From The President

I am happy to relate milestones of the recent past and very sad to tell you about one.

The good news is very good...we have had our first wedding! At least, I think it is the first...no one has reported any other. This past month, Sandy Lindholm (she ran our great bowling event) and Chuck Newman were married here in the Church on the Square. We wish them all the good luck in the world....and hope we will continue to see them at events until their membership runs out. As you know, they are welcomed members until that time, even though they are now a married couple.

More good news ... THE PLANTATION INN AND GOLF RESORT was a fantastic event. We could not have asked for a more welcoming, comfortable and elegant atmosphere. The rooms were luxurious, the hospitality suite was great fun, the golf courses were in amazing condition and the food was terrific. The price was certainly terrific and the guests from Tampa were such fun. The weather was so good someone asked if we had “ordered it special”. That’s about the only thing we cannot control these days.

We had so much fun in the hospitality room...lots of singing to the Karaoke machine and playing cards and just visiting with our friends...I cannot wait to do it again....and plans for the next event of that kinds are already under way. Please try to join us on the next one...it will be just as good!

Now that we are rapidly approaching the end of this year and the end of the current boards term (with a few exceptions), we must ask for your help. We the board must present to you a new slate for your voting by the November meeting. We do have a nominee from the board for President and that will be announced at the meeting on Tuesday, October 14th. We are now asking for you to step up...call one of the nominating committee and tell us you want to volunteer for the following positions....

Golf Committee Chair
The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the incoming President and I am sure he/she will be happy to hear your voice as you volunteer for those positions also. If we are to continue to have great meetings and activities, lots of golf, bowling, trips to great places...we need your help...now is the time to step up to the plate and do what you do best...volunteer. The nominating committee consists of:

Mona Rubenstein: 259-6355;
Ellen Scott: 259-9350;
Peg Remy: 753-8478;
Lorraine Chiavenone: 751-5408

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Now, on a very sad note. One of our very first members...David May...passed away this past month. He was so much fun to have around, a great golfer and supported us in every way. I personally will really miss his smiling face as will those of you that had the pleasure and honor of knowing him.

I thank you for all your support...and hope to see you all at the next meeting.

~Mona Rubenstein, President

Past & Upcoming Meetings

Combining a Crispers Dinner and having the Buffalo Races, a great time was had by all.

The October 14 meeting will be catered by Oakwood Smokehouse and Grill with Carole Dugan from Cornerstone Hospice and Jim Dinsmore, discussing Birds on our Courses.

~Linda Ooms, Social Committee Chair

Upcoming Golf Events

Friday, October 17th
Lexington Oaks Golf Club
18 holes
$26.70
Call Monica Carter 259-4601
email livgo2004@yahoo.com

Tuesday, October 21st
9 Hole executive event
Limited to 12 people
Call Margie Margo 259-8786
email dmmargo@embarqmail.com

Saturday, November 22nd
Summerglen
18 holes. 9:00 AM shotgun start
Lunch following. (Not included)
$27.00
Call Norm Sangree 751-0489
email nsangree@earthlink.net

~Norm Sangree, Golf Chairman

PRO’s CORNER

Many high handicap golfers hit the ball to the right. (that is the right if right handed and to the left if left handed). They just can’t seem to get rid of their ‘slice’. Remember a hook curves to the left for a right-hander and a slice curves to the right. It curves because the clubface puts sidespin on the ball. They are hitting “across the target line” because of poor posture and set up. There are some things that can be...
done to help. Most high handicappers stand up much to straight. They have poor golf posture.

Good posture is probably 80% of good ball striking.

1. You need good knee flex. I almost never tell a person that they have too much knee flex. If you don't flex your knees you can't turn your hips and shoulders!

2. A golfer needs to straighten their back. A stoop shouldered posture makes it difficult to complete a smooth turn. There are two ends to your spine. The behind and the head. Therefore stick you behind out and raise your chin up! Put a club shaft behind your back running down your spine to feel "straight".

'Keep your head down' is bad advice. Watching the ball through impact is good advice and what is meant by this term. Your chin down on your chest makes for a hunch back position that makes it difficult to turn and the chin is in the way of the left shoulder turning away from the target!

3. A straight left arm is very important. The arm should be straight throughout the backswing. It only bends at the elbow after impact.

4. Hands should be close to the body. Almost all amateur golfers stand far from the ball. This leads to all kinds of mis-hits. It is difficult to turn on your backswing with the hands too far from the body. You really can't stand too close to the ball.

5. The butt of the club should be about 1 1/2 inches on the target side of center of the body. That is about even with the inside of the left thigh. Most amateur golfers I teach stand too upright, with most of their weight off balance on their toes with their hands too far from their body with their chin on their chest with a stoop shoulder posture. A sure recipe for a top or a mis-hit to the right.

6. One final hint. If you want to stop your slice pull your right foot back about 3 or 4 inches from the target line. If that doesn't work…pull it back more. Eventually you will be hitting the ball so much from the inside you CAN'T put 'outside in' sidespin on the ball and it won't slice. At some point in the pull back process you'll begin to hook. You might see a different side of the golf course!!!!! You can play better golf!!!!!

Get yourself in good physical posture to hit the ball. And then swing! Hit'em straight!

~Barney Beard

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:
Angelica Balun - 10/19
Barnwell Beard - 11/06
Richard Chady - 10/30
Robert Farrell - 10/09
G. Ruth Gibson - 10/13
George Hansen - 10/20
Carol Kolasinski - 11/07
Paula Manzullo - 10/08
Jackie Miller - 10/14
Robert Nevills - 10/02
Eleanore Nyman - 11/03
Joanne Sweeney - 11/08
William Woodruff - 10/18

These members are up for renewal:
Christina Buhl - 10/31/2008
Allison Caldwell - 10/31/2008
Agnes Cushing - 10/31/2008
Patricia DiGilio - 10/31/2008
David George - 10/31/2008
Pam Grant - 10/31/2008
Joseph Hofmann - 10/31/2008
Joan James - 10/31/2008
Henry Maces - 10/31/2008
Jim Moore - 10/31/2008
Marie Panza - 10/31/2008
Sonja Ring - 10/31/2008

Welcome newest members:
John Bessette - Joined 09/15/2008
Loretta Cantwell - Joined 08/27/2008
Betty Carson - Joined 08/21/2008

Richard Chady - Joined 09/22/2008
Marilyn Ellsworth - Joined 08/28/2008
Tom Flaherty - Joined 09/02/2008
George Hansen - Joined 09/02/2008
Andrea Morrissey - Joined 08/22/2008
Richard Skinner - Joined 09/26/2008
Laura Stewart - Joined 08/27/2008

These members recently renewed:
Tom Dewees
Jerry Gross
Lee Hayes
Heath Reeves
Phillip Sansone

These members did not renew their dues:
Brenda Cahalan - 08/31/2008
Dottie Cappi - 08/31/2008
John Delmage - 09/30/2008
Mary Dow - 08/31/2008
Nancy Evans - 09/30/2008
Richard Evans - 09/30/2008
Bertie Faeth - 08/31/2008
Marcia Ferko - 08/31/2008
Janet Gold - 09/30/2008
Jeanne Grady - 09/30/2008
Lauretta (Laurie) Guthrie - 09/30/2008
Marie Hagood - 08/31/2008
Raomi Jewell - 08/31/2008
Ron Kappel - 08/31/2008
Dave May - 08/31/2008
Robert McLaughlin - 08/31/2008
Nancy O'Neal - 09/30/2008
Charlene Potochar - 08/31/2008
Dennis Wieber - 09/30/2008

Our chapter currently has 131 members.
2008/9 Board Request Member’s Help

The ASGA “Meeting Survey” was only filled out by 17 members. Many items of interest have been heard in conversation throughout the year about how to improve the running of the club. A few snags in our e-mail attempt prevented full participation. Therefore, since we know everyone wishes to help improve the club, we are going to hand out the survey at the meeting and we are going to add the survey to this Newsletter. Please if you have not filled one out, PLEASE DO! Get it to any member who will give it to a member of the board listed here. Thank you for your efforts.

ASGA MEETING SURVEY

To insure that our monthly meetings are fun and informative we are asking for your input. If you would please take a few minutes to complete the following we would be most appreciative.

MEETING FACILITY: Do you feel the site is adequate ___ yes ___ no.
   If you answered NO please tell us:
   1. Which other sites we might investigate as possibilities:
   2. Why you believe the current facility is not adequate.

SET UP: Is the set up of the meeting facility to your liking and conducive to promoting socializing and talking amongst the club? ___ yes ___ no
   If you answered no please indicate what you feel should be done to make the seating more friendly:

DINNER: Should dinner be a part of all general membership meetings ___ yes ___ no
   If you answered yes, should they be ___ pot luck ___ catered ___ both ___ Other (explain):
   If you checked CATERED, please tell us what caterers should be considered.

BUSINESS PORTION: Is there something in the business portion of the meeting that should be changed?

AGENDA: Should anything be added to the agenda (be as specific as possible)

SPEAKERS: To make these meetings more fun and/or informative, are there any speakers you feel should be considered to add to our meetings? ___ no ___ yes He/she is:
   If so, can you make arrangements for them to speak to us? ___ Yes ___ no
   What type of speaker in general might you like to have speak to us:

ACTIVITIES: Please indicate all activities that you feel should be considered for making part of our monthly membership meeting:

___ Poker Run (this would be with the use of golf carts along with a list of clues to locate spots where you can pick up cards for your poker hand. Members would pair up to share a cart but each select their own poker hand during the run. Member coming back with the highest poker hand will win some prize.)

___ Midnight Golf (golfing will be after it turns dark and may require all players to purchase special golf balls, reusable, that are capable of being illuminated with glo sticks. Competition can be individual or by team)

___ Bunco

___ Bocce golf (this is playing the bocce game with golf balls and putter)

___ Golf competition like chipping into baskets, closest to a designated spot, longest putt made, etc., anything we could make up to be fair to all members in the competition. Add anything you feel could/should be considered:

___ Any other activity you think should be considered:

COMMENTS: Is there anything else you feel should be a part of our current meetings, or any comments or suggestions you would like to make?

Feel free to not sign this survey although it would help us to contact you if we have questions regarding any of your comments/suggestions.

Name Phone #
New Year's Golf in Orlando!

Four-Star Resort Awaits You . . .

Open to all ASGA members. Yes, you are invited to the largest gathering of singles who golf in the world! Here are the basics:

Who: Open to all ASGA Members
When: Monday, December 29, 2008 - Thursday, January 1, 2009
Where: Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, Florida 33898 Phone 407-390-6664
What: 3-Night Stay - 6 Food functions - 2 Rounds of Golf with Optional Day-of-Arrival and Day-of-Departure Golf
Why: To meet friends you didn’t know you had and to have the time of your life!

Registration Form Included
In This Newsletter. Details and online registration at SinglesGolf.com/newyears

New Year’s Day falls on a Thursday this time around and this event actually beings on a Monday. (We tried to get “them” to change it but it hasn’t happened yet!) The beauty of this arrangement is that you can arrive as many as three (3) days early and stay up to three (3) days late and it will only cost you $64 per person (based on dbl. occ.) to stay an additional night, or $128 to room by yourself. Orlando offers so much more and our online website can give you links to other things to do while there, such as visit Mickey, SeaWorld, MGM, etc.

And, with all of ASGA National events, there are no hidden charges. Resort fees and taxes are all included in all of the package prices. Resort fee even includes local phone calls, newspaper and wireless internet if you care to bring your laptop! They’ll even turn down your bed for you each night!

So check out all the details at SinglesGolf.com/newyears and get your registration form to us early. Register by October 31st and you’ll receive two (2) free drink tickets! See you there!

Post-dated Checks Okay
If you wish to post-date your check for November 24, you may do so. Please attach a note with the check so we will surely be notified.

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events
Details and registration forms of all events are at www.Singlesgolf.com/events

- 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 (hparish@msn.com) for more info. Note: Event is sold out.
- New Year's at Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate — December 29-January 1, 2009. Hosted by ASGA National Office. Registration form enclosed with this newsletter or online at www.SinglesGolf.com/newyears
- Hilton Head Weekend — Hosted by the Hilton Head and Orlando chapters. For more info, contact Al Amore at AlOrlando@aol.com

- Tom Alsop
President / Founder
American Singles Golf Association
AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION'S
NEW YEAR'S EVENT
ORLANDO'S FOUR STAR
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT!
OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL & DAY OF DEPARTURE GOLF!
REGISTER OVER THE PHONE: 704-889-4600 (8am-4pm Eastern)

6 FOOD FUNCTIONS!
ARRIVAL MON., DEC 29, 2008 — DEPART THURS., JANUARY 1, 2009
Full details of event, updates, registration form at SinglesGolf.com/newyear
PAY BY CHECK GET 4% DISCOUNT!

Standard Package or Room-by-Myself Package Includes:
2 days of on-site golf - Tues & Wed (includes cart, green fees and range balls)
3 nights lodging at Orlando's Omni ChampionsGate Resort + free WiFi
2 dinners + cocktail reception, dancing with the deejay. Cash bar at food events.
Complimentary breakfast at Omni's Trevi's each day + NO resort fee
Prizes each day for men & women closest to pin, team competitions +welcome gift

Golf: No need to drive to the courses—play the International and National Courses on the hotel property.
Optional Golf: Play Mystic Dunes at 10-11am the day of arrival and/or day of departure golf at 9:00am at Marriott's Grande Pines GC (located 20 min. from hotel). Grande Pines includes buffet lunch. Transportation to GC's not included. (Opt. golf not included in standard package.) See website for details of golf format, established handicaps vs. non-established, etc.

We Must Have Your Check Or Credit Card Number by 11/28/08. 20% cancellation fee on or prior to 11/28/08. Absolutely NO refunds after 11/28/08, however, you may sell your position to another member. Make check payable to "ASGA," complete this registration form and include your payment. Letter or email confirmation sent out upon receipt. If you don't receive confirmation within 14 days of submitting your form, call us (704-889-4600) to verify your registration.

ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT — THIS EVENT IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY — NOT A MEMBER? CALL 704-889-4600 & JOIN!

NAME ____________________________________________________________ CITY _______________ STATE ______ ZIP __________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________ CITY _______________ STATE ______ ZIP __________

WORK/CELL PH ( ) E-MAIL ADDRESS ____________________________

Established handicap players will play USGA Rules of Golf both rounds; non-established group will play scramble day one, scramble day two.

( ) I have an ESTABLISHED HANDICAP of ______________________ at ________________________________ GOLF CLUB  ( ) My chapter issues my handicap.

( ) My handicap is NOT ESTABLISHED but my average 18-hole golf score is ______________________. (You have until 11/29/08 to provide us with an established handicap.)

( ) My handicap is established from the SENIOR TEES and I would prefer to play from the senior tees where available.

4% DISCOUNT (IF PAYING BY CHECK) TAKED DEDUCTION AT BOTTOM OF FORM) CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE:

( ) $469 — STANDARD PACKAGE (dbl. occ.)  ( ) $267 — NON-HOTEL PACKAGE*  ( ) $681 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE
( ) $326 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE (Includes hotel, b/fast, dinners / dbl. occ.)  ( ) $516 — NON-GOLF ROOM-BY-MYSELF
( ) $64 — Day-of-Arrival Optional Golf (12/29) at Mystic Dunes GC — 10-11am tee times or shotgun, depending on quantity of players. We'll notify you.
( ) $97 — Day-of-Departure Optional Golf (includes buffet lunch) (01/01/09 — New Year's Day) at Grande Pines GC ( Shotgun start at 9am)

* For Orlando Chapter Residents only (please respect this policy as we are under contract with hotel and MUST meet their minimums!)

TWO (2) FREE DRINK TICKETS IF REG. BY 10/31/08

My roommate will be ____________________________ (If left blank, we'll assign same-sex roomate) Please do not list yourself as someone else's roomate without their permission. IMPORTANT: If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.

Requesting a room w/ ( ) One King ( ) 2 Doubles Room preferences are 1st come—1st served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.

Optional Age Info: ( ) 30’s ( ) 40’s ( ) 50’s ( ) 60’s ( ) 70’s or more

During one golf event, please pair me with ____________________________ (SORRY, WE CANNOT AUDIT MULTIPLE REQUESTS. WE TAKE YOUR FIRST REQUEST ONLY. THANKS!!)

I AM REMITTING: $___________________ for package checked above
$___________________ add $10 for mulligans (3 per day for golf play on the 29th and 30th only)
$___________________ add Day-of-Arrival Golf (18 holes) at Mystic Dunes Golf Course
$___________________ add Day-of-Departure Golf (18 holes) at Marriott’s Grande Pines
$___________________ add for add’l nights (rates above): indicate dates you plan to come early/stay late:
$___________________ add $70.00 to join ASGA or add 12 months to your current membership

**TOTAL AMT. $___________________ I AGREE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD INDICATED BELOW**

DEDUCT 4% HERE $___________________ (SUBTRACT 4% of above amount if paying by check)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND FORM TO US WITHOUT PAYMENT. CANCELLATION POLICY AT SINGLESGOLF.COM APPLIES.

** You are authorized to charge my credit card number below the "TOTAL AMT." Indicated above. My credit card number is:

 Exp. ______ Signature ______ Date ______

QUESTIONS: 704-889-4600 MAIL FORM & PAYMENT TO: ASGA, BOX 888, PINEVILLE, NC 28134 OR FAX TO 704-889-4607 IF USING CREDIT CARD.