palacio, President; Margaret McGowen, Vice President; Beverly Cammerata, Secretary; and Hal Swingle, Treasurer. Our standing committees are: Formal and Informal Golf, Donna Esposito; Rita has agreed to chair the Social Committee; John Holmes is Chairman of the Away Golf; Margaret McGowen will take charge of the 9-Holers. Beth Disque will keep adding her wonderful photos to our Web Site and also take care of our newsletter. Notice we still could use a Membership Chairman? Anyone interested? Let me know.

Now, I know of a lot of new ideas in the works, but how about coming out to our Board Meeting on November 11, 7 P.M. at the Calaway Grill, and see for yourself what’s going to be happening with ASGA this coming year. We’d love to see you – and have your input, also. Hope to see you there!

Visit us at www.singlesgolf.com

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 11th

Invite a Friend or Co-Worker to Come With You!

Monthly meetings are held at the Calaway Grill at 7 p.m. The Albany chapter of the American Singles Golf Association normally meets the Second Thursday of each month at the Calaway Grill at 7 p.m.

Visit the Albany chapter’s web site at: www.timesunion.com/communities/asga

Hotline (518) 453-3305
November 12 At The Clifton Park Elks Club

The Clifton Park Elks is having a dinner and a show on Friday night, Nov. 12th. Dinner will be served between 6:00 & 7:30 p.m. The show is a "Comic Hypnotist", Michael Ray. Don't know much about him, but thought it would be a good night out - something different! The dinner is Chicken Cordon Bleu and all the fixings! Reservations are a must! I need reservations and money by Friday, Nov. 5th. Price of the dinner and show is: $17. Its a deal! Contact Beverly at: home - 877-7369 (leave message) or work - 371-7010 or e-mail: www.bevcat3@hotmail.com. Checks can given to Beverly at the Calaway Friday nights or mailed: P.O. Box 530, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Please reply as soon as you can as tickets are going to go fast.

November 14, 1st Annual “Chili Cook-Off Party”

We need presenters and tasters. It will be held at Jim McGowan’s home starting around 2:00 pm. More details to follow.

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PLEASE POST THE YELLOW SIGN THAT CAME WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER - SPREAD THE WORD - SPREAD ASGA!
Golf News

Upcoming
As long as the weather holds, most weekends will probably find us golfing somewhere on either Saturday or Sunday. Check your email to find out what’s being planned or contact Donna at: donnae664@yahoo.com

Hole In One For Sullivan
Congratulations are in order for Jay Sullivan who scored a “Hole-in-One” on Sunday, Oct. 3rd at our final formal outing for 2004 at Orchard Creek Golf Club in Altamont, NY on the 15th. Way to go, Jay!

Cape Cod Outing
Contributed by Sue and Penny
On the weekend of Oct 22nd Penny, Beth, Shirley & Sue headed for Cape Cod to join the Central Massachusetts Chapter for a fall golf outing.

Friday morning we drove to Bayberry Hills. It was an overcast, windy day. The course was well manicured. Not one leaf was found on the fairways and the woods were easy to escape. The late afternoon wind made the course very challenging. BRRRRR.

At night, dinner was at the Yarmouth House. Halloween decorations were everywhere. Oddly, during dinner a big black spider left its web and crawled up on Penny’s chair. Eeeekk One desert served 9??? Hmmm!

Dressed in long johns, multiple layers and extra blankets it was off to Dennis Pines on Saturday. The wind was stronger but the sun did peek thru the clouds. Never before have we seen golf balls stay in the air so long and drop straight down. Some, after 9 holes, opted for an early visit to the 19th hole for specialty coffees ... etc and lively conversation with other patrons. Others after finishing the 18th hole, went to find a warm place with fine cuisine. Hooters was the choice! What was that ?– Yes, Hooters, where our host had a $100 gift certificate for setting up the package. Unfortunately or fortunately, we forgot the camera for those blackmail pictures! Later that evening the Moby Dick Pub was the gathering place to watch the b-ball game and have a final weekend drink with our new friends.

More news - It was cloudy...it was windy and we were glad we packed our cuddle duds! But the chill stopped at the weather... The Cape Cod weekend was a delight. The Central Mass hosts were full of warmth and good cheer, the delicious New England Chowder warmed our tummies and the great golf warmed our hearts. New friends, scrumptious food and terrific golf – life is good.

December Golf Tips
A holiday tip - try to hit a pitch or chip so that the ball flies low and starts rolling as soon as possible. A ball that flies high is subject to bounces that can be good or bad. Take the luck out of it!

Give back a Christmas gift - too often, players wait for their tee time by spending long periods putting on the practice green. Being bent over for an extended period of time may tighten the muscles in your back and affect your swing for the day. Putt only enough to get the feel of your stroke and the speed of the green.

Tidbit
Where did the term “golf” come from? The word “golf” is not an acronym for anything. Rather, it derives linguistically from the Dutch word “kolf” or “kolve”, meaning quite simply “club”. In the Scottish dialect of the late 14th or early 15th century, the Dutch term became “goff” or “gouff”, and only later in the 16th century “golf”.

And now you know the whole story.

Hiland Golf Club
Queensbury
Contributed by Sue
On Oct 17th there were eight of us that braved the cold, wind and rain for a round of golf. On the first hole we were all toasty warm with our winter gloves, hats & coats. We were determined not to let the elements ruin our day. But it soon became apparent that one couldn’t swing a golf club with all those clothes on. We all know who was wearing long underwear! The course was in good condition and the “free” drink afterwards in the grill - room was the perfect ending. From there it was on O’Tooles to warm up with some food & conversation.