

KALAMAZOO SINGLES GOLF

Kalamazoo, MI - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

GREAT TURNOUTS - GREAT GOLF

President's Message



Happy 4th of July to all. If anyone in our chapter would like to get together for Independence Day fireworks let me know or pass the word.

The warm summer temps are with us at last. Remember to use caution when you are out in the heat and sunshine. Use sunscreen, sunglasses and a big hat. Even an umbrella can protect us from the sun.

Our Friday night drop-in continues to be well attended and much fun. Our members should be proud. Remember our outing on July 25th at Lake Cora in Paw Paw. Contact **Val Merchant** to confirm. I will be attending the LPGA event in Toledo, Ohio on July 2nd and 3rd I hope some of you will be able to join me. I encourage all members to participate in as many events as you can. We have good camaraderie and momentum in our group let's keep it going.

Thanks to all who made the deposit for the up north trip. See you on the course.
~Keith Milhiem

President's Tip - To help with short puts and keeping the putter head following the line to the hole. On the practice green or carpet at home set up 3 to 4 feet from the

hole. Put down a ball and place a quarter 3 inches behind the ball. Address the coin with the putter as if it were a ball then make a stroke making contact with the ball. This drill will help you to keep the putter following down the line to the hole and keep the ball on line. ~Keith

June 12th Meeting Minutes

The following people were in attendance:
Bruce A, Mike D, Bonnie F, Ken H, Marcia H, Marcia K, Val M, Keith M, Larry N, Avril P, George W, and Pat W,

- 1 No new members or guests.
2. Chair reports
 - Treasurer- the treasury remains the same from last month
 - Golf chair- no report
 - Social Chair- no report
 - Membership- no new members have joined. Val will be checking with Full Circle to inquire about the ad in their newsletter, because the check has not been cashed
 - Secretary- nothing new to report
3. Golf Outing- Schedule The next outing will be June 27th at Binder Park. **Keith Milhiem** is the contact person. For the month of July: July 12th, the outing is to be

at Hidden Valley, contact person is **Pat W.** and July 24 will be at Lake Cora, Paw Paw, the contact person is **Val Merchant.** There are still a couple golf outings that need someone to sponsor. Please check with **Amy Baumann**, the golf chair about these dates.

The July 12th outing -Hidden Valley, Shelbyville, tee time 2:00 at \$37.00.

4. September Trip- 10 people have reserved their spot for the Lakewood Shores outing.
5. Chapter picnic - Labor Day Weekend- The picnic will be on Sunday, Sept 6th. Information will be forthcoming from our Prez - Keith
6. July 4th - **Keith** is planning on attending the LPGA tournament in Toledo. Anyone interested in attending contact Keith Milhiem.
8. New business- none
9. 50/50- **Pat W** was the winner, she won \$13.00

Next meeting July 10th
~**Marcia Kolinske, Secretary**

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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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 Friday of each month
Next Meeting: Friday, July 10th, 2009
Meeting Location: Main Street Pub
Our Website: www.kalamazoo.singlesgolf.com

(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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Flag Day Golf Outing a Fun Filled Day

On a warm, partly cloudy day, 11 golfers assembled in red, white and blue attire to play the challenging Milham golf course. The front nine was for points in bingo, bango, bongo format. All won something with **Val** and **Larry** the big winners with 11 points each. The back nine was a red, white and blue scramble: we played from every tee box at least once. The men thought that the reds were the best ones to play from! (I wonder why?) The blue tees proved to be a challenge but scores show that they were conquered by the teams. Two teams had scores of 39 but the team with 13 putts were declared the winner: **Bonnie, Avril, Marcia H. and Ken.**

The group, minus **Mike**, ended up at **Bonnie's** for a picnic meal of chicken, salads, beans and an ice cream bar for dessert. Lots of food later, some played hearts with **Bruce** the winner and others played shanghai rummy where Bonnie ended the winner.

A great day for golf, fellowship and fun—that's why we belong to ASGA!!!

Sorry, but no pictures got taken—we need an official photographer to memorialize these outings.

~**Bonnie and Marcia K.**

Subject: Golf Poem

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By It's Size I Could Not Guess,
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same,
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End,
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Yell, Curse And Cry,
I Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises A Thing Called Par,
If I Can Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Even Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up..
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

*Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs
and losers of balls....*

*A recent study found the average golfer
walks about 900 miles a year.*

*Another study found golfers drink, on average,
22 gallons of alcohol a year.*

*That means, on average, golfers get
about 41 miles to the gallon.*

*Kind of makes you proud. I almost feel
like a hybrid.*

~**Pat W.**



**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:

Ken Hurley - 07/12

Valeria Merchant - 07/24

Welcome newest members:

Beverly Kasson - Joined 05/27/2009

These members recently renewed:

Avril Philo

Nancy Rogers

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Carolyn Leigh - 06/30/2009

Larry Nickell - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 17 members.

Rules and More Rules

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.

And the answer is...

The answer is A, 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..

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



Event Schedule

Date	Host	Locations	
June 14 *(Date change from Saturday June 13)*	Bonnie / Marcia	Milham	Please let Bonnie know by Thursday June 10 th if you will be attending.
June 27	Keith	Binder Park	
July 12	Pat	Hidden Valley	
July 25	Val	Lake Cora	
August 8	Keith	TBD	
August 23	OPEN	TBD	
September 5	Keith	TBD	
September 13	OPEN	TBD	

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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