

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

ORLANDO SINGLES GOLF

Orlando Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2008

SIGN UP FOR ORLANDO ASGA 10TH YEAR REUNION

From the President

Hi Golfers,

Time marches on and we are excited to announce plans to celebrate our club's 10th Anniversary on Friday and Saturday, September 12th and 13th. On Friday, September 12th we will have dinner and dancing to a DJ at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$15 for one guest. It will be \$30 for additional guests. On Saturday, September 13th we will be golfing at Champions Gate for \$45 and will have lunch afterwards at Champions Gate. Alumni are being contacted and we are anxious to reconnect with old friends at this two day celebration. If you are in touch with past members, please encourage them to attend.

As we enjoy our summer golf, we are looking forward to some terrific multi-chapter outings. The first is Jacksonville's Sea Palms weekend at St. Simon Island, GA on August 15-17. St. Simon's Island with it's excellent golf courses and beautiful beaches is a real treat. Then on Labor Day Weekend, August 29-31st enjoy Santee, SC, followed by Hot Springs Tunica "Little Vegas Getaway" in Tunica, MS, September 8-10th.

We are delighted to be invited to beautiful Lake Lure, NC for Asheville's Mountain Fall Weekend on October 17-19th. Then

the next opportunity for a great weekend is Tampa's Fall Fling at Mission Inn on October 24-28th. Fabulous golf courses and elegant lodging. Sign up early to be assured a reservation and enjoy.

See you on the links.

~Karen Reinhart

From the Handicap Chairperson

Our handicaps are held through the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA). The system is called GHIN. When you sign up, you get a GHIN number that is good at courses throughout the US.

When you go into GHIN.COM, click on Email Addresses and put in your email address to receive your updated Handicap Index. Handicap Index is updated on the 15 and 30 of the month.

You received a Handicap Index after five scores are posted. You have an established Handicap Index after 20 scores are posted. The system uses the best 10 scores out of the latest 20 scores posted to establish your Handicap Index.

ASGA is a organized group and not affiliated with a golf course. Therefore, we have a Handicap Index and not a

Course Handicap. When you play a course, you use your Handicap Index to establish your Course Handicap. For instance, if your Handicap Index is 36.8, you check the slope of the tees you are playing. For instance 117 is the slope. Look in the back of your USGA Handicap System Reference Guide for 117 slope. Find your index 36.8, follow across the line and your will find your Course Handicap. Which would be 38. You received this handbook when you signed up to have your handicap established through ASGA last year or new members this year.

Inputting your scores. I will input the scores when your play in ASGA outings. If you play in a foursome on your own, you can input your own scores. Scores are input through the internet. The address is GHIN.COM. Open this screen and click on Post On Line. You will need your GHIN number and name. Enter. Information required to post the score is Date Played, Score, Slope and Rating (found on score card), Our games are always "Away" as we do not have a home course.

Once you have an established Handicap Index (20 scores posted), you must post an Equitable Stroke Control Score (ESC). See the table on page 6 of the Handbook. Example: If your handicap is 10 thru 19 you can only post a 7 on a hole. If you

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Attend a Multi-Chapter Event. Meet more singles.
Play more golf. Go to SinglesGolf.com/events

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: Second Wednesday of each month

Next Meeting: August 13th, 2008

Meeting Location: The Country Club of Deer Run
Social at 6:15, Dinner & Meeting at 7:00

Our Website: www.ASGAorlando.com

Our Hotline: (407) 647-9388

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

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have a 9 on a hole you take off two strokes from your total score. You must adjust your score when posting your score. This does not mean that you do not put your true score on the score card while playing. This is for posting a score only.

Instructions are also found on our website ASGAORLANDO.COM.

You can look up slope and ratings by clicking on Check Rating Lookup. You will need the course name, city and state.

If you signed up last year and have not paid your \$11.00 for 2008, then you are now inactive in the GHIN system. If you would like to renew your membership in the GHIN system or become a new member, you can see Sue Walther or mail a check to her made out to ASGA Orlando at 3607 Datura Ct., Winter Park, FL, 32792. If you are a new member and have had a previous GHIN number, she will need your GHIN number to

put you in the system. If not you will get a new number.

If you have any questions, contact **Sue Walther** at 407 671-3799 or email suzygolf@cfl.rr.com.
~Sue Walther

Please Note

If you have not signed up for the GHIN system to establish a handicap, please do so. To do this you **can contact Sue Walther at suzygolf@cfl.rr.com or call at 407-671-3799, or see one of the board members at our outings.** Handicaps are very important in determining a fair winner at our outings.

If you are not receiving emails about all our events, please send an email to ASGAORLANDO@GMAIL.COM and tell me you want to be on the email list.

ASGA Orlando's 10th Year Reunion

The Orlando ASGA has turned 10 years old this year and we will be celebrating with a two day event. On Friday, September 12, 2008 we will be having dinner and dancing at Deer Run Golf and Country Club. The party will go from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM and we will be dancing to the sounds of DJ Bob Jaeger. The cost will be \$15 for members, \$15 for one guest, and \$30 for additional guests. ASGA Orlando will be subsidizing the rest.

On Saturday, September 13, 2008 we will be golfing at Champions Gate at 11:00 AM and the cost is \$45. Lunch will be held at one of the Champion's Gate restaurants. Lunch is not included in the golf price.

These events are open to all current and past ASGA members.

You can join us for both days or just come for the one you can attend.

You must RSVP and pay for dinner by August 22, 2008.

Please contact **Sue Walther** at 407 671-3799 or suzygolf@cfl.rr.com. You can also contact **Mitzi Seem** at 407-332-8783 or mitzi1putt@embarqmail.com

Please make checks payable to ASGA ORLANDO and mail your payment to Sue Walther at:

3607 Datura Ct.
Winter Park, Fl. 32792

For golf, please RSVP by August 22, 2008.

Please contact **Bob Greenwald** to reserve your spot at headpro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

Upcoming Golf Events

08/02/08 - Ventura Country Club

08:00 starting tee times, the cost is \$26+ tax including range balls.

Contact is **Bob Greenwald** at head-pro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

08/10/08 - Forest Lake

10:30 starting tee times, the cost is \$32+ tax including range balls.

Contact is **Bob Greenwald** at head-pro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

08/16/08 - Remington Golf Course

09:00 starting tee times, the cost is \$29 + tax including range balls.

Contact is **Bob Greenwald** at head-pro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

08/24/08 - Stoneybrook East Golf Club

09:00 tee times, the cost is \$30+ tax including range balls and lunch.

Contact is **Bob Greenwald** at head-pro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

08/30/08 - Metro West Golf Club

10:00 starting tee times, the cost is \$35 + tax including range balls.

There will be a party afterwards at **Carolyn Aldorfer's** house.

Contact is **Bob Greenwald** at head-pro@earthlink.net or call 407-869-6613.

09/13/08 - Champions Gate

ASGA Orlando's 10th Year Reunion - See above box for all information.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Al Amore - 08/14

Joy Clark - 09/08

Suzanne Crook - 08/24

Cathy Finn - 09/08

Dave Funkhouser - 08/31

David Graham - 08/04

Carol Paquette - 08/21

John Reynolds - 09/05

Susan Smith - 08/22

Patricia Vanyo - 09/01

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

William Carrozzella - 08/31/2008

Marilyn Guerin - 08/31/2008

Judy Hammond - 08/31/2008

Patricia Quinlan - 08/31/2008

Susan Walther - 08/31/2008

Pam Yacko - 08/31/2008

Welcome newest members:

Dianne Burns - Joined 06/19/2008

Judy Ginty - Joined 06/03/2008

Randa Harrison - Joined 06/17/2008

Richard Jervis - Joined 07/03/2008

R Rockwell - Joined 06/17/2008

Ellen Ryan - Joined 06/10/2008

Robert Vanderhagen - Joined

06/09/2008

ALVARO VECCHIONACCE - Joined

06/24/2008

These members recently renewed:

George Culpepper

Gary Huguenot

Anne Miller

Terry Tampa

Paul Thompson

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Roger Bagg - 06/30/2008

Hilary Holt-Pache - 06/30/2008

Donald Jones - 06/30/2008

Lois Shane - 06/30/2008

John Stelling - 06/30/2008

Our chapter currently has 100 members.

ONLY A TRUE GOLFER WILL UNDERSTAND THIS ...

Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

There are two kinds of bounces; unfair bounces and bounces just the way you meant to play it.

It is surprisingly easy to hole a fifty foot putt .. for a 10.

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

Saturday, August 9th, 2008

Singles Dance at Dance Orlando

Dance lessons begin at 7:00pm

Dance begins at 8:00 pm

Dance Orlando

311 Dane Lane

Longwood, FL 32750

407-830-5523

Admission is \$12 and Includes soda and dance lesson.

A cash Bar is available for beer and wine.

Please contact Sue Walther at 407 671-3799 or suzygolf@cfl.rr.com.

NEW MEETING PLACE

**Wednesday, July 9th, 2008
Deer Run Golf and Country Club
300 Daneswood Way
Casselberry, FL 32707
(407) 699-9592**

**9 holes of golf at 4:15
Happy Hour at 6:15
Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Tee times begin at 4:15. If you would like to play, just show up and be ready before 4:00.

We will play nine holes, have a happy hour, have our meeting, and enjoy dinner together.

**Check out our website for the latest
information
WWW.ASGAORLANDO.COM**

A new club rule we have is whenever someone picks up at double par, they need to add one stroke to putt in, chip in, or whatever. If you pick up on a par 3 write down a 7, for a par 5, write down an 11.

Nine & Dine - New Place - New Time - New Day

**ASGA Wednesday Nine and Dine
Winter Pines Golf Course
950 S. Ranger Blvd.
Winter Park, FL. 32792
407-671-3172**

Tee times begin at 5:00 . If you would like to play, just show up before 4:45.

We will play nine holes, then all go to dinner at a restaurant nearby.

Directions:

Take I-4 East

Exit at Fairbanks .

Turn right onto Fairbanks .

The road will turn into Aloma Ave. (426)

Follow past Lakemont about a mile.

Make a right at Ranger Blvd.

Ranger Blvd. dead ends into the golf course.

August 2008
Orlando ASGA Activities At – A - Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Ventura
3	4 ASGA Board Meeting**	5	6 Nine and Dine*	7 Weekday Golf ****	8	9
10 Forest Lake	11	12	13 Orlando ASGA Membership Meeting With Nine and Dine*	14 Weekday Golf ****	15	16 Remington
17	18	19	20 Nine and Dine***	21 Weekday Golf ****	22	23
24 Stoneybrook East	25	26	27 Nine and Dine***	28 Weekday Golf ****	29	30 Metro West Party at Carolyn Aldorfer's afterwards.
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****ORLASGA Monthly Meeting/Fellowship, 2nd Tuesdays, at Deer Run, 9 holes of golf starts at 4:15, happy hour at 6:15, meeting at 7:00, and dinner afterwards TBA.**

BRING A NEW POTENTIAL GOLFER, For Information call Jane Peterson at (321)663-4120

**** Orlando ASGA Board Meeting at Macaroni Grill in Altamonte Springs.**

***** Winter Pines (407) 671-3172 on Ranger Blvd, south of Aloma, one block west of 436.**

****** Thursday Golf - contact Sue Walther, suzygolf@cfl.rr.com or call at 407-671-3799**

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — AUGUST 2008

THE POWER OF YOU!

We've been around as an organization for about sixteen years now. Many people have come and gone. Over 25,000 have joined in one of our 70 chapters nationwide over the years. Many members are now hitting their 10th year of membership, and even some beyond that. Single-hood doesn't seem to be that bad of a deal and fits many of our members "to the tee."

And during these years, we've been able to draw some conclusions. First, getting new members is a good thing. Second, losing members is a good thing. Yes, when members "hook-up" with other members, we judge ourselves as being "successful," because the organization made a relationship happen, even though it's "congratulations and farewell" time for them. Our success in this regards provides additional validation, especially to newcomers. It says that we offer a great option to improve one's life: meet members of the opposite sex, enjoy more friends of both sexes, and play more golf.

Okay, we're validated. Now what?

To keep this organization, and especially your local chapter on the right (and fast) track, it's important to constantly promote "getting new members." New members today are your Board members next year and year's beyond. New members could be the reason you go to your next meeting. Will "he" or "she" be there? New members bring in their circle of friends. If you attend a meeting and no mention of bringing-in new members is made, then it's time for a talk with your Membership Committee, or your chapter president!

Every chapter should have an on-going program for members to bring in guests to meetings, socials and golf outings. One chapter offers a free beer or wine to members if they bring a guest to a meeting (the drink is paid out of the chapter treasury). Another offers the guest three mulligans at their first golf outing.

But whatever the incentive, if your chapter is not growing, it is, as they say, dying. ASGA National provides a number of things to help your chapter get guests to join your chapter:

- Display stands (see website for details / SinglesGolf.com)
- Press releases (we can help you write one of you can go to our website for some sample press releases)
- PSA's for local radio stations and signage for driving ranges

Local members can post chapter information on a regular basis on Craigslist and there are many other websites where simple posts will bring new members to your meeting.

So make something happen. Your efforts will make a difference.

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events

Details and registration forms of all events are at www.Singlesgolf.com/events

- **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 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 pjihsv@suddenlink.net. *Note: this is a weekday (Mon-Wed) event!*
- **Carson City, Nevada - Annual Weekend Event** - Sept. 12-14, 2008, hosted by the Sacramento, CA chapter. Contact Dwight Pattison at golf@sactosinglesgolf.com
- **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.
- **New Year's Event (Florida likely)** - December 29-January 1, 2009. Hosted by ASGA National Office. Details TBA in August.

Bear Info: You Need to Read This!

We've been thinking about starting a chapter in Wyoming. While exploring the possibilities, we read a brochure from the Wyoming State Department of Fish and Wildlife advising golfers to take extra precautions and be on the alert for bears while playing on Big Horn, Grand Teton, and Shoshone National Forests Golf Courses.

They advise golfers to wear noise-producing devices such as little bells on their clothing to alert, but not to startle the bears unexpectedly. They also advise you to carry pepper spray in the case of an encounter with a bear. It is also a good idea to watch for signs of bear activity. Golfers should be able to "recognize the difference" between Black Bear and Grizzly Bear droppings on the golf course. Black Bear droppings are smaller and contain berries and possibly squirrel fur. Grizzly Bear droppings have bells, golf-gloves and sunglasses in them, and smell like pepper spray.

Just thought we'd point this out in case we ever have a multi-chapter event there!

- Tom Alsop
President / Founder
American Singles Golf Association