

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

HARTFORD SINGLES GOLF

Hartford, CT Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — June 2009

HOOKY DAY AT FAIRVIEW FARMS: JUNE 22ND

President's Letter for June

Hello everyone! We had a jam-packed meeting on May 19th! Our new venue is really nice, the food was great and we had 5 new people attend this meeting!! To top it off, it was HASGA's 8th anniversary and **Sue Rand** delivered an awesome cake, decorated with a golf theme, for all to enjoy after the appetizers!

Cathy Duncan introduced **Tracy In-domenico**, the **2009 Travelers Championship Chairman**, who told us some of the BIG names this year...Sergio Garcia and Vijay Singh, among others! She asked that anyone who is able to volunteer, go on line and sign up. I have done this many times, and it's really awesome to see the pros up close and personal. I highly recommend the experience for those who have never done it!

Our Golf Chair, **George Duffy**, and his Committee are positively outstanding this year! Every Outing has been blessed with great weather and large turnouts. Hawks Landing on Memorial Day was no exception. Everyone had a great time and thanks to **Patty Landry** for hosting an après-golf event at her house!

Please be sure and check our website frequently for new events, directions,

prices, etc. Everything you want to know is on that site!

The next regular meeting at Sorrentos will be on June 16th at 6 pm and I hope to see you all, along with any friends you may invite, to this great new meeting place!

Golf Joke of the Month Gift

A New York lawyer sent gifts to many of his clients. The gifts were sleeves of golf balls, inscribed with the lawyer's name. One of the recipients sent an e-mail of thanks back to the lawyer saying, "That's the first time I've ever had a lawyer buy the balls."

~*Betsy Schwartz, Hartford ASGA President*

Hartford ASGA Monthly Member Meeting

JUNE 16, 2009

SORRENTO ON THE GREEN

600 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill

Check out our new venue for the monthly meetings at Sorrento On The Green, located at Rolling Greens Golf Club in Century Hills! This meeting will include **FREE hors d'oeuvres** and **cash bar!** No reservations are needed...just show up...and bring a friend!

Dave Walstrom, Golf Committee member, will speak about **etiquette and speeding up play on the green.** Weather permitting and with approval of the golf pro, this part of the meeting will take place outside on the practice green!

Meeting Schedule:

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – **FREE Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar and Socializing**
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Short Business Meeting & Dave's Golf 101 Lesson!**

Potential Members / Inquirees are welcome to attend the meeting to learn more about **Hartford ASGA** and socialize with the group! It's always a good time when Members, new and old, get together... please plan to attend!

Directions:

I-91 South

Take EXIT 23 West Street
Turn RIGHT onto West Street (0.3 mile)
Turn LEFT onto Cromwell Avenue / Route 3 (0.3 mile)
Turn RIGHT onto Cold Spring Road (0.6 mile)
Sorrento's is located on LEFT

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

E-Mail: 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

Play golf with singles from other chapters - - for a complete list, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/events

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: The Board Meetings will be held the FIRST Tuesday of each month and the General Meeting will be on the THIRD Tuesday of each month

Meeting Location: Sorrento On The Green
600 Cold Spring Road, Rocky Hill (860) 563-7000

Our Website: www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org

Our Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(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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of the
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Hartford ASGA Upcoming Golf Events

*Sign-up for these events at
www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org*

2nd Play Hooky Day of 2009

When: Monday June 22nd
Where: Fairview Farms GC Harwinton, Ct
Format: Play Own Ball
Cost: \$58.00 Members
\$68.00 Non members
Includes Golf and Cart

Independence Day Golf / Picnic

When: Friday July 3rd
Where: Portland West GC Portland, Ct 1st
Tee Time is 1:00 PM
Format: Play Own Ball or Scramble 18
Hole Event
Cost: \$44.00 – Walk & Picnic / Member
\$57.00 – Ride & Picnic / Member
\$10.00 more Non Members
We are expecting a good turnout, so
please sign up early
If you cannot play golf you can also join us
for the picnic afterwards for \$20.00

Golf Committee Report

The Golf Committee is very happy with the early season results and levels of participation! Thanks to the efforts of **Barbara Wysocki**, **Ellen Gregory** and others for the advertising for new members, which has resulted in wonderful new people enjoying our golf events!

So far, Friday Night Golf at Tunxis Plan-

tation Country Club has been very successful with greatly increased numbers of participants, compared to last year's debacle of two FNG locations. And our return to Portland West Golf Club for Sunday Night Golf gives people a chance to play an executive course, which has a soft spot in our hearts after being the long-time home of Friday Night Golf through 2007.

Participation in monthly and holiday events has been increased over 2008, with great numbers at Memorial Day and our other tournaments. Upcoming fun includes the July 3rd Holiday, 18 hole Tournament, the "**Mary Lebel Splash Classic**" (the name derives from Mary's experience in one of our events when she had to abandon her out-of control cart which ended up in the pond. Mary had a few scratches, but has provided us with a funny **Hartford ASGA** memory at her expense). Also in July will be our "**2nd Annual Nancy Hammond Reunion Classic**" at Tunxis Plantation on Saturday, July 18th.....this is the event that we welcome back **ALL** previous members. The first event held last year was warmly received!

It is not too early to start thinking about the **8th Annual Ryder Cup Match**, which we will be hosting this year against our friends from Central Mass ASGA. This event is normally our 12 teams of a man and a woman against their teams. This is our most competitive golf event always played hard, but with great sportsmanship! It will be played on August 15th at Portland Golf Club. **JoAnn Bryant** and **Jack Curtiss** will be our captains this year. They are the folks that you want to impress in coming weeks to help earn yourself a spot on the team!

A reminder : the Golf Committee is always open to your suggestions!

Lastly, what we want from you is participation as we love large numbers of players....**PLEASE GET OUT AND PLAY!**

~George Duffy, Golf Committee Chairman

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!

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Evelyn Bacon - 06/20
John Czepiel - 06/01
Cathy Duncan - 07/01
Rhonda Idleman - 06/27
Chris Kennedy - 06/06
Katherine Kerr - 07/15
Cathy Morway - 06/09
David Walstrom - 06/04

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Judy Biernat - 06/30/2009
JoAnn Bryant - 06/30/2009
Chris Kennedy - 06/30/2009
Debbie Macht - 06/30/2009
Anna Sielawko - 06/30/2009
Karen Young - 06/30/2009

Welcome newest members:

Richard Bowers - Joined 04/22/2009
Linda Carillo - Joined 04/24/2009
Emil Demikat - Joined 04/22/2009
Joe Fasi - Joined 04/28/2009
Joyce Hynes - Joined 04/24/2009
Cathy Morway - Joined 04/03/2009
Bob Richards - Joined 04/08/2009
Charles Thomas - Joined 04/20/2009

These members recently renewed:

Nahama Corn
Carol DeBerry
Rhonda Idleman
Mary LeBel
Brian Schwerkolt

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kathleen Culhane - 04/30/2009
Tina Oswald - 04/30/2009
Norma Spring - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 78 members.

HARTFORD ASGA 2009 GOLF SCHEDULE

SAT. **June 13**-Simsbury Farms

FRI. **July 3**-18 holes at Portland West - **Annual Mary Lebel Splash Classic**

SAT **July 18**- at Tunxis Plantation CC in Farmington - "**Annual Nancy Hammond Reunion Classic**"

SAT **Aug 15** - **Ryder Cup** with Central Mass ASGA – Portland Golf Club

MON. (Labor Day) **Sept. 7**-Blue Fox Run in Avon

SUN. **Sept. 20**-Blackledge in Hebron

SAT. **Oct. 3**-Franconia in Springfield

SUN. **Oct. 18**-Southington Country Club

MON. **June 22nd – 2nd Play Hooky Day at Fairview Farms in Harwinton- other dates TBA

**Friday nights we play at Tunxis Plantation Country Club in the early evening

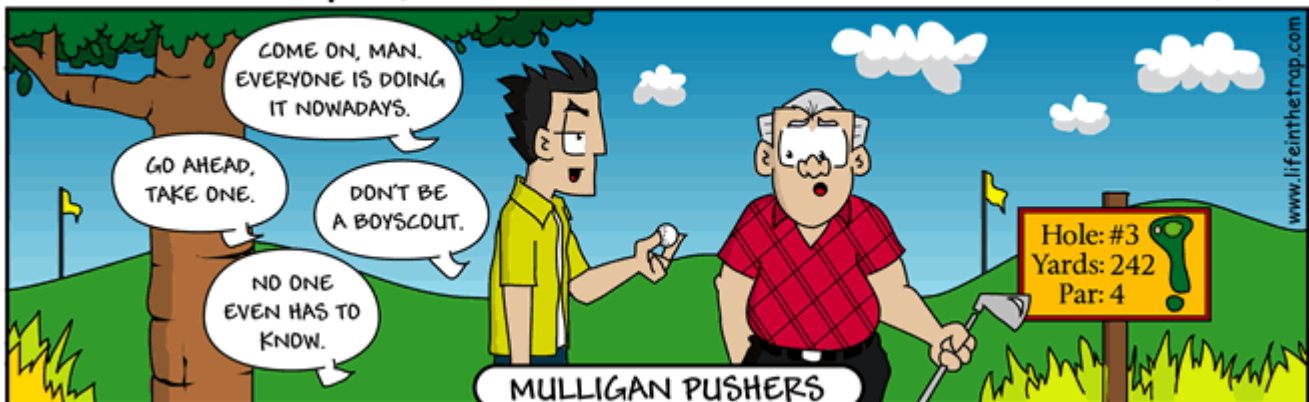
**Sunday afternoons we play at Portland West Golf Club, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Visit us at www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org for further updates

George Duffy is our Golf Chairperson and can be reached at 203-484-0530 or by email george41500@aol.com

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



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

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

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.
- ◆ **Amelia Island Weekend** - Jacksonville, FL (area) - August 21-23, 2009. Hosted by the Jacksonville chapter. For information go to 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
- ◆ **Labor Day Weekend** - Santee, SC - September 4-6, 2009. Hosted by the Upstate, SC chapter. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/laborday
- ◆ **Reno Roundup** - Reno, NV - September 11-13, 2009. Hosted by the Sacramento

chapter. Details posted at 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 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 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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