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HILTON HEAD SINGLES GOLF

Hilton Head, SC - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

NC/SC CHALLENGE: JULY 24-26

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to say thank you for your vote of confidence in asking me to be the new President. The confidence level goes both ways. I have worked with most of all of you during the Multi-Chapter event with our brothers and sisters from Orlando.

That was a success because you all did a great job in making things go so smoothly. So, I have a great deal of confidence in all of you. This is a very good Chapter. Part of what makes it such a good chapter is the fact that you are willing to pitch in and make things happen. Also, we enjoy each other's company. You can't get better than that.

Since this is my first "message", I will keep it short. I look forward to helping make this Chapter grow and to finding more things in which we can get involved. I know several of you are discussing details of going to other Multi-Chapter events, especially the NC/SC Challenge. That is great, and we have to show those "northern" folks just how good we are. Some of you tried to show this Saturday, June 27th. It was blazing hot, but everyone showed his/her spirit and stuck it out. The cool brews at the British Open Pub after the golf were certainly welcome.

Again, thank you in advance for your support, and I look forward to working with

all of you in having fun.. I hope to continue the past excellent leadership we had from **Dick** and **Pete**.

~*Jerry Ely, President, Hilton Head ASGA*

RECENT EVENTS

May Golf Outing

Well, Mother Nature finally smiled down on us for our make-up May golf outing held on May 30th at Southbridge Golf Course. You couldn't have asked for a better day, and the course was a pleasure to play, according to a consensus of the group. We played a scramble and the winners for the day were:

First Place: **Gary Johnson, Shirley Messier, Sharon Butler, and Bobby Santarsiero**

Second Place: **Pete Westphal, Bob Keady, Bill Pearse, and Linda Wilson**

Closest to the pin honors went to **Gary Johnson** for the men and **Shirley Messier** for the women.

Following the round of golf, we trekked back to Montana's in Bluffton for a bite of dinner. The table abounded with stories and laughs, a fitting capstone for another great outing.



June Dinner Meeting

Our June dinner meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th, a departure from our regular Thursday date. It was a special meeting because our main order of business was the election of our new President, **Jerry Ely**. Turnout was high, and spirits likewise, as the chapter gave its unanimous endorsement to our good friend and golf partner, Jerry. We know he will do an outstanding job for us.

The upcoming NC/SC Challenge was mentioned, and it appears that there will be a good contingent of our chapter in attendance. More on that below.

It was great to see so many in attendance. Let's try to keep it up!

Lobster Fest

On Thursday, June 25th, a group of us met at the Hidden Cypress Grille to partake in their Lobster Fest special. All but two of us ordered the red crustacean and enjoyed that special flavor reminiscent of New England and the North. Although a couple of folks needed some tutelage in just how the heck to get the meat out of the shell, most of us were practiced and rarin' to go. It was a very pleasant "extra" get-together in between our regular events.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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Play golf with singles from other chapters - - for a complete list, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/events

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND THURSDAY of each month

Next Meeting: THURSDAY July 9th, 2009

Meeting Location: Montana's Restaurant

Our Website: www.HiltonHead.SinglesGolf.com

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the Hilton Head chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville NC 28134.

JOIN BY PHONE, FAX OR WEB

You can join the Hilton Head chapter over the phone by calling (toll free) 1-888-GOLFMATE (465-3628) and give us the information on the application form, your credit card number and expiration date. You may prefer to FAX your application to (toll free) 1-888-465-3295. Our hours are from 8:00-4:00, M-F; (Eastern). Or, go online to apply or renew.

June Golf Outing

As President **Jerry** mentioned, the regular June golf outing was held on the 27th at Island West. The day was a scorcher, to say the least, but nine hardy souls managed to make their way around the course in spite of sunburn, heat exhaustion, and sweat soaked clothes! The suggestion was made by a few of the players that **Pete** try to get earlier tee times for the next couple of months so that we can avoid the worst of the heat. He said he would try. The winners for the day were:
First Place: **Shirley Messier, Dick Kawka,** and **Alston Gordon**

Second Place: **Bill Pearse, Jerry Ely,** and **Pat Bingham**

Closest to the pin: **Dick Kawka** (no female winner this time)

Congratulations to all!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Dinner Meeting

Fulfilling her role as Social Chairman even though away visiting family, **Karyn Mulligan** is arranging for us to have our July dinner meeting on Thursday, July 9th at Montana's Restaurant. She hopes to be able to get the private Buffalo Room so that we can hold our meeting in a more quiet environment. More details will follow, but save the date.

July Golf Outing

Since there will be a dozen or more of the Chapter members attending the NC/SC Challenge up in Southern Pines, which happens to fall on the weekend when we would have our regular golf outing, **Pete Westphal** is looking into getting us tee times for the weekend of July 18th. When/if arrangements are made, Pete will let us know.

NC/SC Challenge

As mentioned several times so far in this epistle, a group of us are going up to Southern Pines, NC, to fight for the pride of our Chapter! We will be staying and playing at Talamore Golf Resort for the weekend of July 24-26. **Harriet Bender** has gone above and beyond the call of duty trying to see the feasibility of securing a van so that most of the group could go together. After much back and forth, however, it was decided that we would make

the trek in several cars. **Pete** suggested that we meet at Wal Mart on the morning of the 24th so that we could make any needed adjustments for luggage/golf bags/passengers among cars. That would also allow us to have a quasi-caravan of members and get us there at about the same time. (Still to be decided)

No matter, it should be a fun weekend, and we all hope to come home victorious. Go Hilton Head Chapter!!!!

MISCELLANEOUS

June was not **Pete's** month. He had to have some surgery; glad it went well. Then, while driving back from a trip to North Carolina, he was in a very bad auto accident. His car was totaled, but because he was wearing his seatbelt, he (thank God) was spared what could have been certain demise. He walked away with a badly bruised sternum and LOTS of aches and pains, but otherwise, physically, he appears to be OK. We wish him a speedy return to his old self.

Kudos go out to two of our members for helping Pete in his time of need. **Dick Kawka** drove up to Georgetown, SC and back from 11:00 pm to about 5:00 am, to pick Pete up at the hospital and get him back home. **Gary Johnson** took Pete back up a couple of days later to help Pete retrieve his things from his wrecked car. Such actions are what we call friendship, and such friendship is what our group fosters. Thanks Gary and Dick.

~Linda Wilson, Communications Chairperson

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Sharon Butler - 07/18
Ed Lane - 07/13
Marilyn Shaw - 07/16
Linda Wilson - 07/24

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Patricia Bingham - 07/31/2009

Welcome newest members:

Bob Keady - Joined 05/27/2009
Roberta Pietrzak - Joined 05/27/2009
Heather Wilcauskas - Joined 06/15/2009

These members recently renewed:

Harriet Bender
Bill Pearse
Brenda Powell
Paul Westphal

Our chapter currently has 26 members.

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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