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From the President....

The Annual Tournament was a big success with 31 people playing Captain’s Choice on a lovely day at Chapel Ridge. And the winners were, in 1st place the team of Steve Lush, Irene Levy, Curt Renz and Joyce Jennings, in 2nd place the team of Don Wait, Margo Acomb, Fred Starr and Helen Szuluk and in 3rd place the team of Kyle Kilborn, Betsy Durchuck, Sandy Delovade and Sharon Wertz. Well done to everyone and a great big thank you to all those who helped make this a great event.

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**Golf Outings**

**Saturday, November 1st**

I-40 Challenge at Carolina Sands, Elizabethtown, NC

**Saturday, November 15th**

Crooked Creek GC

4621 Shady Green Drive

Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

919-557-7529

Cost $28

3 tee times from: 11:39

Thursday, November 20th at 6:30pm – Monthly Meeting at:
Ben's Place –
Directions: Going West on Hyw. 70 (Glenwood Avenue) turn right on Country Trail just before Ebenezer Church Road and CarMax.

Saturday, December 6th - Holiday Party – 7:00 PM Cash Bar – 8:00 PM Dinner followed by dancing to live music at The Irregardless Café, 901 W. Morgan St., Raleigh, NC 27603 Ph. 919-833-8898 See reservation form attached to this Newsletter for this prepay event.

Social folks are:

Bev Houghton – golf_bh@bellsouth.net; Donna Merrill – dfmerrill01@yahoo.com; Lee Thayne – lthayne@nc.rr.com

~Lee Thayne

**Membership News**

Welcome back Linda Francis! ASGA is happy to have you return to the group. We look forward to having time with you again.

This month we learned we are losing a member to wedding bells (if you were at the October meeting you would know who). We need your thoughts as to ideas on growing our membership. If each member shared one new idea, think what could happen. Give me a call with your idea! ~ Kathy Dowling

**Raleigh Chapter Newsletter and Website**

www.raleigh.singlesgolf.com

If you play a lot of golf and want to save some money a good way to do it is to purchase a Calendar Card. They are available online at www.calendargolfcard.com or email: NCGolfcard@aol.com or email: NC Golfd@aol.com

~Sandra

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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!
Don’t Let Your Membership Lapse...

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

Call 1-888-GOLFMATE
(1-888-465-3628)

The Laws of Golf

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant “You looked up,” or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer’s handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn’t, how do you explain the way it works against you?

LAW 11: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the clubhouse.

LAW 12: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 13: All 3-woods are demon-possessed.

LAW 14: Golf balls from the same “sleeve” tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (See Law three).

LAW 15: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

LAW 16: "Nice lag” can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker."

LAW 17: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you.

LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 19: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 20: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.
Holiday Party, Dinner & Dancing!
December 6th, 2008
The Irregardless Café
901 W Morgan St Raleigh, NC 27603 - (919) 833-8898
Meet for drinks (Cash Bar) at 7:30pm in the bar
3 Course Dinner - will be served at 8pm
Dancing from 9:30pm
Dress: Party Time - let’s dress up!!
Please circle one of the 3 Entrée choices below and return this form, with your payment of only $30, to:
Lianne Thayne, 4724 Grand Cypress Ct, Raleigh, NC 27604

Salad
Garden Salad
Greens with lettuces, purple cabbage, cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots and seasonal vegetables, served with Lemon Tahini Dressing.
Choice of Entrée
1 - Chicken Marsala
Chicken breast (without breading) sautéed with mushrooms in a Marsala wine
2 - Shrimp Linguine
Fresh shrimp sautéed with fresh basil, garlic, onions and tomatoes. Tossed with linguini pasta. Topped with parmesan cheese
3 - Grilled Blackened Salmon
Fresh filet of Salmon blackened and grilled topped with a bleu cheese and spinach cream sauce, served with vegetables and seasoned rice.
Assorted Dessert Bites - Party Selection
A selection of the following: Brownies, Cookies, Lemon Bars, Poppy Seed Cake, Rugulah, Caramel Chocolate Bars, Cheese Cake Squares, Oreo Dream Bars, Strudel

Checks must be in no later than November, 21st
Join Your Friends in Orlando!

New Year’s: A Time for Reunion

Yes, we heard about the economy. And isn’t it great that we live in one of the strongest economies in the world. Gas prices are dropping like leaded gasoline and now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of . . . themselves! Put your worries behind you and start the new year off right with great golf in warm Orlando. This 3-day event is open to all ASGA members. It’s an opportunity for you to meet friends you didn’t know you had and to renew friendships. 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!

Standard Package Rate is $450.24 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IF PAYING BY CHECK and $469.00 if paying by a major credit card.

Our annual trip for warm climates in the winter have landed us back in Orlando once again. It’s really tough to beat what this city offers to golfers. Yes, we could have chosen a venue less expensive but a vacation should feel like a vacation. This hotel will make you feel like “you have arrived.” It is four-star from the rooms to the pools to the on-site golf courses, quality of food, etc. Check out the hotel’s website (OmniOrlandoResort.com) and you’ll see what we mean.

We know gas prices are high, but you’ll easily make-up for high gas prices with the savings you’ll get on this one. If you and a friend visited this resort as a non-ASGA member at the same time, the two of you would easily spend $400 more for the same things you’ll receive under our standard package. The standard package includes:

- 4-days, 3-night’s stay at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, based on double occupancy (you’ll have a roommate)
- Breakfast at Trevi’s Restaurant at the Omni each day
- 2 rounds of golf, one at the National Course, one at the Int’l. courses (site of annual PGA Father-Son Event)
- Cart, range balls and prizes for winner
- 6 food functions: Cocktail Party / Welcoming Reception with hors d’oeuvres, buffet dinner after first round of golf, 3 breakfasts and New Year’s Eve plated dinner.
- Dancing with the DJ at the Omni on first and third nights
- Welcoming Gift, spa and David Leadbetter group discounts

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. The beauty of this arrangement is that you can arrive as many as three (3) days early and stay up to three (3) days later and it will only cost you $64 per person (based on dbl. occ.) to stay an additional night, or $128 to room by yourse lf. 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. 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.

Did Your Chapter Hold its Elections?
In October, chapters should have elected their chapter president for the 2009 calendar year beginning January 1. During this month, chapters are suppose to elect their committee heads. All of this is according to your chapter bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws). If you have not elected your leaders for next year, please make sure you do it by the end of November. As soon as you have completed your elections, please inform the national office by submitting the new names to: www.SinglesGolf.com/newleaders

New Newsletter Format Beginning January 1
We’re creatures of habit. But for the first time, we’ll go to a different format for your newsletter, a 5.5 x 8.5 booklet-style that will be done on our new raz-ma-taz digital printer and will mail easier. To see a mock-up of the new format, go to SinglesGolf.com/newformat

- 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!

ARIVAL 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

Non-Hotel / Non-Golf / Additional Nights Package:
Non-Hotel includes everything except lodging & breakfasts
Non-Golf includes everything except golf

If you are staying additional nights, double occupancy rate is $64.00** pp addl. per night & includes b/fast. Roommate must stay or your must pay single occupancy rate ($128.00**). Rate good 3 nights before & after event.

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 11/28/2008; however, you may sell your position to another member. Male 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_____________________________CHAPTER NAME_________________Male/Fem __________
ADDRESS_______________________________CITY____________________STATE____ZIP __________
HOME PH ( ) __________________ 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 HANICAP of______________________ at_________________________GOLF CLUB ( ) My chapter issues my handicap (ASGA chapters count as “golf clubs without real estate” according to USGA handicap rules. Your chapter’s handicap chairperson or committee must be able to verify this number as your 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 Resident Members only (please respect this policy as we are under contract with hotel and MUST meet their minimums!)

My roommate will be __________________________ (if left blank, we'll assign same-sex roommate). Please do not list yourself as someone else’s roommate 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 HONOR MULTIPLE REQUESTS. WE TAKE YOUR FIRST REQUEST ONLY. THANKS!

I AM REMITTING: $ ___________ for package checked above
$ ___________ add $10 for mufflins (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/late:
$ _________ add $70.00 to join ASGA or add 12 months to your current membership

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

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

ONLY VISA/MC/AMEX/DISC ACCEPTED

$ ___________ NET TOTAL (CHECK ENCLOSED MADE PAYABLE TO ‘ASGA, INC.’)

** You are authorized to charge my credit card number below the “TOTAL AMOUNT” 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.