President’s Message

Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing. ~Elie Wiesel

Happiness is not so much in having as sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. ~Norman MacEwan

Somehow it is November already, and another year is almost gone! It is the annual time of giving thanks for all our blessings, and I have many. I am thankful and grateful for:

- Having the opportunity to meet and work with all of you in the common cause of friendship, golf and sharing;
- Doug for his amazing hard work this year and last, for golf events unparalleled in ASGA and beyond and for Jolly for helping him this year in anticipation of following in his footsteps next year;
- Mikey for her boundless enthusiasm and imagination in setting up our monthly meeting dinners and post-golf activities;
- Hollie for her passion in creating the Evites, newsletters and newspaper articles that spread the word;
- Bill and Tim, for their good work at meetings with nametags and the raffle;
- Charlie and Judy for their attention to detail and willingness to serve;
- All of the hosts and hostesses who graciously opened their homes for after-golf events this year;
- Our sixteen new members and our thirty-six renewing members, who together make a fantastic group of people to spend time with;
- Having the opportunity to create something that will go beyond us in the ASGA Pinehurst Golf Turf Management Scholarship;
- Dale, Laurie, and Fred at Knollwood, who continue to do their best to improve our games;
- Larry Heiden for his eagerness to step up and serve as president next year;
- And last but not least, for the ASGA organization which provides us this wonderful venue to make new friends and have a great time playing golf and being together!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~Jean Peters  jeanlawsonpeters@nc.rr.com

Golf Committee Report

2008 Chapter Championship

Our 2008 Chapter Championship was held on October 25th at the Country Club of Whispering Pines. A bad weather forecast for this late Saturday in October nearly derailed the event; but, despite a few light sprinkles at the beginning of the tournament the rains went away and we had clear sailing the remainder of the way.

For this championship we crown both a Men’s Champion and a Women’s Champion so the field was split into peer groups of women and peer groups of men. We played on the West Course at CCWP otherwise known as the River Course. It is a relatively short but tricky layout requiring precise shot placement and excellent put-
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Playing A Round

Hollie Thomson, Capt
Peggy Clark, Asst Capt
Jamie Fisher
Charlie Hughes
George Machovina
Linda Mendola
Linda Speight
Bill Freitag
Jolly Erickson
Dan Runk

Congratulations to the winners and to all members who played in the tournament. This is the second of what I hope will be an ongoing and annual Championship event. The turnout for this event was outstanding and everyone had a good time playing regardless of their score.

2008 Women’s Chapter Champion
Mary Ann Blake

2008 Men’s Chapter Champion
Rich Williams

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Par-Tee Timers
Doug Hardisty, Capt
Jean Peters, Asst Capt
Mary Ann Blake
Mary Barnicoat
Larry Heiden
Scott Sheffield
Rich Williams
Alice Sheridan
Judy Wimmer

2008 Events Yet to Come
Legacy Golf Course – Sunday, November 16th – 10:00am tee time - $39.00

Little River Golf Course – Saturday, December 6th – 10:30am tee time - $35.00
(weather permitting)
~Doug Hardisty
dhardisty@usdigitalsolutions.com

Social Committee Report
The ASGA November 13th meeting will be held at Café Iano on Broad Street in Southern Pines. A menu (with 30 different selections) will be included in the Evite. Make sure to include your choice by number in the Comment space.

The Christmas Party on December 13th at the Camden Villa’s clubhouse promises to be a terrific evening. The menu is a very special catered dinner at the cost of only $30 per person. This will be a pre pay affair, cut off being December 3rd. Some fun surprises are planned too! Have you heard of a Yankee Swap? Everyone is asked to bring a $2.00 present (non gender specific) in a gift bag. All the presents are grouped together and each person is given a number. The person with the highest number selects a gift first and opens it in front of the group. Next highest number then has the choice to take the first gift or go back to the pile. And so on and so on until #1 has the last gift. It’s a real giggle swapping gifts. Be sure to sign up when you receive the Evite. You won’t want to miss this holiday event.

This Thanksgiving let’s give thanks for the blessing of friends. ASGA offers us the opportunity to enjoy the game of golf with the fellowship of friends.

Happy Thanksgiving Friends! ! ! ! !
~Mikey Delle mikeydelle@nc.rr.com

Communications Committee
I want to thank all of you for the wonderful comments you have given me about Pinehurst Cup 2008 booklet, Evites, designing name tags, etc. It is something I really enjoy doing, as a lot of you know and hearing that you enjoy reading Evites, the booklet, etc. puts a smile in my heart.

I hope that going forward into 2009, I will once again be elected as communications chair and I will keep the messages coming.

Wishing you a Thanksgiving graced with good and simple things. May the beauty and blessings bring warmth to your home and peace to your heart while you enjoy your family and friends.
~Hollie Thomson ASGAGolfpinehurst@nc.rr.com

Useful Internet Links
- The USGA: www.usga.com
- Need to know your handicap for a certain course and you know the slope and rating – here is the place and you can find out what you playing partners are also at the same time http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/calculator/course_handicap_calculator.asp
- Handicap Tracker System: great for those who do not have an established handicap through a club, and includes a subscription to Golf Magazine: www.golf.com/gdc/homepages/handicaptracker.asp

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Mary Barnicoat - 11/29
Peggy Clark - 11/01
Robert Halterman - 12/05
Rick Hand - 11/01
Kyle Kilborn - 11/15
Bud Seifert - 11/28

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Larry Daugherty - 11/30/2008
Jamie Fisher - 11/30/2008

These members recently renewed:
Kyle Kilborn

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Michelle Girard - 09/30/2008

Our chapter currently has 53 members.
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

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 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. 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
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 dojoej. Cash bar at food events.
Compimentary breakfast at Omni’s Tren’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

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. 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, you may 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 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! TAKEDEDUCTION 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 Dunes GC (Shotgun start at 9am)

* For Orlando Chapter Residents 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 multiple requests. We take your first request only. Thanks!)

I AM REMITTING: $ __________ for package checked above
$ __________ add $10 for mudlins (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 add1 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/APLIES.

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, PINESVILLE, NC 28134 OR FAX TO 704-889-4607 IF USING CREDIT CARD.