

NASHVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Nashville Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2008

AUGUST 16TH: NASHBORO VILLAGE

From the President



Hey guys!

I cannot believe the hot days of summer are upon us again! Our chapter continues to grow as we all spread the word about our awesome group. Even

though I say this at our meeting every month, please help yourself to our business cards. That seems to be a good way to encourage new members. We now have 105 members, and three potential new members.

I realize that all of us cannot play every event, but I hope each of you will try to play at least 2-3 events before the season is over in November. Even though it may be too hot for many folks, everyone is always welcome at the 19th hole and other social events we plan. Playing in a foursome doesn't always end with members getting to know other golfers that are playing that day. I believe many friendships are formed at our socials, so I encourage all members to come and be a part of the food, fun, and fellowship, (even if you can't or don't want to play golf in that particular event). We really have a blast!

We always have a good turnout for each of our local golf outings, but it seems that

the same 35-40 people always play. Where are the other 60 people? What can we do to get more of our members to play? We are open to any suggestions you have!

~*Judy Cummings*

Social Time

On Friday June 27th, we went and listened to the band the "The Original Chardades and the Exotics". They play 60's music. We danced the night away to their awesome music!!

Herb Wolfe, Shelly Darling and Roz Beard were a few dancing the night away to their awesome music!

After the Cedar Crest outing, we went to "Townley's Sports Bar and Grill and danced to a DJ playing 70,s, 80,s and 90's music. The food there is wonderful too. A great time was had by all!! Some of the awesome dancers there were **Jerry Wendling, Jim Lazenby, Jim Price, Pat Cooke, Ann Kelly and Linda McConville.**

On July 11th we went dancing at Ivo-ries bar at the Holiday Inn on Elm Hill Pike. Seen dancing the night away were **Marsha Canady, Herb Wolfe, Lucinda Hall and Amanda Faulk.**

Then on July 25th, after the Henry

Horton outing, we went to **Jerry McNall's** and grilled out hamburgers and hot dogs. Jerry has a beautiful home!! Some of the socialites there were **Patricia Eck, Mike Kelley, Kathy Robbins, Barbara Hellman and Larry Yoders.**

What could be better than going to the new home of the Ropers, **Robin and Kathy**, after sweating through 18 holes at Pine Creek? A pool, a hot tub and a beautifully decorated home and delicious food awaited the group as they hydrated and ate. A fabulous setting and great hosts. Thanks to the Ropers!

Have a great day and keep them in the fairway!!

~*Amanda Faulk, Social Chair*

Out of Town Events

We start August with our trip to Chattanooga to play the Bear Trace Course at Harrison Bay and the Brainerd Golf Course on August 2 and 3. Many are playing the optional golf on Friday August 1st at the Goose Pond Resort Golf Course in Scottsboro. Nightly entertainment and dancing will be at the Palms and the Lakeshore Restaurant. About 30 have signed up for the trip. Call me to see if we have any last minute openings. Cost is \$170 for

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Attend a Multi-Chapter Event. Meet more singles.
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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: Third Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: August 19th, 2008

Meeting Location: Logan's Roadhouse
2400 Elliston Place (Vanderbilt/Centennial Park area)

Our Website: www.nashvillesinglesgolf.com

Our Hotline: 615-872-7788

(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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Friday and Saturday Night lodging and golf on Saturday and Sunday.

Hot Springs is hosting a mid-week event at Tunica with golf at Tunica National Golf Club on September 9th and 10th. Please let me know if you are interested in going. There may be a possibility of a couple comp hotel rooms. Check the ASGA website for registration details.

Mike Kelly and **Marcia Canady** are doing an event at Point Mallard, Alabama for the weekend of September 13th. Details should be ready soon.

The October 17-19 event at Lake Lure in the North Carolina mountains just posted a notice that ladies will be placed on a wait list as of July 19th. 11 Nashville folks have already signed up for the event. With 90 + folks signed up, there are only limited openings still available. You can see a list of those signed up at the mountainfallweekend.com website.

Our annual trip to Myrtle Beach is planned for November 21-23. This event also fills up early. Please call or email me now to sign up to reserve a spot. Payment and registration is not required until the September and October timeframe.

~**Bob Blaylock**

ON THE LINKS!

Summer has arrived in Nashville. Our past few outings have been scorchers. We had 26 folks playing at Cedar Crest. We played cart against cart in this outing. The winners were:

Closest to the pin - **Tommy James, Amanda Faulk, Cathie Roper, Jerry Wendling** and **Ros Beard**.

Longest Drives - **Jerry Wendling** and **Linda McConville**

Team Winners-

Jim Lazenby, Morene Townley, Linda McConville, Jeff Hough, Patricia Eck, Tommy James, Robin Roper, Steve Grear, Jerry Wendling, Diane Mitchell

Our next outing was Henry Horton on July 5th. **Jerry McNall** was our host. Even for a holiday weekend, we had 28 players. We played a four person scramble and the results are as follows:

The winners were:

1st place- **Tom Purcell, Ros Beard, Larry Yoders, Nita Batistia**

2nd place- **Herb Wolfe, Lucinda Hall, Kathy Robbins**

Closest to the pin - **Jim Lazenby, Marsha Canady, Bob, Blaylock, Tom Purcell**

On July 20th **Herb Wolfe** hosted an outing at Pine Creek. It was a very hot day and we all survived. We had 39 golfers. A 4 person shamble was the format for the day. The winners were:

1st place - **Jim Lazenby, Susan O'Reilly, Dan Stewart, Marsha Canady**

2nd place- **Robin Roper, Lucinda Hall, Tommy James, Marlene Gale**

Longest drive winners - **Johnny Kraus** and **Shelly Darling**

Closest to the pin - **Susan O'Reilly** and **Jerry Wendling**

See you on the links. Our next local outing will be at Nashboro Village on August 16th.

~**Diane & Ros**

GOLF AND WHAT IT ALL MEANS

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Dody Belcher - 09/11
 Jeff Hough - 09/03
 Cynthia Lynn Jones - 08/13
 Jim Lazenby - 09/14
 Jerry McNall - 08/09

These members are up for renewal: *(date shown is last day of membership)*

Bob Blaylock - 08/31/2008
 Kathleen Bodenlos - 08/31/2008
 Judy Cummings - 08/31/2008
 Trish Gregory - 08/31/2008
 Cynthia Lynn Jones - 08/31/2008
 Paul Linder - 08/31/2008
 Sandy Martin - 08/31/2008
 Ken McIntosh - 08/31/2008
 Gary Moore - 08/31/2008
 Bill Porter - 08/31/2008

Dan Stewart - 08/31/2008
 Darrell Westbrook - 08/31/2008

Welcome newest members:

Eddie Manson - Joined 06/13/2008

These members recently renewed:

James Christain
 Lynn Lutgens
 Jerry Wendling

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
 Joanne Bertone - 06/30/2008

Our chapter currently has 104 members

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!

SCHEDULE FOR 2008

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DATE /TIME/COST</i>	<i>DETAILS</i>
August		
Chattanooga	8/1-3	Contact Bob Blaylock 665-0286
Nashboro Village	8/16 Noon tee times	\$42 Contact Ros Beard 419-4086 or Diane Mitchell 300-0936
Membership Meeting	8/19 5:30pm	Logan's Roadhouse
McCabe	8/23 12:30 tee times	\$42 Contact Ros Beard 419-4086 or Diane Mitchell 300-0936
September		
Point Mallard Golf Course Decatur, Alabama	9/13 & 14	Contact Marsha Canady 838-3171 or Mike Kelly 289-3235
Membership Meeting	9/16 5:30pm	Logan's Roadhouse
Montgomery Bell	9/20 11:30am tee times	\$45 Paul Hubbuch hosting
October		
Legacy Golf Course	10/5 12:30pm shotgun	\$38 Contact Ros Beard 419-4086 or Diane Mitchell 300-0936
Nashboro Village, Oktoberfest	10/13 Noon tee times	Contact Jim Lazenby 872-7788
Membership Meeting	10/21 5:30pm	Logan's Roadhouse
November		
Harpeth Hills	11/1 11:00 tee times	\$45 Tommy James hosting

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 pjghsv@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