From the President....

Happy Fourth of July! I’m so happy to tell all of you about a wonderful event that is taking place at Southport, NC on July 3. Sandra Ross, our wonderful Irish friend, is becoming a United States Citizen – Congratulations Sandra !!!!

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 July 21st 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 July 21st at Ben’s Place. ~Mary Anne Gracely

Golf News

Sixteen members enjoyed a great day at the Neuse on June 13. After golf, we went to our favorite Mexican restaurant.

Sandra Ross reported that The Kodak Challenge on June 19-20 was a wonderful event as usual. The weather for the Challenge on Saturday was beautiful. Teams from Tennessee and The Carolinas competed “cart against cart” in a Scramble. The Carolinas took back the trophy by 17 points to 14. Members from Raleigh that attended were Lee Thayne, Sandy Dellova, Sandra Ross, Margo Acomb, Dave Lewis, Bobby Jones and Larry Knott - and a jolly good time was had by all!

Dinner on Saturday night was at Angelo’s restaurant on the lake and we occupied the whole patio area – it was great to catch up with friends old and new from all the other Chapters. The pool party back at the hotel was fun until the weather decided to get nasty but the merriment continued inside! What a great event - I look forward to next year and all the other great events that ASGA has to offer.

We had a great time on June 27 when we played golf at Willowhaven. Eleven members from Raleigh, including our newest member Penny Polson, and one member from Wilmington, Jim Kiernan, enjoyed a beautiful day. It was great to meet Penny (who, by the way, has a wonderful golf game). After golf, we went to our favorite Chinese restaurant in Durham. Below are times and locations for the next few months. Please mark your calendars.

July 11  Chapel Ridge
2:00 PM   $35.00

July 14 Tot Hill Farm
10:40 AM  $30.00  (Please contact Lee Thayne if you are interested).

July 24 Talamore
TBD  $45.00  (Please contact Sam Moody if you are interested (sambo447@aol.com))

July 25 – TBD
I will try to book something for members who are not going to the North/South Challenge.


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

October 16-18: Mountain Fall Weekend (Lake Lure - Hosted by the Asheville Chapter of ASGA) http://mountainfallweekend.com/default.aspx

Other dates will be announced as they are filled. Please let me know if there is somewhere you would like to play and I will try to book some times.

Social News
Thirteen members went to see Jersey Boys at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium and we enjoyed the play very much. We’ll plan to do more fun social events for the summer. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 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 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 or have any ideas for other events.

Membership News
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

Welcome newest members:
Penny Polson - Joined 06/01/2009

These members recently renewed:
Susan Bailey
Betsy Durchuck
Richard Hale
Beverly Houghton
Edward Mclean
Sandra Ross
Helen Szuluk

These members did not renew their dues:
(Please contact me before 06/30/2009)
Pamela Gobel - 06/30/2009
Janet Martin - 05/31/2009
Jim Talley - 06/30/2009
Margaret Von Gonten - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 44 members.

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www.raleigh.singlesgolf.com

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Doug Alm - 07/12
Debbie Doyle - 08/01
Linda Francis - 07/04
Beverly Houghton - 07/18
Bobby Jones - 07/12
Gene Ortiz - 07/28
Patricia Waller - 07/15

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Doug Alm - 07/31/2009
Alexis Carter - 07/31/2009
Joyce Jennings - 07/31/2009
Dave Lewis - 07/31/2009
Steve Lush - 07/31/2009
Gene Ortiz - 07/31/2009
Rayford Pate - 07/31/2009
Penny Sardelli - 07/31/2009
Susan Thomas - 07/31/2009

About Our Members

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!
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% mail (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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