From the President….

Vacation time is here. Summertime gets me thinking of places to travel to with my clubs. So here are some golf travel destinations to consider in & about the NC area. The state tourism site is www.visitnc.com. Then go to things to do and golf. This is a comprehensive listing of state courses with information by region or city.

Our State’s most famous golf destination is Pinehurst. For the world famous Pinehurst Resort the website is www.pinehurst.com. Our members who have attended the ASGA National Memorial Weekend have found this to be a good value and fun way to experience the resort. Although many sites cover this area the additional area courses have joined together at www.sandhillsgolf.com.

Our large State has many different regions to enjoy. This time of year in the mountains in NC is just fantastic. One course I recommend is Boone GC for value and a solid course. More courses in western NC can be found for golf at www.greatsmokiesgolf.com. Some other sites covering regional NC golf courses are www.crystalcoastnc.org and www.wilmington.net.


Since I moved here two years ago I have enjoyed discovering the courses our area and state has to offer. The golf varies from region to region but I have relished the challenge.
~ Jim Talley

Golf News

On July 14th Keith Hills was the venue for 12 golfers. We played the “new” course and found the first few holes difficult, but overall it was a fair challenge. All of the groups finished their round in 4 hours and Michael J. Latorre came away with the only closest to the pin awarded that day.

Get out you calendars …don’t forget about the competition with the Triad group on September 8th. The cost will be $33.00 which includes prize money. We have 20 slots available and so far only 4 people have sent me money. Make your check out to the Triad ASGA and please include your handicap. Sunday October 14th will be our annual end of year tournament. This year it will be held at Mill Creek in Mebane. Details to follow in the upcoming newsletters.
~ Jeff Swoager

Golf Outings

AUGUST 11- Pine Hollow Golf Club / Clayton, NC
Tee Times from 11:00 am
Cost: $45.00 (includes range balls)
Directions:
From North Raleigh
Take the inside loop of the Beltline heading east to Interstate 40 East. Go to Exit 306. (Clayton, Smithfield, and Hwy.70 East exit). Take Hwy. 70 east to the 2nd traffic light (Guy Rd.) Turn left and then go 1/4 mile to stop sign. Turn right on E. Garner Road. Go 1 mile and golf course will be on the left at Pine Hollow Drive.

From the Cary Area
Take Interstate 40 East to Exit 306. This will be the Clayton, Smithfield Hwy. 70 East exit. Take Hwy. 70 East to the 2nd traffic light (Guy Rd.). Turn left and then go 1/4 mile to stop sign. Turn right on E. Garner Road. Go 1 mile and golf course will be on the left at Pine Hollow Drive.

Upcoming Event:

Regular Meeting Date: THIRD THURSDAY of each month
Next Meeting: August 16th, 2007
Meeting Location: Blinco’s Sports Restaurant, 6711 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh (919) 785 5060
Our Website: www.raleigh.singlesgolf.com
(See next page for list of officers and board members.)
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AUGUST 25 - Hedingham Golf Club / Raleigh, NC
Tee Times from 12:00 pm
Cost: $ 28.00
Directions: In Raleigh, take Hwy. 64 East to left on New Hope Rd. The entrance to Hedingham will be approximately half a mile on your right.

SEPTEMBER 8 - The Challenge Golf Course / Graham, NC
Tee Times from 1:00 pm
Cost: $33.00 (only 12 spots remain)
Remember this is a pre-pay event. Send Jeff an email to sign up and mail him a check for $33 made out to The Triad ASGA, or bring your check with you to the monthly meeting on August 16th.

SEPTEMBER 22 - CHAPEL RIDGE -
Tee Times from 1:00 pm
Cost: $ 35.00
Directions:
FROM DURHAM/CHAPEL HILL:
15/501 South, Right on Russells Chapel Church Road, Right on Old Graham Road.
FROM RALEIGH/CARY/APEX:
Take 64 West to 15/501 North, Left on Russells Chapel Church Road, Right on Old Graham Road. Chapel Ridge will be 2.3 miles on Left.
~Jeff

Social News
Believe it or not, we’re already making plans for our Christmas Party as it’s only four months away. So mark your calendars now and reserve Saturday, December 1st. Last year Tavola Rossa did such a great job in providing the setting for a festive evening, that we’ve asked them to again accommodate us. More on that event is to follow.

Jim has announced our end of the year golf event to be held at Mill Creek Golf Club in October. Plan to participate in the outing and our social festivities afterwards.
Those of us who golfed at Wake Forest Country Club on July 28th were treated to an outing at Joy Shepherd’s home in Wakefield. Many thanks to Joy and others who have generously hosted events. If you’ve got ideas for events or wish to host an event, please let either Margo or me know.

Monthly Meeting at Blinco’s:
Thursday, August 16th at 6:30 pm
Blinco’s Sports Restaurant,
6711 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh
(919) 785 5060

Upcoming Multi Chapter Events
August 31-September 2, 2007. Labor Day Weekend Event - Hosted by the Upstate (Greenville/Spartanburg, SC) Chapter.

September 14 - 16 - Cape Cod Trip. Go to the web site below for full details: http://www.centralmass-asga.com/MCE_CapeCod.htm
Check the website for other outings: http://www.singlesgolf.com/
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Membership News
Margaret Van Gotten is an official new member. Welcome Margaret!!! We look forward to getting to know you through our meetings, golf and social events.
Alexis Carter and Sharon Wertz visited with us at the July 19th meeting. We look forward to receiving your membership applications!

MEMBERSHIP DUES
Dues for the Raleigh 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, Inc., P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134

JOIN BY PHONE, FAX, OR WEB
Dial toll-free 1-888-GOLFMATE (465-3628) and provide the info on the application form, your credit card number and expiration date, and you’re all set! Office hours 8:00-5 EST (M-Th). Or, FAX your application along with credit card information to 1-888-465-3295 (toll-free). You may also join on our national web site (www.singlesgolf.com). Your membership package will be mailed within 10 days.
Let's all think of a potential member and bring that friend to the August meeting. We grow by referral, so put your thinking caps on and come up with someone to bring. Remember, someone told you about ASGA. Pass along a kindness in advance. Who wouldn't want to meet our group?

~ Kathy Dowling

Raleigh Chapter Newsletter and Website
www.raleigh.singlegolf.com

The North South Challenge at Myrtle Beach was a big success. 10 people attended from Raleigh and everyone had a great time on and off the golf courses. On Saturday we played at Rivers Edge for the Challenge trophy – the average net score of all the people playing for your Chapter. Raleigh came in second only a fraction of a point behind Myrtle Beach. In the 4 ball team event Margo Acomb's team was 5th, Bobby Jones's team was 3rd and Sandra Ross's team was 1st. Well done everyone!!

On Sunday we played Captains choice at Brunswick Plantation and Betsy Durchuck's team was 4th, Kyle Kilborn's team was 2nd and Sandra Ross's team was first. I have to point out that there was a ringer on my team both days – Bud Streeter from Wilmington. Bud told me that he may be moving to Chapel Hill in which case he will join our Chapter.

~ Sandra Ross

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Mary Kershaw - 09/14
Marge McClure - 08/04
Ken Murray - 08/23
Sandra Ross - 09/12
Chip Wooten - 09/12

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Robert "Sandy" Abbott - 08/31/2007
Margo Acomb - 08/31/2007
Michael Glynn - 08/31/2007
Richard Huelsman - 08/31/2007
Mary Kershaw - 08/31/2007
Hoon Kim - 08/31/2007
Lois LeSavoy - 08/31/2007
Jeff Swoager - 08/31/2007
Bonnie Taylor - 08/31/2007
Edna Weeks - 08/31/2007

Welcome newest members:
Alexis Carter - Joined 07/18/2007

These members recently renewed:
Joyce Jennings
Brenda Kendall
Rayford Pate
Penny Sardelli

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Mary Virginia Swain - 06/30/2007
Holly Tallon - 06/30/2007

Our chapter currently has 72 members.

Golf Tip
Chipping
Gaining skill in chipping is perhaps one of golf's most important components to improve scoring for the amateur. Why you ask? Simple. The average amateur is not particularly adept at hitting greens in regulation and in order to make that all elusive par, the golfer must be able to chip the ball close. First we must define the term chipping. (Note this is a loose definition and may not hold up in any court!)

Chipping: A shot in golf from no more than twenty yards off the putting green requiring touch and creativity in order to make the ball stop as close to the hole as possible.

So if you can make the ball stop close to the hole your chances of one-putting the green are increased. This is good!

The chipping stroke should, in most cases, emulate a good putting stroke: mostly shoulders and very little wrist action. This motion can be seen best when watching pros like Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia play a fairway wood from off the green.

Speaking of the fairway wood off the green, this is a very creative shot not intended for the faint of heart. Most amateurs would do well to select a seven iron or eight iron when they can bump and run the ball to the hole and a pitching wedge or sand wedge when a soft landing is required.

Be sure to pick out a target landing area and have a read on which way the ball will break once it starts to roll.

Chipping well can easily reduce your strokes per round by three to five. Practice this shot for at least fifteen minutes of your practice time per hour. It will help you to understand breaks in the green and speed control involved in getting the ball close!

Quick tips:
- Swing with shoulders
- Use putting stroke
- Be creative when chipping

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell
www.lifeintheprap.com