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# CHATTANOOGA SINGLES GOLF

Chattanooga Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Chattanooga Singles Meeting

Our meeting was held January 8th, at Aires Lakeshore with dinner at 6:30.

Billie reported the balance in our treasury account being \$334.00.

Attendees were: **Bill, Ken, Wynona, Ralph, Billie and Vickey.**

We have tried 4 times to play together but can't seem to get everyone all at one time, too many previous engagements or just things that pop up, actually it's been way to wet is our biggest excuse.

We were wondering what ever happened to Larry Huckabee. Bill said he thought he was spending a lot of time in Florida.

Ralph is dancing a lot, trying to go professional on us and ready to take a world tour. Nita and Ralph once won 2nd in a dance contest.

Ken kept our attention for a while reading jokes and making us laugh.

Vickey is keeping busy this winter, bowling 2 days, playing on the Seniors volleyball team, and going to all the grand-kids games, volleyball/basket ball.

Jerry and Jill got robbed at the wedding reception, but to the quick effort of an em-

ployee, caught him and turned him in. We don't know if they got everything back, what a shame.

On the whole, everybody seems to be in good health and ready for the new year. The meeting/dinner was adjourned at 8:30.

### ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

#### Happy Birthday to these members:

Bill Johnson - 01/06

Ken Kloeppe - 01/22

Pat Shumaker - 02/03

#### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*

Morenita Bautista - 01/31/2009

#### These members recently renewed:

John Eary

Pat Shumaker

#### These members did not renew their dues:

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Jack Hohimer - 12/31/2008

**Our chapter currently has 11 members.**

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Membership  
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**Be sure to renew so  
you won't miss  
receiving a newsletter.**

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## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

### Meet members from other chapter at these exciting weekends:

- Wilmington's Winter Chill, Feb. 27-March 1
- Orlando & Hilton Head's Hilton Head Weekend, March 13-15

**National Website:** [www.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.SinglesGolf.com)

**E-Mail:** [ASGANational@aol.com](mailto:ASGANational@aol.com)

**New Office Hours:** 8:00am to 4:00pm, M-F (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](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date:** SECOND Thursday of each month

**Next Meeting:** February 12th, 2009 6:30pm

**Meeting Location:** ARIS LAKESHORE RESTAURANT

**Our Website:** [www.chattanooga.singlesgolf.com](http://www.chattanooga.singlesgolf.com) (See next page for list of officers and board members.)

**Our Hotline:** 1-888-465-3628

To join, renew dues, make a change of address, phone, etc., call National Hotline at left.

**Chattanooga  
Chapter  
of the  
American Singles  
Golf Association, Inc.**



**Chairman of the Board**  
Bill Johnson

**President**  
Vacant

**Social Committee Chair**  
Pat Shumaker

**Secretary**  
Vicky Davis

**Treasurer**  
Betty Mabry

**Membership Chair**  
Winona Ault

**HOW TO JOIN**

Dues for the Chattanooga chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 for a 12 month year. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134.

**Rules and More Rules**

Larry's golf ball rolled to a position of rest directly behind a rather large divot clump that was not completely detached and projecting upward several inches directly in front of his ball. Of course Larry did the only natural thing and lifted the clump up and tossed it aside. His playing partners called a 2 stroke penalty. Larry protested. Who was right? What is the correct answer below?

- A. Larry was in error. He can not remove the divot clump. He should have pressed it down with his foot and left it in place. One stroke penalty
- B. The playing partners were wrong; the divot clump could be moved.
- C. Larry was wrong, his partners were right, Larry may not remove the divot or press it down before playing his stroke. Two stroke penalty.
- D. The partners were on the right track, a penalty should have been assessed, but only one stroke.

Answer: The answer is C. Larry was wrong and should have been assessed a two (2) stroke penalty. Larry was in violation of USGA Rule 13-2 which pertains to "Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play". The rule is very explicit, you are not allowed to improve your lie, area of stance or swing, or your line of play. The basic play it as it lies rule.

The penalty for violating the rule in match play is loss of the hole; in stroke play the penalty is two strokes.

**Life in the Trap** by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



**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!

# ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JANUARY, 2009

## Love on the Links

**Valentine's Day: Saturday, February 14th, 2009**

"*Love on the Links*" was a headline a reporter named his article which appeared in a newspaper years ago. It was a great article about ASGA but it was a great headline as well. Since then, the Charlotte chapter has borrowed the headline and created an annual golf outing with the same name. It initially was played on the Saturday on or around Valentine's Day each year as a way to interest new members and to get the season kicked-off. Since then, it's been moved into early Spring (gosh, it got cold in February!).

**Let's take advantage of an upcoming date:** Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday this year. ASGA National would like for all chapters to run a "Love on the Links" tournament with the goal to expose ASGA to more singles. It's a great way to start your new year and a great way to generate interest in your chapter. So watch for the link on our website ([SinglesGolf.com](http://SinglesGolf.com)) and we'll provide press releases and other information to help you get a new tradition going for your chapter for 2009 and beyond.

### Welcome New Chapter Leaders!

Just as we turn the corner on the new year, we also turn the corner with new leadership in each of our seventy chapters nationwide. New leaders bring new ideas. Last year's chapter presidents become Board chairs and offer continuity to the leadership, but it's the new president that emerges as the team leader. This is our annual ritual and somehow it works.

It's been said that the greatest thing about being a chapter president is that one day you get to become a past president. Those who have served in that capacity this past year deserve your thanks as those of us at national headquarters thanks them as well. With or without your knowledge, chapter presidents are in contact with the national office many times throughout the year, looking after your concerns.

But the Number One job for a chapter president is to delegate. Delegate to the four key people know as committee chairs. Your chapter should have by now your four key committees organized for 2007: golf, social, membership and communication. Those committees do the detail work on the activities your chapter will be involved in over the next year. It's a great place to start if you want to volunteer for your chapter.

So we welcome the new chapter presidents, officers and committee members. Make the best of your year. Realize the potential of what your local chapter can mean to *you*. We're all about bringing happiness to your life, so just continue to remember the first word in our three-word slogan we adopted almost 15 years ago . . . fun,

fellowship, fairways . . . and all we ask is that you keep it fun first!

### Keys to a Great Year Ahead

No doubt, everyone has their mental list of "what works" and "what doesn't". Here's our Top 10 Recommendations for new leaders:

- ◆ Regarding your meetings, remember the three E's: make them Entertaining, Educational and Enlightening
- ◆ Encourage every member to invite a guest to each meeting. That automatically doubles the attendance.
- ◆ Most people don't join because they were never asked to join.
- ◆ New people have their own circle of friends who will join as well.
- ◆ Display the free brochure stands at golf courses. They work!
- ◆ Remember to work as a team. You're not going to win every battle. Always keep the interest of the chapter as your priority.
- ◆ Follow your bylaws. They're on the national website if you've never read them. They provide the structure for your chapter.
- ◆ Submit guest names via our online "add-a-guest" form. One out of three guests become members!
- ◆ Encourage attendance at multi-chapter events in order to get the full experience of ASGA from members across the country.
- ◆ Read newsletters from other chapters (posted on the national website under "List of Chapters") to get additional ideas.

**Dates: Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2009**

### Wilmington's Winter Chill

Our Wilmington chapter will again host their Winter Chill which will be in the Southern Pines / Pinehurst area of North Carolina. Check out all of the details on this and other upcoming multi-chapter weekend events at [www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)

### Who's Your Daddy?

Now that we've caught your attention, what we really want to know is "Who's Your Chapter President?"

Please make sure SOMEONE in your chapter has notified ASGA National of the names of your newly elected officers and board members. We need this information for the 2009 newsletters. Of utmost important is who your treasurer will be so we can issue the chapter portion of the dues to the right person. Email this info to our office manager, Irene Matthews at [ASGANational@aol.com](mailto:ASGANational@aol.com).

And remember to update your website with the new chapter leaders as well.

- Tom Alsop, President / Founder  
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