be found, a new ball must be dropped and another penalty stroke is incurred (Rule 15-3). Ouch!! Three strokes and you haven’t gone anywhere. So keep your eye on the ball and make sure it is yours before you hit.

I hope you are enjoying your rounds of golf and here is a quote to ponder. “Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former." When I first heard this I vowed never to brag again about the rare occasion of a good round, but it is difficult to keep that excitement to oneself. I can even get excited about the occasional par and/or rare birdie! I guess the key is not to tell too many people!

Happy golfing everyone.

~Chris Ferguson, President.

ASGA, Kalamazoo Chapter - Minutes - June 8, 2007

Present: Chris, Barb, Marcia H., Sara, Mike, Carol, Linda (guest), Pat G., George, Pat W., Bonnie, Judy, Scott, Geoff, Keith, Marcia K.

Carol won 50/50 - $13.00
Minutes of May 11, 2007 meeting - accepted by members.

It was voted & accepted by members to continue Friday dinner after golf alternating with North 11 & Main Street Grill.

Those planning to attend the S.E. Chapter outing August 11 & 12 are: Pat G., George, Pat W., Keith, Carol, Marcia H. & Judy. Look for more information by email from Marcia K.

It was voted & accepted by members to sponsor a hole for $100.00 to be taken from our treasury for the Friends of Recreation - Golf Classic, being held July 20, 2007.

Twelve members plan to attend Gaylord outing, September 23-24-25. Sign up will be one month before outing.

Newsletter reports due to Carol by the 18th.

Treasurer Report Submitted & accepted by members. Bank account balance is $458.46. Petty cash is $76.40

Golf Report:
Marsha will update information about S.E. Chapter outing.
Barb will host outing August 4, 2007 at Olde Mill Golf Course. Cost is $29.00 for 18 holes with cart. Tee times start at 1:00.

Membership Report - Submitted: Larry Nickell and George Washburn joined.
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MEMBERSHIP DUES
Dues for the Kalamazoo, MI chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are $70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville NC 28134.

Bonnie Frye renewed her membership. Newsletters were sent to Kathy Mirakovits, Kevin Hart (a person from Pennfield), George Washburn, Mike Peck and Libby Heiny-Cogswell.

Discussion about cancellation of golf outings due to weather. Voted by members to leave decision to cancel up to outing host. Discussion to donate prize money for golf outings to charity. Voted no by members.

Noted by President that email is sent out for agenda items. If members have agenda items they need to let Chris know so items can be put on the agenda.

Next meeting July 13, 2007.

~Barb Burpo

Golf Chair’s Report
Dining after Friday night golf Main Street Pub will be the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month. North 11 will be the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

The reservations have been made thru Sept 28th, under ASGA-Golf group Joint golf outing scheduled Aug 10 and 11th with the Southeast Chapter and the Chicago Chapter. I spoke with John Raymond the golf chair with the Southeast Chapter, and got some clarification about the tournament that is scheduled for August 10 and 11. He stated that the they are doing a Ryder Cup Tournament and that between the two chapters there are four teams in the tournament. We can still play and follow their foursomes, but not be part of the competition. Other members from their chapters have had a difficult time getting hotel reservations, so no one else from their group will be there. I told him that we would contact them in January 2008, and make plans earlier in the season, for a joint outing.

If we want to have another golf outing for August, someone needs to host either August 18 or the 19th. Please feel free to contact me.

Upcoming Golf Outings: Please put on your schedule the following dates for the rest of the summer:

July 8th - Either Binder Park Golf Course or Merrywood in the Battle Creek Area-hosted by Pat Whittaker at: 269-385-4102

July 22 - The Prairies- contact person is Pat Glocheski
August 4 - Olde Mill - contact person is Barb Burpo

Sept 4 - To be determined at a later date-contact person- Jean Schade

Northern Michigan Golf Outing-Gaylord Dates are Sept 23 thru Sept 25. Contact person- Keith Milheim

~Marcia Kolinske, Golf Chair

The Past Events of May and June
Fun On The Green At Angels Crossing
Once again, we had the pleasure of golfing on the beautiful Angels Crossing Golf Course in Vicksburg. It was a typical May day, with good membership participation. Our first event, or events, on the front nine amounted to a collection of side bets referred to as Junk (or Garbage). Points were given to an individual player for scoring a double bogie, or better, after encountering trouble, such as hitting a tree (a barkie) etc...between the tee, and the final putt. This event was won by Larry, one of our newest members. Yea Larry!!
The back nine was a scramble, and the winning foursome included Bonnie, Marcia K., Keith, and Pat W. Way to go!! We had dinner after at the Main Street Pub of Vicksburg. A good time, with great people!!

~Carol Leigh

A Sunday Afternoon at Yarrow
On Sunday, June 10th a golf outing was held at Yarrow Golf Course. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and we were grateful to be playing after the washout the previous Sunday.

Those participating in the outing were: Mike D., Marcia H., Bonnie, Geoff, Pat W., Carol, George, Marcia K., Sara, Ken,

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We played an 18-hole scramble which consisted of games of best ball, regular scramble format and alternate shot. Prizes were awarded as follows:

- Longest drive (#1) men - George
- Longest drive (#3) women - Pat W.
- Closest to the pin (#6) - Jean and Geoff

Winners of the 18-hole scramble - team of George, Judy, Marcia K. and Sara

A good time was had by all!

~Judy Clafling

Celebrating the Red, White and Blue at Cheshire

In keeping with the theme this month of celebrating the Red, White, and Blue, the Kalamazoo Chapter played The Red Fox and the The White Tail at Cheshire Hills in Allegan, June 16. Cheshire Hills has another nine called the Bluebird. I love the terrain of this course with its woods and rolling hills. The winners of the first nine (Whiners Tournament) were Mike, George, and Bonnie. It was a fun tournament and plenty of whining from all. The second nine was a Shamble and won by Larry, Chris, and Marcia H. There were winners from each team represented for each nine so that is something to celebrate! We ended the event with dinner at the Grill House near Allegan which satisfied all of our thirst and appetites after a hot day in June on the golf course. Thank you to all for making this outing fun.

~Chris Ferguson

Did You Know That?

Milham Park is #1

Did you know that Milham Park has been rated as the #1 public course in the state of Michigan? What great news for us that we have the best course in the state right at our doorstep. Here is the news I received via the internet:

The Detroit News just designated Milham Park as the number one rated public course in Michigan. We were highlighted in the “2007 Michigan’s Best” insert in the May 23, 2007 edition of the News.

“Michigan’s Best is a compilation of readers’ recommendations for the best the State has to offer. More than 105,000 people mailed in ballots....”

If you can recall, AAA rated Milham Park as the number one Municipal course in Michigan in 2001. This is the first time Milham was rated number one among all public courses.

~Carol

Our Presidents, and Golf

Since we celebrate our country’s birthday in July, it seems fitting to include a little about our presidents and how they contributed to, and influenced the growth and popularity of golf in America. The following are bits and pieces of historical information about our presidents as golfers.

“Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877) is believed to be the first U.S. president to hold a golf club and “attempt” to hit a golf ball. Induced once to enter the game, in Scotland, the General looked at his ball, at his club, and measured the distance. He then carefully made a strike six inches above the ball. He tried several times, but was never able to hit the ball, and never touched a golf club again.”

William McKinley (1897-1901) was the first sitting president to try the game. He played his first round in 1897 (the first American golf club opened in 1888). His score was reported to be well over 200, and his score never improved much! Many of his cabinet members were enthusiastic golfers-and the first politicians to wheel and deal on the links.

William Howard Taft (1909-1913) became the first president to regularly play golf. Result: the popularity of the game soared - the number of golfers in the United States doubled during his presidency.

Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921) played golf, but not by choice-he was ordered to play by his doctor as a way to relieve stress. It didn’t take long for him to become addicted. He played six days a week, rain or shine, and even had golf balls painted black so he could play in the snow.

Warren G. Harding (1913-1921) was an avid golfer. He was also an avid gambler, and took his gambling to the golf course. The USGA honored his contribution to the popularity of the game by naming the trophy for the U.S. Public Links Champion-
ship the Harding Trophy.

Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929) is considered, by historians, to be the worst golfing president ever. He ignored the rules of golf etiquette, often showing up to play in his street clothes (argyle vests and socks were a must in those days). To his credit, Coolidge proclaimed the first Father's Day, one of the most popular golfing days in history.

Herbert Hoover (1929-1933) was the first president of the Congressional Country Club, but didn't play golf.

Presidential Golf Quote: "I don't play golf."

Franklin D. Roosevelt (1933-1945), who suffered from polio, and was confined to a wheelchair, loved to play golf. FDR wasn't stricken with the disease until he was 39. Before that he was a gifted athlete, and that included a passion for golf. He made golf history when he instituted massive public work programs in the 1930s, including the construction of more than 250 public golf courses, to lift the country out of the Great Depression.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) was considered the single most golfing president in history. He played an estimated 800 rounds of golf during his terms. He kept a cottage at Augusta National Golf Club, known as the "Little White House". He was also the first president to have a putting green built at the White House.

Presidential Golf Quote: "How has retirement affected my golf game? A lot more people beat me now."

John F. Kennedy (1961-1963) loved the game, and made aides and Secret Service agents keep it a secret when he snuck out to play a round. This was because he and his aides had referred to Eisenhower as the "Duffer in Chief", and criticized the outgoing president for playing the "elite" game so often. Kennedy was a very good golfer, who often shot in the 70s, and he could have been a lot better if not for his back.

Presidential Golf Quote: "It is true that my predecessor did not object, as I do, to pictures of one's golf skill in action. But neither, on the other hand did he ever bean a Secret Service man."

Lyndon B. Johnson (1963-1969) was terrible at golf...and played as much as he could. Not caring for rules, he openly cheated redoing all shots and putts as often as he liked and not counting them. He is said to have taken 300 or more shots per round.

Presidential Golf Quote: "One lesson you better learn if you want to be in politics is that you never go out on a golf course and beat the president."

Richard M. Nixon (1969-1974) took up the game in his late 40s, and though not considered a very good golfer, made golf history by being one of the only presidents to make a hole in one.

Gerald R. Ford (1974-1977) was often the butt of jokes for his famous clumsiness, but he was actually a great athlete (as a young man, he turned down an offer to play professional football), and an avid golfer. He maintained an official 12 handicap for many years.

Presidential Golf Quote: "I deny allegations by Bob Hope that during my last game, I hit an eagle, a birdie, an elk, and a moose."

Ronald W. Reagan (1981-1989) was a pretty good golfer as a young man, shooting regularly in the low-to mid-80s, but he played less than 20 times in his eight years as president.

William J. Clinton (1993-2001) started golfing at the age of 12, and became a fair player. He claimed to be a 12 to 13 handicap, but was known for his frequent use of mulligans.

Wondering about the Bushes? Like many presidents, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush are both avid golfers, but golf runs a little deeper in their family: the "W" is for George Herbert Walker, founder of the Walker Cup amateur tournament.

George H.W. Bush is a frequent golfer, but is known to be impatient, which may explain why his putting game isn't the greatest. Bush even installed a nine-hole practice green on the South Lawn of the White House, but according to reporters, it didn't help. He has a "no laughing rule" for his partners, and favors "speed golf".

George W. Bush golfs only on vacation. He usually shoots in the mid 80s, and is an aggressive golfer. Neither George H.W. nor George W. Bush ever cheats, probably because their family worked so many years at the USGA to promote the rules and traditions of golf."

From: ‘Tees Off on Golf, by Uncle John’s Bathroom Readers Institute’
~Carol.

Quote of the Month
"Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose."
~Winston Churchill

Celebrate the Red, White, and Blue, and golfing too!
-Newsletter Editor, Carolyn Leigh

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Ken Hurley - 07/12
Sara Poli - 07/20

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Helena Brandt - 07/20

Welcome newest members:
Larry Nichol - Joined 05/29/2007

These members recently renewed:
Carolyn Leigh

Our chapter currently has 21 members.

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