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HARTFORD SINGLES GOLF

Hartford, CT Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — June 2008

NEXT NINE, WINE & DINE: JUNE 29TH

June President's Letter

Between work and family commitments this year, I finally had a chance to start playing golf with **HASGA**. Of the three times I played, I was able to play with two new members. (well, one is strongly considering us). One lady saw the yellow sheet and one saw the new web site. She thought it was easy to get through and because of the pictures, decided to come join us at our first Nine, Wine and Dine. Both had called **Barbara Wysocki**, who gave them encouragement to come join us. Rumor has it that **Barb** actually returned one of the calls from the airport on her way to Pinehurst, talk about dedication! We also have a new member and a few potential members coming from the Hawks Landing Friday night golf group. . **IT'S WORKING!!!**

I wanted to talk about next year. I realize it is six months away, but it's never too late to start planning! The Board will be looking for a few good people to fill in the positions available, starting with the presidency. ASGA policy states no longer than two terms as president, although it has been two and a half (but who's counting). This role can be quite rewarding and fun! I have had the chance to work with some truly talented and very hard working peo-

ple. There is no doubt that it takes some of your free time, and there are sometimes issues to deal with, but for the most part, it is a great gig! It is always better to have new people with new ideas and goals, (heck, just look at Washington DC!). In the next few months I will be letting you know what other committee positions will be available. It is time for some members, old and new, to step-up and take part. Talk with any of the Board members about their committees and responsibilities and think about joining in!

In the next coming weeks you will be receiving your emails in a little different way. **Cathy Duncan** and **Rhonda Idleman** are working on a "Tee-Blast". This will be one e-mail that will come, usually on the same day each week, and will give you a short synopsis of events coming up. We are hoping to cut down on the numbers of emails you are receiving and **THE NUMBER THAT CATHY HAS TO SEND OUT!!** Golf and social events will be announced two to three weeks in advance (when possible) and this one e-mail will be your reminder and will direct you to the website for more information. We hope you will find this easier to keep track of our events!

Speaking of the website, **WE NEED**

PHOTOS!! Please bring a camera to the next event you attend, take a few shots of whatever and then e-mail the pictures to **Rhonda**. After she stops laughing at them, she'll post them for all to see. They don't have to be perfect or award-winning, just related to the event. Eleven of us played golf on **HOOKY** Monday at Shennecossett in Groton and nobody brought a camera to show how glorious the day was. The weather was perfect, the golf great, and the company greater, **BUT NO PICTURES!** Keep it straight and long,
~*Nancy Hammond*

1st Nine, Wine & Dine

Nineteen members and one guest gathered at Tunxis Plantation Country Club on Sunday, May 25, right in the middle of the Memorial Day weekend! **Jerry Maxwell, Sue Amman, Pat DeWolf, Chris Spence, Pearl Lynch, Nahama Corn, Dave Walstom, JoAnne Bryant, Sandra Hackett, Betty Washington, Jack Curtiss, Nancy Hammond, Patty Landry, George Duffy, Jean Cooper, Stephanie Sewell, Rick St. George and Norma Spring** all played the red course at Tunxis. We wine and dined (yes, a few did **whine** about their scores) in the Clubhouse afterward. The food was

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National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

E-Mail: ASGANational@aol.com

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30, M-Th; 8:30-12:30 Fridays (Eastern)

National Office: 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

To join ASGA or renew your dues, contact the National Office at above number or go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: Third Monday of each month

Next Meeting: June 16th, 2008

Meeting Location: Crowne Plaza

Our Website: www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org

Our Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

To join, renew dues, make a change of address, phone, etc., call National Hotline at left.

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quick and the wait staff attentive and pleasant...we even had separate checks! Most everyone came to my house after dinner, where the comedy team of **George and Patty** entertained all with jokes and lots of laughs. We also wanted to let **Jack Curtiss** know that there is a new kid in town, who walks through screen doors (sounds like another story for the newsletter!).

There will be a NINE-WINE-DINE scheduled again on the last Sunday of the month (June 29th), and please see below... or check the web site for details...see you there!

~Norma Spring, Social Chairman

NEXT NINE, WINE & DINE SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH

TUNXIS PLANTATION COUNTRY CLUB
89 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT
3:00 p.m.

This is the second of a **summer monthly event** at [Tunxis Plantation Country Club](#). In place of Sunday Night Golf, the **last Sunday of the month** will be a **Nine, Wine & Dine** where participants begin by playing **9 holes of golf** on the Tunxis Red Course. Following the round of golf, they will **gather in the restaurant for drinks and dinner**. There is no set fee for this as you will pay for the round of golf at the pro shop and each participant can order dinner off the menu.

If you aren't able to play golf, please join us for drinks and dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Tunxis restaurant. Look for the ASGA banner!

If you plan to play at this event, e-mail **JACK CURTISS** at jcurtiss0727@aol.com or call **JACK** at (203)736-2258. We hope to see you there!

Don't Let Your Membership Lapse. . .

Be sure to renew so you
won't miss
receiving a newsletter.

Call 1-888- GOLFMATE

Memorial Day Weekend at Pinehurst!

Attending Pinehurst (South Carolina) from **Hartford ASGA** last month were: **Pat Sullivan, Mary LaBel, Barbara Wysocki, Tina Oswald, Helen Bessoni, Karen Young** and **Linda Woodruff**. We arrived early on Thursday (May 22) and had plenty of time to explore and have lunch. Registration opened in the afternoon and a Cocktail Party opened the weekend in the Carolina Ballroom.

Most of us played Pinehurst #3 and #5. Two days of tournament play began on Friday to unseasonably (for NC) cool weather. After the golf tournament a barbecue was held on the grounds of the Carolina Hotel. Saturday's tournament was played in between some rain drops. We all finished in time to rest for the evenings festivities. A dinner dance was held in the ballroom and prizes were awarded.

Several ladies enjoyed spa services and **Pat Sullivan, Mary LaBel, Barbara Wysocki** and **Tina Oswald** played "The Pit" on Sunday. We all got into town and some went to Southern Pines and Pine Needles (the site of the 2007 Ladies PGA event) to look around. Some of us joined those staying over for a dinner at Ironwood Cafe on Sunday. I think we all agreed, it was a great Memorial Day Weekend!

~Karen Young

Social Committee Member & Roving Reporter

Hooky Day at the Beach, Part 1

Everyone arrived early, as it was a wonderfully sunny, breezy, guilt-free day! **Rich McKnett** arrived even earlier (about 10:30) to practice EVERYTHING.....like that was going to help...well, that was his plan, in any case!

Before we teed-off, we had to come up with a format for some sort of "contest" in order to make it all the more interesting. We settled on using handicaps and then something about a 2 ball net.....**Rick** and **Dave** knew what they were doing, so we all went along and coughed up \$5 each for the winning team, once we finished our round and met for dinner.

OK, here's where it gets funky... Because we didn't have 12 people to make 4 even groups, the group of 3 started the round. Scores were:

Dave Walstrom	75
Chris Spence	103
Stephanie Sewell	111

After the 3rd hole we never saw the group behind us....wondered what happened to them, only to be told later they were in every bunker on the course, and Nancy counted them.....something like 88 in total (Should have brought their pails and shovels, as it was a good beach day!). Anyway, we were so far ahead of them, **Dave** and **Stephanie** played the 3 holes along the water a second time, giving us a 21 hole day...not bad! So our middle group's scores were:

Mary LeBel	106
Nancy Hammond	119
Paul Figura	83
Rich McKnett	105

The last group to come in wasn't talking much, and they all looked pretty tired too. Their frowns turned to smiles, however, when they found out they won the pool, and so split \$55. Their scores were:

Rick St. George	94
George Duffy	89
Tina Oswald	115
Barbara Wysocki	145

We all ate at the Club, and the food was wonderful.....very good for golf food and an enormous menu, so how could you complain? ~*Stephanie Sewell, Roving Reporter*

Hooky Day at the Beach, Part 2

Eleven members took the day off from work and spent a glorious sunny day playing golf at Shennecosset Golf Course in Groton on Monday June 2. The day's outing included **Rick St. George, Stephanie Sewell, Chris Spence, Dave Walstrom, George Duffy, Paul Figura, Nancy Hammond, Mary LeBel, Barb Wysocki, Tina Oswald, and Rich McKnett**. We all basked in the light ocean breezes and spent the day clashing with the fescue and deep sand traps, all 87 of them! Some were more successful than others, but we need to clarify the word 'successful'. It could mean that some were able to stay out all sand traps; it could also mean that some were able to get out of all or most of them; and it could mean that some were able to hit from one trap to the next and the next, right **George?** Three traps on one hole is some sort of record! **Mary LeBel** became quite adept at using her 'hand wedge' in the traps!

We dined at the Clubhouse and then

handed over to **Rick, Tina, Barb and George**, the winnings of a small wager. It was a great day and best of all, it was a work day! Check the website for the next Hooky Day and plan to play, because it will make your work week shorter!
~*Nancy Hammond, Roving Reporter*

Golf Committee Report

Details will follow, but please mark on your calendars for the following dates:

July 12 – Pequot Country Club, Stonington
August 16- Ryder Cup (against Central Mass, in Massachusetts). Weekend prior practice round-all invited to play
September 13 - Fox Hopyard, East Had-dam

Formats will mostly be "Play Your Own Ball" or "Best Ball". You can pick the one that suits your needs. Foursomes will be made accordingly.

HOOKY DAYS

July 28, course TBA
September 22, course TBA

We are looking for 'favorite' members' courses, so please email m.lebel@comcast.net with your ideas for places to play on Hooky Days.

Details on all these events will be on the web site and will be e-mailed to you. We hope to see you on the course!
~*Mary Lebel, Golf Committee Chairman*

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Evelyn Bacon - 06/20
Cathy Duncan - 07/01
Rhonda Idleman - 06/27
Chris Kennedy - 06/06
Katherine Kerr - 07/15
David Walstrom - 06/04
Gwendolyn Westberry - 07/06

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Debbie Macht - 06/30/2008
Karen Young - 06/30/2008

Welcome newest members:

Jean Cooper - Joined 05/07/2008
Mary LeBel - Joined 05/31/2008
Harry Mackenstein - Joined 04/17/2008
Kathleen O'Sullivan - Joined 04/04/2008

These members recently renewed:

Carol DeBerry
Rhonda Idleman
Elizabeth Washington

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Liz Andersen - 04/30/2008
Kathy Anderson - 05/31/2008
Michael Kellis - 05/31/2008
Jane Marcin - 04/30/2008
Nancy Margiano - 05/31/2008
Jerry Maxwell - 04/30/2008
Richard McKnett - 05/31/2008
Francis Moore - 05/31/2008
Mark Peszko - 04/30/2008
Susan Rand - 05/31/2008
Barbara Segen Gould - 05/31/2008

Our chapter currently has 77 members.

Just For Laughs

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5 iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes," says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know, five, six, maybe seven times.....just put me down for a five."

**ROSTER
UPDATES**



Do It Yourself!

Do you want to update your personal information on our chapter's roster? You can now do this yourself. Simply click on the **MY ACCOUNT** link at the national website (SinglesGolf.com). You can update your address, phone, add your cell phone, change handicap, etc. Doing it yourself takes the burden off of your chapter leaders so they can spend more time on the golf course and less time on the computer!

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JUNE 2008

Look Ahead Now!

Sign-Up For Multi-Chapter Events!

Meet More Singles—Enjoy More Out of Life!

ASGA, through its member chapters, offer other events which allow you to meet singles from other chapters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these Multi-Chapter Events.

There's nothing like meeting up with a bunch of other singles for a weekend of golf. Each package is basically the same but there are differences, so we suggest you visit the website for the event.

And, if you're chapter's interested in hosting one of these events, prepared to put a lot of work into it. But the reward of having singles play in your city and play your favorite courses is a life experience, well, hopefully! Contact ASGA to clear the date and then get your Board of Directors to give local approval. Then, start putting it together!

The website for all events is really, really simple:

www.SinglesGolf.com/events

(make sure "events" is in lower case!)

Here are our multi-chapter events for the rest of the year:

- **Sea Palms Weekend / St. Simon's Island** - August 15-17, 2008. Hosted by the Jacksonville chapter. Contact Dorothy Nicholson at darn@bellsouth.net for more info.
- **Labor Day Weekend Event at Santee** - August 29 - 31, 2008. Hosted by the Upstate (Greenville/Spartanburg, SC) chapter.
- **Tunica Getaway, Tunica, Mississippi** - Sept. 8-10, 2008. Tunica is also known as "Little Las Vegas." Hosted by the Hot Springs, AR chapter. For information contact Peggy Jordan at pijhsv@suddenlink.net
- **Mountain Fall Weekend at Lake Lure, NC** - October 17-19, 2008. Hosted by the Asheville chapter. Details can be found at www.MountainFallWeekend.com or contact Hank Parish (hyparish@msn.com) for more information.
- **Fall Fling at Mission Inn (Florida)** - October 24-26, 2008. Hosted by the Tampa Bay chapter. See the events website for more details.
- **Myrtle Beach Shootout, Myrtle Beach, SC** - November 21-23, 2008. Hosted by the Myrtle Beach and Nashville chapters. Contact Bob Blaylock (Eagle42@comcast.net) for more info.

Add Your Cell Phone Number to Your Roster!

And add / correct anything else on your personal record in the ASGA database. Go to the **MY ACCOUNT** button at our website, SinglesGolf.com and log-in. Forgot your log-in? It's real easy; just follow the simple instructions and we'll send it to you.

A Mid-Year Report

As we reach the middle of our calendar year, we look behind and we look forward. For chapter presidents, your job is halfway done! For most members, it's simply time for more golf.

We value our membership in ASGA. We're all single and if we haven't done so already, we look forward to the potential of a great relationship. Many members have said they're not interested in meeting anyone, they just want to play more golf. But as the saying goes, we all have the word "SINGLE" on our foreheads. When you show up for a meeting, people know you're single. If you don't show-up for your membership meeting, think of your potential loss. Just about every member who's become "attached" with another member didn't expect it to happen that way, or right away. But unless you show-up in life, life won't show-up for you.

We've grown this past year primarily because you, our member, have taken a little time to spread the word about our organization. Our display stands have been a big reason for our growth, but they don't do us any good sitting in a closet. You have to request one and if you do, we're happy to ship one to you. So let us know simply by calling or e-mailing us.

In October of each year, each chapter elects a new president for the term beginning January 1. So be thinking about who might best fill that position down the road.

What Kind of Golf Do You Play?

I recently spoke to a golf committee chair who was suggesting their chapter should not play by the *USGA Rules of Golf*. "We just play for fun," he said.

It got me to thinking: is it possible to play by the rules and have fun at the same time? Why do rules not make golf fun?

Website Offers 32 Quick Lesson Videos

It's pretty rare that I suggest golf websites to go to. There's simply too much out there on the dubya-dubya-dubya, but we came across one website that allows you to sit-back and enjoy some pretty interesting golf lessons. It's too long to put here, so it's been tiny-sized. Just go to TinyURL.com/3nhh57

-- Tom Alsop, President/Founder, ASGA
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