

Palm Springs Singles Golf

Palm Springs Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

4TH OF JULY PARTY AT GINNY ZALTA'S

The President's Corner

Unlike many sports, golf is for the most part played without the supervision of a referee, umpire or coach. The game relies on the individual golfer to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. New golfers are often in need of advice about customary behavior and practices to follow on course so that play proceeds safely and without delay. Some thoughts on that subject follow.

I have played this great game of golf with many folks of varying abilities over the years. One thing we all have in common is a love of the game and a desire to play it to the best of our individual abilities. Some one once said "it is not whether you win or lose, it is how you play the game.

The "HOW" is an important aspect. I have alluded to this before and I do so again because it is such an important feature of this great game. Some of us take this game more seriously than others. Some play better than others and some are raw beginners. The skill set is not important. We play as well as we choose.

It is important, regardless of the skill set one brings to the game, that we all know and exercise proper etiquette of the game.

One of the most frustrating experiences is to play with an individual who walks with abandon on the green, stepping on the intended putting lines of others in the foursome. As a bare minimum, learn where and how to walk on the green. Avoid stepping on the intended putting lines and through lines of others in the group. It is a courtesy that we extend to others. It helps define who we are as golfers and who we are as human beings. ~Bill Peterson, President

Monthly Meeting & Social

There will be no Wednesday monthly meeting and social in July. Instead we are all invited to our Social Chairman **Ginny Zalta's** home for a 4TH OF JULY PARTY. Hostess's Ginny and Irene will furnish the hamburgers, hot dogs and fixings. We only ask that the women bring either hors-d'oeuvres, salad or dessert. Please tell Ginny when you call to make your reservation as to what you would like to contribute. As usual, we ask our men to provide the wine, beer, sodas or drink of choice.

Please call Ginny at 341-7015 or e-mail veazee@aol.com for reservations. as we need to leave your name at the gate. Address 209 LaPaz Way - Monterey Country Club. Enter at NORTH gate as Avenida Del Sol on Monterey Ave.

Come all and you are welcome to bring a guest - Arrive 6:00PM-FIREWORKS 9:00PM

Friday Nine-and-Dine

July and August golf will be devoted to minimal golf since many of our members have left for the summer. However, **CAROL PRESTON**, has again set up informal golf at Palm Desert Resorter and Country Club for Friday mornings. T-Time is 7:30 AM for either 9 or 18 holes of play. A great deal for \$19.00 for golf and a Breakfast Sandwich. Just show up - no reservations necessary. If you have any questions call CAROL at 341-9779

The following golfers are here for the summer so call them and set up your own foursomes. Also check the newspaper for great deals at other courses. Have a great summer...*Del Patterson, Golf Chair*

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: Second Wednesday of each month

Next Meeting: No Monthly Meeting for July. Instead join us at **Ginny Zalta's** home for a 4TH OF JULY PARTY. Come all and you are welcome to bring a guest - Arrive 6:00PM-FIREWORKS 9:00PM

Meeting Location: Desert Falls Country Club

Our Website: www.palmsprings.singlesgolf.com

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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Golf Association**



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Sunday Golf

No arrangements have been made at the present time as to Sunday golf in July and August but you all will be informed if and where we will be playing.

July 15th - Wednesday

The ELKS CLUB is still extending their invitation for karaoke and dancing in the month of July. Come join some of your members for Bar-B-Qued Ribs and fun. No reservations necessary, just ask for ASGA table. Come join our Member **JOHN COLOROSO** who hosts this fun event.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Gary Antes - 07/11
Ginny Brewster - 08/05
Jerome Brodish - 07/20
Mary Kaye Brown - 07/29
James Franklin - 08/03
Shirley Ireton - 08/06
Donald Krasne - 07/21
Dottie McEwan - 07/19
Suzy Miller - 07/27
Amelia Nash - 07/07
Janet Simkins - 07/11
Jerry Welker - 07/15
Jim Wonsettler - 07/01
Stephen Young - 08/03
Virginia Zalta - 08/12

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)

Mary Lou Bailey - 07/31/2009
Michael Banville - 07/31/2009
Bill Coble - 07/31/2009
Dianne Gardner - 07/31/2009
George Gaudreault - 07/31/2009

Welcome newest members:

Laurie Beechler - Joined 06/10/2009
Sandy Stewart - Joined 06/05/2009

These members recently renewed:

Jerome Brodish
Lee Canterbury
Jean Gilchrist
Marlene Goff
Joseph Modica

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
William (Bill) Conlon - 05/31/2009
Char Paur - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 127 members

**Don't Let Your
Membership
Lapse. . .**

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

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ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JULY 2009

Results are in for Scotland Trip



Members Respond to Survey

On June 25th, the national office surveyed its membership asking

- ◆ if they'd be interested in a trip to Scotland
- ◆ how much they'd be willing to spend, and
- ◆ how long should they want to stay . . . along with a host of other questions.

Over 300 folks answered these questions using the popular SurveyMonkey.com portal. Of this number, 82% identified themselves as a member of ASGA and 11% as former members. 6% said they'd join ASGA if we did this trip.

Here are the questions and how they responded:

1. Realizing cost and other factors will need to be considered, generally speaking, would you be interested in being part of a group trip to Scotland for ASGA members in the Summer of 2010? Result: Yes=92.5%

2. Male/Female: Result: 63.7% female; 36.3% male (2 girls for every boy . . . isn't that a familiar song - and now, we know who has all the money as well! So pay attention guys . . . we need you for those cool nights in Edinburgh!)

3. Number of nights:
5-6 nights (12.7%), 7-8 nights (45.9%), 9-10 nights (34.7%) and 11-14 nights (6.6%).

4. Quality of hotel accommodations:

Scottish Version of a Motel 6	6.6%
Any 3-star hotel	47.9%
Upper-Middle Class	44.0%
Something "ritzy"	1.5%

5. Willing to stay in a local college dorm instead of hotel?

This was a surprise. 91.9% indicated they would either do it or consider doing it once more details were made available. The dorm idea works well as it gives everyone their own private room and bathroom at a college in St. Andrews.

6. Preferred Time of Year

May, 2010 - Highs around 57 each day - \$2250 (flights are less \$\$) 11.2%

June, 2010 - Highs around 62 each day - \$2500 30.5%

July, 2010 - Highs around 66 each day - \$3250 13.5%

August, 2010 - Highs around 64 each day - \$3250 6.6%

September, 2010 - Highs around 60 each day - \$2500 (flights are less \$\$) 38.2%.

7. How much golf would you like to play:

As much as possible 39.0%

Every other day 46.3%

1-2 rounds only 13.5%

8. Is playing The Old Course at St. Andrews a must-play golf course if you take this trip? Yes=60.6 No=39.4

9. What other activities would you like to do:

Taking a day to tour a town, local historical sites, etc. 71.8%

Taking a day to tour the countryside, castles, etc. 87.3%

Having a day where I can do what I want with no group-sponsored activities. 50.2%

Going shopping 30.9%

Taking a boat trip or short plane trip to another island 32.4%

Tour some of Scotland's whiskey distilleries 41.7%

Head up to the mountains, take a hike, climb or go skiing 23.2%

10. Which chapters showed the most interest:

Washington, DC - 20 members interested in attending, followed by Chicago (19), Tampa Bay (14), Southeast Michigan, Indianapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Sacramento at 10 each. Just about all of our 70 chapters nationwide had at least one individual interested in attending. Names were not collected during this survey.

Without question, **we WILL do a trip to Scotland in 2010** due to this overwhelming response. Details will be sent out soon.

-- Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
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