

# ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2005

## Where Do You Want to Play?

### President's Message

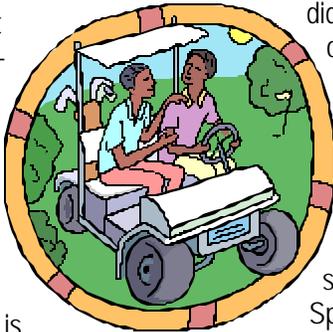
*Marti Palacio*

It seems we're well on our way into golf season – and what a year we're having! Even the weather is cooperating with us. One day we met for golf – with the rain pouring down – but sure enough the sun came out just in time for us to tee off.

Speaking of golf – how about someone besides Donna sponsoring an informal. At the rate she's going, we're going to wear her out before the end of this season. She's done a marvelous job – but let's the rest of us help out by suggesting some places to play. To sponsor an informal, all you do is think of some place you'd LOVE to play – check with Donna to make sure the date is open, then set up tee times and get out a sign-up sheet. Donna will even help by advertising the date for you.

We'd also LOVE to hear from you if you'd like to "sponsor" a party or an event. It's easy – all you do to sponsor an event is let everyone know what's going on – and see who wants to go with you. Again, Donna has our schedule – and she and Rita would be most happy to help you. For a party – you'd need a large house. The \$5 host/hostess fee goes toward paper products, meat, and other things the host provides. The rest of us bring food to share.

Don't forget we're at the Calaway every Friday evening – so c'mon out and meet some of the new people who have been playing with us. Also, remember that our Board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month are open to all members. Your input, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.



### Message from the Newsletter Chairperson

*Beth Disque*

For those of you who have been wondering where your June and July newsletters are, I must apologize. I had a very hectic period in my life for awhile and just didn't have the time to work on the newsletter. Things have calmed down a bit so as long as I get the news from the committee chairpeople, you should be getting your newsletter again on a regular basis.

Speaking of news from the committees, I want to thank **Donna Esposito**, our golf chairperson. Not only is she single handedly organizing all the golf dates and planning all the formal fun, but she is also very speedy about sending reports for the newsletter and the web site. Great job, Donna.

### Mulligans to Be Purchased in Advance

A recommendation was presented to and unanimously passed by the Board on May 12, 2005 which changes the process of purchasing Mulligans at Formal Outings:

Mulligans must now be purchased prior to the start of play.

If you do not purchase them prior to teeing off, you will not be entitled to take a Mulligan shot.

The cost will remain at \$1 each. You may still purchase only 2, one to be used on the Front Nine and one to be used on the Back Nine. If you purchase them, please remember to use them. **We will not buy them back from you.**

SO.....MAKE SURE YOU PURCHASE YOUR MULLIGANS BEFORE YOU TEE OFF!



**Visit us at [www.singlesgolf.com](http://www.singlesgolf.com)**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 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](http://www.timesunion.com/communities/asga)**

**Hotline (518) 453-3305**

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# Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars!

## Hiawatha Trails - Tuesday Weekly 9 Hole Golf

Everyone is invited to join the ASGA 9 hole golf league at Hiawatha Trails in Guilderland, NY. Interested golfers meet at the course a little before 6 p.m. every Tuesday evening, weather permitting, from now until the end of the golf season. Members and non-members are welcome.



There are no requirements for joining the group and no advance notice is needed...just be there a little before 6 and ask for the ASGA group if you don't recognize anyone.

If you have any questions contact **Margaret** at  
Email: [mmcgowan@nigrococ.com](mailto:mmcgowan@nigrococ.com)  
or **Rita** at

Email: [rioritaj@msn.com](mailto:rioritaj@msn.com)

Hiawatha Trails is located at 6051 State Farm Road in Guilderland, NY. Call the course at 456-9512 for directions.

## Monthly Meeting

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend **ASGA's monthly meeting** at the Calaway Grill on the second Thursday of each month. Come and hear about upcoming events. Help us determine the directions Albany ASGA will take in the months to come. Bring your suggestions and ideas. Bring a friend too.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Join us at 6:30 for dinner and socializing.

We hope to see you there!

## The Heat Is On and So Is Our Golf Season!

Mark you calendar and sign up early. Kathy Connery has arranged tee times for us to play an informal round at:

- **PLACE:** ORCHARD CREEK
- **DATE:** July 23, 2005
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon (please arrive by 11:30)
- **COST:** \$33 per player w/calendar card

**PLEASE REPLY TO:**

[donnae664@yahoo.com](mailto:donnae664@yahoo.com)

## August 7th, 2005 - Formal Mohawk River Golf Club

Sunday 12:00 Noon 847 Riverview Road, Rexford, NY 12148 (518) 399-1920 (arrive by 11:30)

Deadline for Entry: 07/30/05 Cost: \$50  
Members \$60 Non-members  
(You must pay when you sign up....NO

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the Albany, NY chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card (MC or VISA - 4% surcharge). Mail with application to: ASGA Inc. P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134.

### JOIN BY PHONE, FAX OR WEB

You can join the Albany, NY chapter over the phone by calling toll-free 1888-GOLFMATE (465-3628), faxing the application with credit card information to our toll-free fax at 1888-465-3295, or go on-line at [www.singlesgolf.com](http://www.singlesgolf.com) and submit your application with credit card information. Our office hours are 9-5 (M-F).

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SIGN THAT CAME WITH YOUR  
NEWSLETTER - SPREAD THE  
WORD - SPREAD ASGA!**

REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE)

Format: "THROW OUT 2" SCRAMBLE  
How the Game is played: Select the best shot and everyone hits from that location. Repeat the process until the ball is holed out. (Must use two drives from each player. One on the Front and one on the Back)

HERE'S THE TWIST: Upon completion of all rounds, two numbers will be drawn. Each team will "Throw out" the score on these two holes. THIS COULD BE A GOOD THING, IF YOU SCORED BADLY ON THESE TWO HOLES. BUT.....NOT SO GOOD IF YOU HAPPENED TO "BIRDIE" THESE HOLES.

In case of Ties: Cards will be matched. Starting with the highest handicap hole, the individual hole scores will be compared until a winner is determined. Note: Thrown out holes do not count when comparing cards.

Prizes: 1st - 3rd Place Teams

Male & Female Longest Drive

Male & Female Closest to the Pin

The new Club House is open and they expect to be serving. If so, we will be eating at the Course.

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## Day at the Racetrack - Saturday, August 13th

Get those checkbooks out and be prepared to party at our "Day at the Track" in beautiful Saratoga. This year it will be held on Saturday August 13th.

We have reserved table space for 25 people in **At the Rail Pavilion**. Situated in the Clubhouse, the **At the Rail Pavilion** offers a trackside view of all the live racing action. Included in the price is an elaborate buffet, bar service and conveniently located betting facilities and restrooms. The menu typically includes an omelet station, a pasta station, a carving station, a variety of hot entrees, assorted salads, cakes and a sundae bar. Clubhouse access and a Post Parade program are also included. The cost is \$67 for members. Everyone is welcome. Dress code is Business Casual, No jeans, shorts or other abbreviated wear.

We have only 10 spots left so Email ASGA or come and sign up and pay at any of the Friday night Calaway gatherings or mail your check (payable to ASGA) to **Hal Swingle**.

## Schenectady Muni - Sunday, August 14th

Mark your calendars now and watch for more details.

## August Away Golf

Arrangements have been made with Blackhead Mountain Lodge and Country Club for the weekend of August 19, 20, and 21. This resort is south of Albany off exit 21 near Cairo, NY. It is similar to Hannah in that it is a smaller venue with good accommodations and excellent food. The course is a mountain style challenge with a course rating of 69.9 and a slope rating of 133.

The cost of the package is \$295.000 which includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two dinners, and two 18 hole rounds of golf with a cart.

Reservations for 16 have been arranged. A down payment of \$50 per person will be required to hold your spot. The resort has requested a personal check for this amount made out to Blackhead Mountain Lodge. The balance due can be paid upon your arrival. MC and Visa are accepted.

Checks need to be given or mailed to John Holmes (273 B Middletown Road, Waterford, NY 12188) by July 15th so that final arrangements can be made. If you have a roommate preference, please indicate that when you give me your check.



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# Albany ASGA Hotline

# (518) 453-3305

Additional details (directions and tee times) will be forthcoming.

This looks like a really nice getaway with a much better price than other places we considered. It is closer and seems friendlier to deal with. JOIN US FOR ANOTHER "FUN ON THE FAIRWAYS" EVENT!

## Sept. 10th, 2005 - Informal Queensbury Country Club

When: Saturday 12:00 Noon 907 State Route 149, Lake George, NY 12845 (518) 793-3711

(arrive by 11:30)

Cost: \$45 Members \$55 Non-members (Must pay when you sign up. NO REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE) Deadline for Entry: 09/02/05

Directions: North on I-87. Take Exit 20 toward RT-149 (Fort Ann/Whitehall)

Turn Left onto Route 9.

Proceed approximately ½ mile.

After the Outlet Malls turn Right onto Route 149. Proceed 4 miles. Course on left.

Format: "BLIND PARTNERS" SCRAMBLE

How the Game is played:

Select the best shot and everyone hits from that location.

Repeat the process until the ball is holed out.

(Must use two drives from each player. One on the Front and one on the Back) HERE'S THE TWIST: Upon completion of all rounds, one person from each foursome will draw from a deck of cards.

The two foursomes with the same card will unite as a Team. The score from both foursomes will be added together to determine the Team score.

So, play nice out there and wish the Foursome on the next tee good luck...they may turn out to be on your Team.

Prizes: 1st & 2nd Place Team Scores

Male & Female Longest Drive

Male & Female Closest to the Pin

The Club House has a function scheduled so we will not be able to eat at the Course. It has been suggested that we eat at "Smokey Bears BarB-Q" which is located on Route 9, south of the Outlets.



## Invitation from ASGA Central Mass Chapter

We are invited to : Central MA ASGA Cape Cod Fall Golf Weekend At BAYSIDE RESORT Hyannis, Ma Sept 23 – 25. The details:

Golf on Friday (late morning) Hyannis Country Club

Golf on Saturday (between 8:30 and 9:00 AM) Falmouth Country Club

\$280.00 Per Person Double Occupancy. Price Includes: Hotel for 2 nights, Golf and Carts for 2 rounds of golf and prizes. Minimum of \$100 worth of prizes to be given for each round of golf.

\$100 deposit holds reservation Final payment is due by August 9th

Respond quickly to Pete Balcius, pfbalcius@yahoo.com, (508) 450-6686

## Oct. 1st, 2005 - Formal Orchard Creek

When: Saturday 12:00 Noon 6700 Dunnsville Road, Altamont, NY 12009 (518) 861-5000 - please arrive by 11:30am

Cost: \$45 Members \$50 Non-members (Must pay when you sign up and NO REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE)

Deadline for Entry:

09/24/05

Directions: Take Route 155 to Route 20 West. Proceed approx 10 miles.

Turn Left onto Dunnsville Road. Course is on left.

Format: SCRAMBLE

Select the best shot and everyone hits from that location. Repeat the process until the ball is holed out. (Must use two drives from each player. One on Front 9 and one on Back 9)

Prizes: 1st - 3rd Place Team

Male & Female Longest Drive

Male & Female Closest to the Pin

*We will hold our End of the Year meeting following completion of play.*

## End of Season Away Golf Outing in Cape Cod

Don't miss the fun over Columbus Weekend (October 8-10)!

For more information, contact **Bob Mattox**, 439-8411 or [mattox@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mattox@nycap.rr.com)

Create your own weekend of golf and/or other exciting activities. Stay two or three nights and play as much or little golf as you want. No deposit required.

ACCOMMODATIONS: SH Motor Inn, Woods Hole, MA. Hospitality room, walking distance to the ocean, restaurants and ferry to Martha's Vineyard. The cost is \$47 per person per night based on double occupancy. There is no discount for a single room. Check out the website at: [www.shmotel.com](http://www.shmotel.com) for more information.

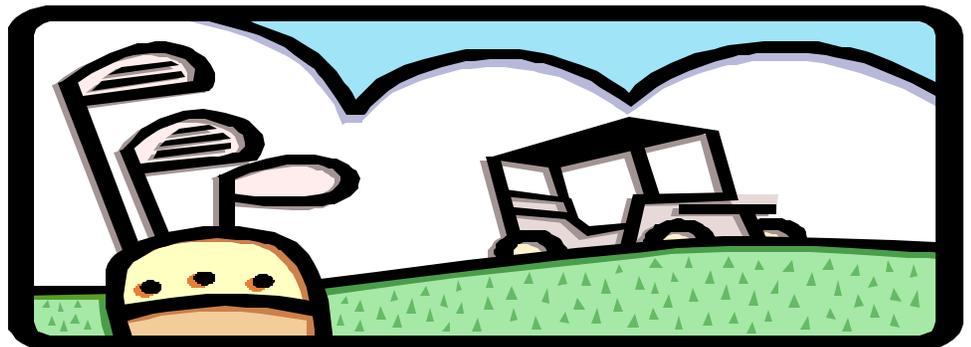
Driving time from Albany to the motel is 3.5 to 4 hrs.

GOLF: There are five great golf courses within 20 to 30 minutes of the motel including a challenging Executive Course. Prices including cart generally range from \$67 to \$76; however, reduced rates may be available in the afternoon. The Executive Course walking rate is \$35.

COST: Cost will vary based on the number of nights and rounds of golf. Figure roughly \$230 for two nights and two rounds of golf excluding food, beverage and transportation, etc.

OTHER: I will contact attendees a month or so before the trip to square away room assignments, the number of nights and rounds of golf preferred.

SIGN-UP: Would like a show of interest ASAP. Sign-up at the Calaway most Friday nights or by contacting me directly [see above].



# What We've Been Doing

(All the write-ups were reported by **Donna E.** unless otherwise noted.)

## Tee Bird Outing - May 15th, 2005

The weather was a little questionable and some of us were a little hesitant to get in our cars and drive to Glen Falls, but everyone who signed up to play eventually showed up.

We gathered around as names were drawn and our teams arranged. After explaining the scoring process for the "Mixed Up 6's", we were ready to go and with the cooperation of Mother Nature, the sky cleared, the sun came out and it turned out to be a beautiful day.

This event could not be classified as a Formal Outing (our monthly Formal was just held at VanPatten) and it could not be classified as an Informal (because we drew for teams and prize money was involved)....so I guess we will classify this type of outing as a Semi-Formal Tournament. There were actually 3 separate team contests and several individual contests being played within our 18 hole round.

Game #1....Holes #1, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9 were played in Shamble format and was won by: TEAM #2: Mike, Johnnie V, Margaret, and Bev

Game #2....Holes #10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18 were played in Scramble format and was won by: TEAM #1: Hal, **Bill R.**, **Donna**, and **Helen**

Game #3....Holes #2, 5, 7, 11, 14, and 17 which were all Par 3's were played as Best Two Ball and was won by: TEAM #3: **John H.**, **Jim**, **Beth**, and **Marti**

Individual Best 9 hole score:  
Ladies prize went to **Marti Palacio** with a score of 40, Men's prize went to **Mike Hurley** with a score of 37

Closest to the Pin:  
Ladies: oops....Ms. Nobody wins again!  
Men: **John Holmes**

Longest Drive:  
Ladies: **Beverly Bloom**  
Men: **Mike Hurley**

This was the first time an event such as this was held and I hope everyone had a good time. We finished the day off at The Old Post II, a cozy little bar with friendly staff, good food and great beer. (And a special tattoo show provided by our own John.)

And so another day of fun, fairways

and food enjoyed with great friends came to an end. Thanks to Donna for making all the arrangements and planning this great day for us.

The pictures from this outing are in the website Photo Album. (<http://timesunion.com/communities/asga/>)

## Informal at Brookhaven - May 21, 2005

We awoke to a bright sunny day. The weatherman was calling for temperatures in the 60's with late afternoon showers. All the way to Greenfield, the temperature was warm and the sun was shining, but the minute I turned into the parking lot, looming overhead were these big black thunderclouds. The sky was blue everywhere else, except directly overhead.

I met up with Ed, Harry, John H, Tom R, Wayne, and Beth D and we all welcomed our newcomers, Beth J and Marian. The weather was a little iffy, but the 9 of us took to the Fairways at Brookhaven for another day of fun. Shortly after teeing off and walking down the first fairway, the sun was back and it was time to take the sweater off.

Marian was relieved to see the sky clearing and the sun coming out again. I told her that I have an arrangement with the powers upstairs and it doesn't rain on my golf game. Well, not more than 10 minutes later, it was time to put the sweater back on. The temperature again was dropping, the wind was picking up and it didn't rain....it hailed. I explained to Marian that it was Nature's way of reminding me just who is in charge. Well, as quickly as it began, the rain stopped and again the sweater came off. We got our 18 holes in without more than a few sprinkles (some of which were of the frozen variety).

The day ended with burgers and beer in the clubhouse and Harry and Tom R entertained us with a few jokes. Despite the fact that it was a sweater on/sweater off type of day, we didn't get poured on,

the sun was out more than in, and we had a good time. But....we usually do!

## Memorial Day Weekend Informals

Saturday we played Eagle Crest and had a wonderful time. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our newest player, Paul. He joined Harry, Kathy and I and despite the bad weather predictions, it was actually a nice day. It rained only briefly, and after taking shelter under some trees, the skies cleared and we resumed our round. Eagle Crest was in fantastic condition. The day ended with a couple of drinks in the bar and to Harry's dismay they do not know how to make a Jack Daniel Sour.

Sunday we played Capital Hills and again a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks Maddy for you help in obtaining a residency card and getting the tee times. The course was in great shape and again no rain. (Only a few very minor sprinkles on the very last hole.) Capital Hills is a beautiful scenic course and I plan to have us play here again sometime this season. We enjoyed dinner and drinks at Martel's at the course following play and called it a day.

Monday found us at Western Turnpike. The course was not in the best shape, but if you didn't mind putting over aeration holes and/or whirly bird leaves off the many trees, it was ok. Next time I'm bringing a dust buster! Again, as the previous two days, rain was not a factor. It was a beautiful day which ended with dinner and drinks in the clubhouse. Many left with sad faces.....back to work on Tuesday!

## Saratoga Lake Formal Outing - June 5th, 2005

What can I say. It was another lovely day. The weather was magnificent. Upon arrival each of our 20 players was given a bottle of, what else but Saratoga Sparkling Water and we welcomed our two new players, Tony and Charlie. After drawing for teams, off we went.

At the end of our round, Tom R. drew a card from behind my back (while nibbling on my neck, of course) which had "T & F"



on it. This meant that only the score on holes beginning with the letter T or F would be counted (Holes #2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)

We had three teams with a score of 34 so cards were matched starting with the 18th hole, the last of the "ONES" (Holes #1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18)

The winners were:

1st Place Team: **Wayne, Sue, Marti** and **Rita** (Their birdie on #18 assured them the win.)

2nd Place Team: **Jay, Tom, Milt** and **Camille** (Their birdie on #9 determined their 2nd placement)

3rd Place Team: **Charlie, Donna, Shirley** and **Beth J.**

We bogeyed #9 which placed us in 3rd.

Individual prizes went to:

Ladies Longest Drive: **Sue Chambers**

Ladies Closest to the Pin: No takers

Men's Longest Drive: **Ed Barnard**

Men's Closest to the Pin: **Wayne Coulter**

The day ended with RIBS at "Big Bobby Brown's BBQ" And what kind of a party would it be without entertainment which, having our table on the side of the dance floor gave Flo the perfect opportunity to assist the band with a little dancing and tambourine playing.....you go girl. As usual, great time was had by all!

## Informal at Sycamore - June 12, 2005

It was HOT...HAZY...and HUMID to say the least.

12 of us decided to play in sauna like conditions but as the second team was making the turn, we heard the first of many cracks of thunder and saw the first flashes of lightening. So we sat down and enjoyed a hot dog and a beer or two, we were not going anywhere for a while. We were soon joined by the last group to tee off as they too made the turn...but where was Hal, Tony, Margaret and Marti? Oops there they are....Marti if you open the umbrella up, it works better than just carrying it closed.

It was actually quite enjoyable just sitting on the porch watching the rain, enjoying the cooling mist and savoring the slight drop in temperature. But as quickly as it started, it came to an end and off we went again, but minus one player. Penny decided to call it a day. She somehow pulled a muscle in her hip. Hope you are feeling better.

Rain delay over and back on the course,

we managed to have fun despite our golf game. The sight of those "out of bounds stakes", the splash of a ball in water, or the sound of a ball hitting a tree were sounds heard too often to make this a good golf day. But if you think we were having problems, that group behind us really had some strange things happening to them. Joe, how did your ball get in that tree? Remember....you must play it as it lies.

And Beth D. and Ray inquisitive minds want to know, how did rocks and pinecones manage to get in the hole with the flagstick? Could there be a couple of pranksters on the course? How could there be. John H., Charlie (aka Yogi), Jay and I were out in front of you and nobody in this group would do such things on the golf course. It's a mystery how these things happen.

We finished our rounds with no more injuries, only a few more sprinkles, and lots of fun. It was then off the Yanni's Two by the River for dinner. We sat on the covered deck overlooking the river admiring the many boats (the men also spotted a couple of barely clad bikini bodies to admire). The women got more pleasure out of feeding the baby ducks. Our food arrived and those pranksters must still be amongst us for on John H's plate appeared the very same pinecone and rock from the golf course.

Our dinners were fabulous....the waitress' tee shirt boasts "Yanni's II the best Calamari in town". Joe ordered the calamari and affirmed that Yanni's does have the best calamari in town.

Oh yeah...prizes. We had a little contest. Every time someone three putt it cost that person a quarter. Several of us tied with 4 three putts each. Overall HIGH score determined the winners. The theory being that the money should be used to help offset the cost of future putting lessons for the winners. I am not going to embarrass the recipients, so only those present will know who won. But, if you happen to see either Margaret or Ray on a practice putting green where there's no windmill or mouth of a clown don't disturb them.



## The Moon Over Kingswood

**John Holmes** arranged an informal outing at Kingswood on Saturday, June 18, 2005 and 12 of us took to the fairways.

John, Tom R. and I were treated to a song from Flo which set the mood for an "exciting" day. It really wasn't cold enough for "goose bumps"...but for some reason I had them. Tom how did that happen and maybe John can explain why the moon was out in the middle of the afternoon and I thought there was a man in the moon not a cute little bear. Our group certainly did have fun and we may have been a little loud, but Jay, Charlie, Kathy, and Margaret seemed to be having a whole set of different problems. They kept finding strange things in strange places on the course. I don't understand....those things weren't there when we played the hole! The group in front of us, Bob, Tony, Beth and Marti seemed to escape all the mischief but we hope they too had a good time.

Our game of the day was: Before everyone went out, we each wrote down our predicted score for the day. We each contributed \$1 to the kitty and whoever came the closest to their predicted score without going over won. Beth, who was out in the first group (must have been the serious group for the day) hit her predicted number exactly and won the ladies portion of the prize money and John, who overcame all the distractions in our foursome, managed to win the men's division.

After golf Hal joined us for dinner and drinks at the Old Post II and another day of fairways, fun and friends came to an end. Tomorrow is another day and we are scheduled to play at Stadium and just wait till you hear what went on there!

## Sunday, June 19 at Stadium

by Tom

Sunday, Fathers' Day, decent weather, a golf course and good friends. The game was with two foursomes. Eighteen holes of golf, counting puts, everyone contributed for the prize. Beth wouldn't announce if it would be lowest or highest puts that would win. Also, the team with the best overall score got their first drink from the opposition. Beth, Taylor, myself (Tom) and Bev tee'd off first closely followed by Wayne, Tony, Donna and John. They wouldn't give us any strokes to make up for the disadvantage so we did the only thing we could to try to even things out - pranks. There

where little surprises waiting for them at every tee and ever green in hopes to distract them from their game. Nothing out of the ordinary. Tree limbs in the ground among the tees, benches across the tees, benches across the cart paths and so on. A plastic cup in the cup with the flag stick stuck thru it, toilet paper tied to the flag stick, a paper cup full of mushrooms in the cup, etc., etc., etc. Needless to say, it didn't work. They seemed to enjoy receiving as much as we did giving and I actually think it helped their play. Oh well. It was a great day ending with all, except Tony, seated around a table in the club house sharing our stories. I hope to have as much fun on the next outing I participate in.

## Antlers Country Club June 26th 2005

June 26th, 2005, the hottest day of the year, and 21 of us, in all the heat and humidity, took to the Rolling Hills of Antlers. I'm not sure how many actually finished their round, the heat was a little too much for some.

Because of the heat, the Pro suggested a shot gun start so that we would all start at the same time instead of standing around at the first tee waiting. Great idea...now, "how do I get to #5?" And "follow me" was of no help. So being a woman, I stopped and asked two members for directions on how to get to the tee box on #5. Well the smart asses (pardon my French) sent me and the group following me up the County road. After a nice little drive on the hot highway pavement, finally we cut through the woods and found #5. Fortunately, my playing partners, didn't follow the same escort that I did and were already on Hole #5 and ready to tee off. OK....time to play golf.

Well, can you say "blind shots"? It was always interesting to see just where your ball was in relation to where you thought the green was as you crested the top of the many fairway hill. The word flat cannot be used to describe anything at the Antlers including the greens. Putting was a real challenge. But despite the hills and heat, as usual a good time was had by all and amazingly the pranksters were not around this week. Ok maybe once...or Mike, is it true that some animals only like to do their business on the white 150 ball markers in the middle of the fairways? Inquiring minds want to know!

Following our round we all went to Harry's house for a picnic. I found cooking chicken on the grill to be a very warming experience and Jim who mastered the flipping of the hamburgers and dogs was equally thrilled by the 185+ degree experience. What do ya think Jim, "time for a cold beer?" Who cared that we had a wide assortment of salads, appetizers and desserts...bring on the beverages. And, ladies, how about those foot massages courtesy of Bob Gilbert. What a guy!

As the sun went down and as it started to get reasonably pleasant outside, it was time to hit the road for home. A special thanks to Harry for arranging for us to play at his Club, and a special thanks to Rita and Bernadene for coordinating the food and taking care of everything involved in making the party a success. You did a fabulous job. And yet another day of Fairways and Fun shared with Friends came to an end.

### GOLF TIP – Reasons to Keep Your Ball Clean

According to a new Golf Digest study on ball performance, even a small nick or a thin layer of mud on a ball can send it off line and cost you more than five yards of carry off the tee (a simple grass stain can cost you three yards). Yikes! So make sure to use those ball washers on every tee!

### A Letter from WMHT

Contact Rita at [rioritaj@msn.com](mailto:rioritaj@msn.com) if you would be interested in volunteering as part of an ASGA group.

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend an open invitation to your organization's members who may be interested in volunteering at **WMHT Educational Telecommunications** during our August 2005 **Summer Membership Campaign**. The TV campaign runs from Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 21 and FM runs from Friday, August 5 – Saturday, August 13, 2005.

This on-air event invites WMHT viewers and WMHT-FM listeners to support

the unique public broadcasting services that connect our community, inspiring audiences to know more, do more and be more.

**Membership Campaigns** are WMHT's most visible and effective way of speaking to our television and radio audiences about the value of public broadcasting. Your support as a volunteer is vital to our campaign's success. Participation is easy; it takes 15 minutes of training to become a professional! Volunteers answer our in-studio telephones and fill out a simple membership form.

When program breaks are "live" groups benefit from on-air recognition which includes verbal mention by the on-air talent throughout your shift and the opportunity for your group spokesperson to participate in a brief interview. Your group members are encouraged to wear shirts and/or hats displaying your organization's name or logo. Volunteering for the membership campaign not only supports public broadcasting and provides valuable exposure for your organization - it's also fun!

Here are some of the details: Groups should consist of 8 to 10 people (fewer for early morning and mid-day weekend shifts). Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Each shift is approximately 4 hours long. Volunteers should arrive 20 minutes early for training.

Bagels or pizza, soda and snacks are provided. **Individuals are also welcome to participate!** We offer volunteer shifts during the FM campaign's weekday hours of 7:00a.m through 7p.m. Individual volunteers are also needed during evenings when our television programs include pre-taped (virtual) breaks that provide groups with fewer opportunities for on-air recognition.

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at **518-357-1808**. My Email address is [svompa@wmht.org](mailto:svompa@wmht.org). Thank you for your time and consideration. Your participation is invaluable.

Sincerely,  
Sigrid Ann Vompa  
Volunteer Coordinator

