

# BAY AREA SINGLES GOLF

Bay Area Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

## FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS: TWILIGHT GOLF AT SHARP PARK

### Tournament Schedule Announced

Five tournaments are scheduled for the second half of the year, beginning with an outing on Saturday, July 18, at Mare Island in Vallejo. Tee times start at 11:30 a.m., and the cost is \$57. The payment deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is hosted by the Sacramento Chapter. More information can be found by following the events link on the Sacramento website [www.sactosinglesgolf.com](http://www.sactosinglesgolf.com).

The August tournament will be on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> at Lake Chabot in Oakland. The start time is 11:00 a.m., and the cost is \$58. Contact **Connie Vickroy** at [vickroyc@juno.com](mailto:vickroyc@juno.com) for registration information.

The big event in September is the Reno Roundup. This multi-chapter event will be September 11-13, with accommodations at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino. The package includes two nights lodging and two rounds of golf at Lakeridge and Wolf Run. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening. Visit the national website [www.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.SinglesGolf.com) and follow the links to register.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> the venue will be Diablo Creek in Concord. Tee-off is 10:30 a.m., and the cost is \$61. The payment deadline is Sept. 15. The final tournament of the

year will be on Sunday, November 8, at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. First tee is 10:00 a.m. and the cost is \$69.

**Connie Vickroy** (see above) will handle registration and payment for both tournaments.

### Sharp Park to Host Twilight Golf

Twice-monthly golf outings will be held at Pacifica's Sharp Park on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The July outings will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:00 p.m.

During the long hours of summer daylight, the golfers hope to finish several holes of twilight golf before adjourning to the bar and restaurant at Sharp Park to socialize and conduct chapter business.

Sharp Park Golf Course was designed by famed course architect Alister MacKenzie. The restaurant in the historic clubhouse is full service, and it is a popular dining spot for local residents. Sharp Park looks forward to hosting the Bay Area Chapter for golf and dining.



### ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

(THIS REPORT RAN 07/02/2009)

**Happy Birthday to these members:**  
Juanito Alanes - 07/15

**Welcome newest members:**  
Connie Vickroy - Joined 05/08/2009

**These members recently renewed:**  
Judi Bolanos

**Our chapter currently has 6 members.**

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

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

**Call 1-888-GOLFMATE**  
**(1-888-465-3628)**

## 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:** Third Tuesday of the Month  
**Next Meeting:** July 21st, 2009  
Meeting after Twilight Golf  
**Meeting Location:** Sharp Park Golf Course  
**Our Website:** [www.SinglesGolf.com/bayarea](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/bayarea)

(See next page for information on volunteering . . .)

**BAY AREA  
CHAPTER**  
of the American Singles  
Golf Association



**President**  
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The Bay Area Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association is now forming. Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- ◆ Golf Committee Chairperson
- ◆ Social Committee Chairperson
- ◆ Membership Committee Chairperson
- ◆ Communications Committee Chairperson
- ◆ Chapter Secretary
- ◆ Chapter Treasurer

Interested in volunteering? Understand your job first. For details on how to do each of the above jobs, go to the SinglesGolf.com homepage and look under the heading "Chapter Management." It always helps to know!

**MEMBERSHIP DUES  
AND HOW TO JOIN ASGA**

Dues for the Bay Area 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: American Singles Golf Association National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134.

**JOIN BY PHONE, FAX OR THE WEB**

You can join the Bay Area Chapter over the telephone by calling toll-free, 1-888-GOLFMATE (465-3628), faxing the application with your credit card information to our national toll-free fax at 1-888-465-3295, or go on-line at [www.singlesgolf.com/join](http://www.singlesgolf.com/join) and submit your application with credit card information. Office hours are 8-4, ET.

**Rules and More Rules**

Q. Seems like poor Larry has had more than his share of penalty strokes. His playing partner was practicing chips while waiting on the tee box for the group in front to clear. With a sheepish grin on his face he said, I'm sure sorry partner, but that's going to cost you a stroke, no practicing during a round. What is the correct ruling?

- A. One stroke penalty, no practice during a round.
- B. Two stroke penalty. no practice during a round.
- C. No penalty. The chip counts as a drive. Hitting two
- D. No penalty. Chipping practice as described, is permitted.

And the answer is...

The answer is D, there is no penalty. Here is what you can and can not do when it comes to practice during a round.

1. You are never allowed to play practice strokes during a round. You can practice your swing, but not a stroke hitting a ball. (yes that means lay off those range balls you find on the fringes)
2. You may not practice bunker shots or shots from any other hazards.
3. You may not take a practice putt on the hole in play or a future hole.
4. You may practice chipping and putting on the tee box. You may practice chipping and even putting on the hole you just finished.

5. There is a caveat, practice putting and chipping are prohibited if they delay play and yes there is a penalty for delay of play. Refer to rule 7-2 Practice-during a round.

Q. Larry noticed that one of the players in the foursome used a heavy headed Odyssey putter to lag the ball for his 80 plus foot putt. It was a great approach leaving him less than a 4 foot putt. The golfer then used a Callaway blade putter to sink his 4 footer for par. Larry tilted his head and said, not so fast partner, that's a two stroke penalty, just like you can't change balls on a hole, so too can't you change putters. Was Larry correct? What is the correct ruling?

A. No penalty. Larry was incorrect. Just as you may have more than one wedge, so too may you have more than one putter. And, you may use more than one putter on the same hole/green.

B. One stroke penalty, Larry was right, you can't use multiple putters on the same green, but only a one stroke penalty, not two.

C. Two stroke penalty. Larry was right, you can't use multiple putters on the same green, two stroke penalty.

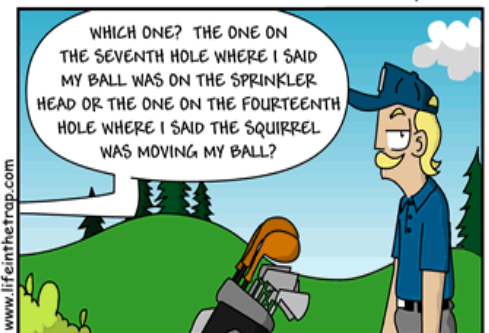
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The rules limit us all to 14 clubs. In theory you could have 14 putters if you so wished. And for Larry, that might even be a game improver. In this case, two putters were legal and one may use multiple putters for multiple putts on the same green, if required.

**Life in the Trap** by Rick Newell

[www.lifeinthetrap.com](http://www.lifeinthetrap.com)



# 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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