

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

# BIRMINGHAM SINGLES GOLF

Birmingham Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — June 2009

## GOLF WEEKEND EVENT: JUNE 27 & 28

### President's Corner

#### Now That's Concentration

Have you ever been ready to tee off or ready to putt and some annoying noise is going on in the back ground? For some it takes away all their concentration, but others, as you will see in the story below, it's just another round of golf.

What Train?

The year: 1920

The place: Sheringham Golf Club located on England's Norfolk coast

The person: Joyce Wethered.

In 1920, Joyce Wetherford won the first of her five consecutive English Ladies' Championships by holing a putt on Sheringham's 17th green. As she was putting, a train roared past on the railway bordering the hole. Asked later whether the train had disturbed her, she replied, "What train".

This illustrates the extreme powers of concentration that enabled Wetherford to become one of the greatest golfers of all time.

There may be times during your round of play that you will come across an area

where there is continuous noise, children playing, dogs barking, street or golf course maintenance, etc. These may be truly annoying, but with a little concentration and determination you can actually block out the noise. It may take some practice, but eventually you will be able to put yourself in a state where nothing bothers you. Including playing with the inconsiderate talker who will just not shut up when a player is poised on the tee box ready to play.

So the next time you are playing and there is noise in the background, try blocking it out. By practicing this, you may be able to conquer a situation that would otherwise have left you with a bad shot.

See you on the links,  
~Gigi Gant, President

### Golf

Some of us challenged the weather at Magnolia Hills last month and ended up soaked with a rain check. Some times you get lucky other times you don't. A steady and drenching rain set in when we finished the first hole and we tried to

finish the second, but is just wasn't fun anymore. We'll go back of course – it's a fun little course, breakfast is good and everyone is friendly, particularly the chef!

The turnout at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole last month was fun – see you all June 11<sup>th</sup>, at The Tavern (not Sweet Bones).

### ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

#### Happy Birthday to these members:

Donald Lehman - 07/10

#### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Phil Lander - 06/30/2009

Randy Wilson - 06/30/2009

#### These members recently renewed:

Richard August

Our chapter currently has 19 members.



**HAPPY  
FATHERS  
DAY**

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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

**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)

Play golf with singles from other chapters - - for a complete list, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)

## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date:** Second THURSDAY of each month

**Next Meeting:** June 11th at 5:30pm

**Meeting Location:** The Tavern - Summit

For additional information – call the Hotline (205) 408-7930.

**Our Website:** [www.birmingham.singlesgolf.com](http://www.birmingham.singlesgolf.com)

**Our Hotline:** 205-408-7930

(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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*If you would like to get involved with one of the above committees, please feel free to contact the person(s) responsible. Your participation in committees is always encouraged.*

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dues for the Birmingham chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134 or go online at [SinglesGolf.com/join](http://SinglesGolf.com/join)

**RULES AND MORE RULES**

Larry's ball was several feet behind a hard packed bunker that butted up to the green. There was no lip and almost a level path from his ball to the bunker then only 8 feet across what looked like hard packed sand to the green. Larry tested the sand in the bunker with both his hand and his club to check if he could putt over it?

What is the correct ruling?

- A. He's not in the bunker. No problem, test away.
- B. You have got to be kidding. Of course he can not test the condition of the bunker. One stroke penalty.
- C. You have got to be kidding. Of course he can not test the condition of the bunker. Two stroke penalty.

The answer is A. Larry's ball is not in the bunker. No problem, test away.

The Rules do not prohibit Larry or any other player from testing a hazard except when the ball lies in or touches the hazard. Rule 13-4a, prohibits the testing of a hazard under a penalty of two strokes if your ball lies in the hazard.

If the testing improved Larry's line of play (example he smoothed out the sand), Larry would have been in breach of Rule 13-2 which prohibits under a penalty of two strokes Improving a Lie, Improving an Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Improving the Line of Play.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

WHEN	WHAT/WHERE	Contact Person	Contact Number
06/11/09	19 <sup>th</sup> Hole & Business Meeting at 5:30 pm – The Tavern at the Summit near Belk's.		
06/13/09	Horse Creek	John Schoppert	960-8061
6/27/09 6/28/09	<b>WEEKEND EVENT</b> Dogwood Hills – Flat Rock, AL Goose Pond – Scottsboro, AL	John Schoppert	960-8061
7/09/09	19 <sup>th</sup> Hole – Michael's – Galleria		
7/11/09	Oak Mountain	John Schoppert	960-8061
7/25/09	Ballantrae	John Schoppert	960-8061

**NOTES:** Please call the contact person to reserve your tee time the Wednesday before the game! The contact person does not always have the time to poll the group. Events and dates are subject to change; please check the Hotline (205) 408-7930 for updates.

# ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JUNE 2009

## Scotland Trip Being Planned!

### Show of Hands Convinced Us

We've had a few members ask "when will we do a trip to Scotland again?"

Well, at our final dinner at The Homestead / Memorial Day Weekend Event with 212 members present, we did a show of hands to determine if there was anyone else interested. Without question, at least half of the audience raised their hands.

So now we're at work preparing for such a trip which will most likely be during July or August, 2010. We are working through an association of tour operators which will help us prepare an agenda. From that, a request for proposal (RFP) will go out to a number of the association's member-tour operators.

We're not looking for the internet special of the week. ASGA will only work with tour operators who'll take care of our members and provide what we want.

So stay tuned. We'll send out a national survey soon to determine your thoughts and wishes and will develop a web page to keep you updated: [SinglesGolf.com/scotland](http://SinglesGolf.com/scotland)

### Meet More Singles at Multi-Chapter Events

ASGA, through its member chapters, offer other events which allow you to meet singles from other chapters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these Multi-Chapter Events.

There's nothing like meeting up with a bunch of other singles for a weekend of golf. Each package is basically the same but there are differences, so we suggest you visit the website for the event.

And, if you're chapter's interested in hosting one of these events, prepared to put a lot of work into it. But the reward of having singles play in your city and play your favorite courses is a life experience, well, hopefully! Contact ASGA to clear the date and then get your Board of Directors to give local approval. Then, start putting it together!

The website for all events is really, really simple:

[www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)

Here are our multi-chapter events for the rest of the year:

- ◆ **Tampa Bay Invitational** - Palm Harbor, Florida (Innisbrook Resort) - June 26-28, 2009. Hosted by the Tampa Bay chapter. Click here for website and registration form. For more info, contact Manus O'Donnell at [ManusOD@aol.com](mailto:ManusOD@aol.com).
- ◆ **Amelia Island Weekend** - Jacksonville, FL (area) - August 21-23, 2009. Hosted by the Jacksonville chapter. For information go to [www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com](http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com) and scroll down to Amelia Island link. For the registration form, click on <http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com/jaxreg2.doc> Sign up now as space is limited. For further info, contact Dorothy at [darn@bellsouth.net](mailto:darn@bellsouth.net)
- ◆ **Labor Day Weekend** - Santee, SC - September 4-6, 2009. Hosted by the Upstate, SC chapter. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/laborday](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/laborday)
- ◆ **Reno Roundup** - Reno, NV - September 11-13, 2009. Hosted by the Sacramento

chapter. Details posted at [www.SinglesGolf.com/renoroundup](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/renoroundup)

- ◆ **Mountain Fall Weekend** - Asheville, NC (area) - October 16-18, 2009. Hosted by the Asheville chapter. For complete details, registration form and contact info, go to [www.MountainFallWeekend.com](http://www.MountainFallWeekend.com) This event sold out last year so please sign-up early as space is limited.
- ◆ **Myrtle Beach Weekend** - Myrtle Beach, SC - November 19-22, 2009. Hosted by the Myrtle Beach chapter. Details to be posted soon.
- ◆ **The Big New Year's Golf Event** Somewhere South - We will again head to a warm spot down South to celebrate New Years. Details will be posted in August. Save the dates: December 29, 2009 - January 1, 2010.

### You Can Update Your Listing on Your Roster

For about a year now, you've had the ability to update your information on the roster yourself. This updates the national database. Got an address or phone change? Want to add your cell number, change your handicap? Go to the **MY ACCOUNT** button at our website, [SinglesGolf.com](http://SinglesGolf.com) and log-in. Forgot your log-in? It's real easy; just follow the simple instructions and we'll send to you your log-in information.

### A Mid-Year Report

As we reach the middle of our calendar year, we look behind and we look forward. For chapter presidents, your job is halfway done! For most members, it's simply time for more golf.

We value our membership in ASGA. We're all single and if we haven't done so already, we look forward to the potential of a great relationship. Many members have said they're not interested in meeting anyone, they just want to play more golf. But as the saying goes, we all have the word "SINGLE" on our foreheads. When you show up for a meeting, people know you're single. If you don't show-up for your membership meeting, think of your potential loss. Just about every member who's become "attached" with another member didn't expect it to happen that way, or right away. But unless you show-up in life, life won't show-up for you.

In spite of the economy, we've grown this past year primarily because you, our member, have taken a little time to spread the word about our organization. Our display stands have been a big reason for our growth, but they don't do us any good sitting in a closet. You have to request one and if you do, we're happy to ship one to you. So let us know simply by calling or e-mailing us.

In October of each year, each chapter elects a new president for the term beginning January 1. So be thinking about who might best fill that position down the road.

- - **Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA**  
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