

NORTH JERSEY SINGLES GOLF

North Jersey Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

DELAWARE WATER GAP WEEKEND: JULY 18 & 19

President's Message

Dear Members,

We have a wonderful mix of outings this year that include weekday and weekend single and overnight offerings. The hard work by our golf co-chairs combined with an energetic and involved membership has met with so much success that "sold out" is a phrase commonly used before outing response dates. So, we encourage members to contact either **Chuck** or **Dave**, golf committee co-chairs, to volunteer and host an outing. Let's put a few more outings on the calendar.

At our recent Board meeting, chapter policy concerning member outing cancellations and refunds was discussed. Last year in our effort to treat each member equitably, the chapter instituted policy to guide outing refunds. The golf committee works hard to provide members a generous lead time that allows a reasonable timeframe to commit your attendance at scheduled outings. And we also know that "stuff happens", schedules change, and in some instances that means cancellation of your commitment to an outing. It was determined unfair for any one person to evaluate the justification of a cancellation for refund purposes or for the outing host to execute a last minute

scramble to find replacement golfers. Therefore, a full refund will only be given for a cancellation notice provided to the outing host at least one month prior to the event. There will be no refunds for cancellations within one month of an outing; however, you may arrange to "sell" your reserved spot to another golfer to recoup your expense. Please know this refund policy will be enforced for all outings.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members who volunteer their valuable time and energy to our chapter by serving on the Board. We all benefit from their efforts, thank you for your service on behalf of the North Jersey Chapter to: **Donna Beland, Corinne Cullison, Ruth Elk, Dave Gray, Jane Kalfus, Sandy Fink, Chuck Kreysig, Camille McEntee, Judi Westhoven, Grace Zucaro and Flo Weiner.**

Let's all do our part to reach out to fellow single golfers and encourage them to attend our meetings, mingles, and outings. Please remind our guests they may attend only two events (one meeting and one outing) as non members and will be charged an additional \$5 over member pricing per event. Remember - ASGA membership dues

\$70, meeting and outing cost savings for members \$5, the opportunity to golf with the North Jersey Chapter members - priceless.

~Linda Madernini, President

Social

Dear Members,

We had a great turnout at our last dinner meeting held at Maggiano's. The food and service were outstanding, and we thank you all for your after-dinner comments. They are greatly appreciated.

Our June single mingle, held at Portobello's, brought out another great response. Everyone particularly enjoyed the outdoor veranda with its waterfall and garden. Many stayed for dinner after cocktails.

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8th at:
Bottagra Restaurant
80 Wagaraw Road
Hawthorne, N.J. 07507
973-423-4433
www.bottagra.com

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm
Dinner & Meeting 7:15 pm
With RSVP \$30.00

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: Wednesday, July 8th, 2009 at 6:00pm

Meeting Location: Bottagra Restaurant

Our Website: www.njsinglesgolf.com

Our Hotline: 201-378-7562

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
American Singles Golf Association



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Without RSVP \$35.00 FIRM
Guests \$35.00

As usual, RSVP to the hotline at 201-378-7562 or to social@njsinglesgolf.com by Sunday, July 5th.

Our next Single Mingle will be held on Thursday, July 23rd at:
Legal Seafood
Garden State Plaza
Routes 4 & 17
Paramus, N.J. 07652

HEADS UP FOR AUGUST: Dinner, Wednesday, August 12th at Bonefish Grill; Single Mingle, Thursday, August 27th at The Village Grille Restaurant and Bar.

See you all there, and don't forget to bring a friend!

~Ruth Elk/Grace Zucaro Social Co-Chairs

Social Events

Check back next month for updates!
~Sandy Fink, Flo Weiner Social Events Co-Chairs

Golf

The season is in full swing now with a number of outings completed.

The outing at Minebrook GC was blessed with good weather as **Kari Goldstein** reports: "On Sunday June 7th, 24 golfers went to Minebrook Golf Club - what a beautiful day, sunny with a light breeze. The course was in great condition from tee to green, especially considering all the rain during the week. Guess the only complaint was that the rough was TOO ROUGH.

Longest drives were won by **Corinne Cullison** and **Tony Perino**, closest to the pin, **Sandy Fink** and **Leon Saddler**. We all had a good time on the course and the day ended with our usual stop after Minebrook at Pub199 for clams and lobster. A great end to a wonderful day on the links."

The Renault Winery outing is a big hit as we now have a complete roster with 24 golfers and all 16 rooms taken. We have started a standby list in the event of a cancellation with **Gus Eggerling** heading the list.

As of this writing we are currently in a streak of rainy weather. Let's hope the pattern changes for more beautiful weather for our future outings.

~Dave Gray/Chuck Kreysig, Golf Co-Chairs

Membership

Dear Members,

We are now almost 1/3rd into the golf season and I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we are having. Thanks to the golf committee for putting together a wonderful schedule of outings.

For those of you getting this newsletter for the first time, please check our website, www.njsinglesgolf.com for all the latest information on outings, dinners, and socials.

I hope all members receiving renewals will send it back quickly so as not to miss out on the fun. For those who are not members and reading this, please come to a Single Mingle or dinner meeting to meet us. If you want to join, contact me or **Jane** and we will be glad to assist you. You can also go onto National's website, www.singlesgolf.com and apply online.

I will be bringing flyers to the next dinner meeting; I ask that our members post them wherever possible so that we can continue to grow our membership. I would like to thank those members so far this year that have brought prospective members to events.

To my co-chair, **Jane** - I hope you are feeling better. Sorry to hear about your accident and I look forward to seeing you out on the links enjoying a great round of golf.

See you out on the links!
~Jane Kalfus/Judi Westhoven, Membership Co-Chairs

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

James Biondo - 07/29
Lynne Hummel - 07/11
Jean Jadevaia - 08/05
Alberta Kulik - 08/11
Camille McEntee - 07/20
Yvonne Smith - 07/06
Janice Vooght - 08/12

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Joe Cifune - 07/31/2009

Ben Ellison - 07/31/2009
Geri Powder - 07/31/2009
Madeleine Thier - 07/31/2009

These members recently renewed:

Corinne Cullison
Jane Kalfus
Ed Lemanski
Yvonne Smith

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Nancy DiPietro - 05/31/2009
Lois Paterson - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 78 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.

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.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



2009 Golf Outings

DATE & TIME	GOLF COURSE	ORGANIZER	DETAILS
Sunday, July 12 th , 10:30 a.m. Arrive 30 minutes prior	Winding Hills Golf Club 1847 State Road 17K Montgomery, NY 12549 845-457-3187 www.windinghillsgolfcourse.com	Geri Powder gpowder@hotmail.com 201-461-7854 RSVP by June 30 Dinner after outing at own expense – please indicate whether interested	\$45 members \$50 non-members Includes greens fees, cart and prizes 20 golfers Checks made out to NJ-ASGA & sent to: Geri Powder 3081 Edwin Ave. #4B Fort Lee, NJ 07024
Saturday, July 18 th – Sunday, July 19 th TBD	Delaware Water Gap CC Mountain Rd. Delaware Water Gap, PA 866-GOLFGAP www.watergapcountryclub.com OVERNIGHT – You must be a member to attend	Flo Weiner \$50 deposit due March 13 th Florrie5025@yahoo.com	Double occupancy: \$195/pp Single occupancy: \$235/pp Includes: Room, 2 rounds golf with cart, Sat- urday dinner, entertainment, Sunday break- fast buffet, tax gratuities, prizes Optional: Friday 5:30 scramble + room, Sat- urday breakfast: Double \$90/Single \$115. Checks made out to NJ-ASGA & sent to: Flo Wiener 38 Moonachie Road #112 Hackensack, NJ 07601
Saturday, August 1 st 9:00 a.m. Arrive ½ hour prior to tee time	Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort 1 River Road Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356 570-424-4000 www.shawneeinn.com	Leon Saddler RSVP by July 15 th 212-927-0149 lsaddler@aol.com	20 golfers \$55 members \$60 non-members Includes greens fees and cart Checks made out to NJ-ASGA & sent to: Flo Wiener 38 Moonachie Road #112 Hackensack, NJ 07601
Wednesday, Au- gust 26 th TBD	Berkshire Valley GC 28 Cozy Lake Rd. Jefferson Twp., NJ 07438 973-208-0018 http://parks.morris.nj.us/golf/ - click on Courses and then select Berkshire Valley	Dave Gray 973-835-3794 SOLD OUT – see Dave to be put on waiting list	TBD
Saturday, August 29 th – Sunday, August 30 th TBD	Renault Winery Resort and Golf 72 North Bremen Ave. Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215 609-965-2111 www.renaultwinery.com OVERNIGHT – You must be a member to attend	Chuck Kreysig/ Dave Gray SOLD OUT – see Chuck or Dave to be put on waiting list	Reservations for 16 rooms have been made
Saturday, September 12 th – Sunday, September 13 th TBD Tee time on Saturday: 11:30; Sunday: 10:27	Split Rock Resort One Lake Drive Lake Harmony, PA 18624 800-255-7625 www.splitrockresort.com OVERNIGHT – You must be a member to attend	Ruth Elk shebainu@aol.com SPACE IS LIMITED THIS YEAR, SO RESERVE EARLY A \$50 DEPOSIT WILL HOLD YOUR SPACE	\$169 p/p Double Occupancy \$184 p/p Single Occupancy Fri. Arrival-\$138 Additional (Single or Double) (Golf & Meals on Friday & Breakfast on Sat- urday are to be paid Separately) Includes Golf Cart, Prizes, Tax and Gratuities This year we will be staying at the Galleria, the main hotel. Optional Golf on Sunday (To be paid at Golf Course) Reservation for Sunday Golf must be made at time of booking DEADLINE: Must absolutely receive checks by August 12 th Checks made out to NJ-ASGA and sent to: Ruth Elk, 10 Teak Road, Wayne, N.J. 07470

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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