From the President....

In the golf section of this newsletter, you will find dates and times for our upcoming golf events. We have tried to book times at our favorite courses, as well as a few new ones, at the best rates possible.

Our next meeting will be June 16 at 6:00 PM. Ben’s Place has very good food and we enjoy playing trivia after the meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions you may have to make our chapter bigger and better. I hope that you will participate in golf and the social events, and enjoy all the wonderful friendships of our group. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on June 16th at Ben’s Place.

~Mary Anne Gracely

Golf News

Golf Outings

Seven members of our chapter enjoyed a great Memorial Day celebration at the ASGA national event at The Homestead in Virginia. Joyce Jennings, Sandra Ross, Sandy Dellovade, Margo Acomb, Pat McFeely, Kathleen Portnow and Ken Kulp had a great time and Margo represented the great Raleigh chapter on the winning team.

While seven members were in Virginia, six of our members played at Willowhaven Golf Club during the Memorial Day weekend. We had a great time golfing and a wonderful dinner at the Shanghai Chinese restaurant after our game. We’re going back to Willowhaven on June 27th, and look forward to a return visit to the Chinese restaurant.

Our golf event scheduled for River Ridge was rained out on May 17, but we will reschedule for a date in July.

We had a great turnout – 16 members – for our event at Riverwood. Rayford Pate played a good game on his first outing since recovering from shoulder surgery. It was a beautiful day and the course was in great shape. After golf, we went to our favorite Mexican restaurant for dinner.

Below are times and locations for the next few months. Please mark your calendars.

June 13 The Neuse, 2:00 PM, $25.00
June 19-20: Tennessee/Carolina Challenge (Tennessee)
June 27 Willowhaven, 1:00 PM, $35.00

Other events in July to be determined

July 24-25-26: North Carolina/ South Carolina Challenge (see www.singlesgolf.com for details).
August 8 Willowhaven, 1:00 PM, $35.00
August 22 Reedy Creek, 1:00 PM, $30.00
September 12: I-40 Challenge (Raleigh vs. Wilmington) Carolina Sands Golf Course

Social News

I am so happy to announce that Lianne Thane is home from Florida. We look forward to seeing Lee and playing golf with her. We’ll plan some fun social events for the summer. We will be meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Ben’s Place – 8511 Cantilever Way – Raleigh, NC.

If anyone is interested in hosting a pot

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: THIRD TUESDAY of each month
Next Meeting: June 16th, 2009 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Ben’s Place 8511 Cantilever Way Raleigh, NC 27613 (919) 782-5900
Our Website: www.raleigh.singlesgolf.com

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)
luck dinner/party after golf, please let us know. Everyone is very happy to bring food or chip in to pay for food. Please let Lee or Mary Anne know if you are interested.

Membership News
The Raleigh chapter has two new members to welcome.
Pennie Polson is from Durham and Debbie Doyle is from Cary.
Welcome to our latest additions. We all look forward to getting to know you and playing golf with you.
Traditionally Spring and Summer are the times when single golfers are looking for someone to play with and our membership increases. Now is the time to talk about our organization with your friends. Pay it forward ......remember that someone invited you to ASGA and look how you benefited. Pay it forward by inviting someone to join us at our next meeting.
~Kathy Dowling, Chairman
Sandra Dellavode, Co-Chair
Membership Committee

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Doug Alm - 07/12
Susan Bailey - 06/02
Maryanne Camesano - 06/12
Linda Francis - 07/04
Bobby Jones - 07/12
Irene Kennedy - 06/15
Patricia Waller - 07/15

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Susan Bailey - 06/30/2009
Pamela Gobel - 06/30/2009
Richard Hale - 06/30/2009
Edward Mclean - 06/30/2009
Sandra Ross - 06/30/2009
Jim Talley - 06/30/2009

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Janet Martin - 05/31/2009
Mia O'Brien - 04/30/2009
Margaret Von Gonten - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 46 members

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.

Happy Fathers Day
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:

♦ 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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