

# NASHVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Nashville Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — July 2009

## GOLF AT PINE CREEK - JULY 18TH

### From the President



I'm writing this month's message after returning from the Kodak outing in east Tennessee. As I reflect on the many trips I've made to Kodak over the last 9 years, I thought I

would write some thoughts on what I look forward to. So in acknowledgement of Dave Lettermen's Top Ten list, here is my "Top Five list":

Number 5 - Knowing that everything is well planned so I can relax and enjoy myself (*kudos to Bob Blaylock for coordinating the event because it takes a lot of patience and organizational skills to make it such a consistent success*).

Number 4 - Friday night at the pool. After a practice round of golf and a few libations, I look forward to enjoying some good oldies music and just "partying" to the wee hours. Usually someone gets thrown into the pool which opens the door for everyone to get wet (I've learned to leave my wallet and valuables in the room).

Number 3 - Saturday's Tennessee/Carolina Challenge - This is always a fun experience. I don't know if it's the competitive situation,

but it always brings out some good-natured trash talking. It's especially enjoyable when the winning score comes down to the last hole (I think it gets to me, because I seem to play worse when the pressure is on...no wonder Carolina has won so many). However, I wouldn't change the format for anything. It adds a little excitement to the round knowing you're trying to hold up your end of the bargain in keeping the trophy in Tennessee.

Number 2 - Saturday night dinner at the lake. The ambience of the sunset over the water is such a nice setting to socialize and have dinner with friends. Later, more entertainment at the pool. It's time to hear the results of the competition, lots of jokes, stories, music, and dancing (and more libations) for a fun-filled last night.

Number 1 - Meeting ole' friends from past trips (and new ones). This is what makes it special. The opportunity to get reacquainted with the most fun-loving people on earth. Golf is our common interest but the real benefit is lifelong friendships.

~Gary Carson

### Golf Chair

#### **Golf Season is in Full Swing**

If you can work around all the storms the weather is pretty good for golf except that it may be a bit warm! That's good for stiff, arthritic, sore backs. Hope you don't have those problems and are able to get out and play. Not a bad idea to go to the range in the cooler evenings once in awhile and hit a bucket or two of balls to improve your game.

We've had outings at Pebblebrook and Ravenwood since our last newsletter. Results have been emailed to you. If you don't have email capabilities call me and I will be happy to mail you the results. Waiting to publish results in this newsletter seems to me a little too late to report the news so I will continue to send emails with results within a few days of our outings.

Our next outing accepting sign ups to play is Henry Horton on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. with a shamble format. After golf we will be getting together at **Jerry McNall's** house. We asked early in the year about having an outing on a holiday weekend and many of you said you would participate so I hope you will support Jerry at Henry Horton. We are playing later to get a \$10.00 dis-

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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 each month

**Next Meeting:** July 15th, 2009

**Meeting Location:** Logan's Roadhouse  
2400 Elliston Place (Vanderbilt/Centennial Park area)

**Our Website:** [www.nashvillesinglesgolf.com](http://www.nashvillesinglesgolf.com)

**Our Hotline:** 615-872-7788

(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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count on our green fees, \$29.00 plus \$5.00 for prizes for a total cost of \$34.00.

Next is Pine Creek on Saturday, July 18th - tee times beginning at 2:00 p.m. - again a later start time to get a better price. There will be two formats for this outing. When you sign up please indicate which format you want to play. Your choice is own ball cart vs. cart or scramble vs. the scramble field. This will give those who want to play their own ball their opportunity and those who don't like own ball can play in a scramble. We will get together at **Robin and Cathy Roper's** after this outing.

Mail checks to Jerry McNall - - 2302 Forest Fields Drive - - Chapel Hill, TN37034 for Henry Horton and to Jerry Wendling - - 243 Green Harbor Rd - - Old Hickory, TN 37138 for Pine Creek. Also, please email both to inform them of your desire to play - Jerry McNall: [jmcall@hotmail.com](mailto:jmcall@hotmail.com) - Jerry Wendling; [jwend29@gmail.com](mailto:jwend29@gmail.com)

Be safe; drink plenty of water when you play in the summer heat. Park your cart in the shade whenever feasible and near your ball position.

~Jerry Wendling, Golf Chair

## Hello Summer Golfers!

We had a smaller than usual number of golfers at our June 16th meeting. There were 29 of us. We had several guests attending. Jennifer Poole was a guest of **Susan O'Reilly**. Jennifer is a new neighbor of Susan. **Jerry Strebel** introduced Tony Crowder. They have known each other for a long time, even worked on several tournaments together. Before the meeting adjourned, Tony filled out our application and gave me a check to join.

**Reba Sparks** was a guest last month and she has also joined our NSGA. We're so glad to have some more new members. Our group has a bunch of outings planned and several socials in the near future. If you have a friend you would like to introduce to us, please bring them to an outing as a guest or to one of the socials.

See you very soon on the links.

~Ros Beard, Membership Chair

## Out Of Town Events

Congratulations to Carolina on winning the 10th Annual Tennessee-Carolina Challenge at Kodak. The final score was 17 to 14. There were a number of very close matches, but at the end, Carolina prevailed. We had about 80 players for optional golf on Friday at River Islands and Patriot Hills. It was a hot Saturday, but we avoided the hottest part of the day by starting at 8:30. It was another nice dinner at Angelos' At The Point on Douglas Lake Saturday night. We returned to the Comfort Inn pool for music and dancing after dinner. The fun was only beginning when a thunderstorm out of nowhere hit and sent everyone scurrying to their rooms. Again at tee off time at Dandridge Golf and Country Club a thundershower hit us. It passed over in about 40 minutes and we had clear weather for the remainder of the day. I thank everyone for the bottle of Scotch and the "huge wad of cash" that was donated by everyone and presented to me just prior to the thunderstorm Saturday night in recognition of putting this event on for 10 years.

**July 24-26 at Fairfield Glade** near Crossville is our next out-of-town event. Please send your registration form and payment now. Optional golf on Friday will be at the Heatherhurst Craig Course with tee times from 12:30 to 2:39. We have a 8 AM shotgun start at Dorchester on Saturday and a 8 AM shotgun start at Druid Hills on Sunday. Dinner Saturday night (not included in the \$180 event cost) and dancing to a local DJ will be at the Legend's Restaurant on Saturday night. The cookout at St George's Marina is included in the cost. **Tom Jakubic** is working on the possibility of a pontoon boat for Friday night. Please let me know of the arrangements that you have made for roommate and condo mates for the 2 and 3 bedroom condos. We expect 60 to 70 for the event with several out of town visitors and participation by the Singles golf group at Fairfield Glade. The deadline is July 6th.

**August 28-30** we will return to Chattanooga to play the Bear Trace Course at Harrison Bay on Saturday and the Brainerd Course on Sunday. Optional golf will be at Valley Brook Golf Course on Fri-

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day. The registration form will be available in early July.

Thanks again for the huge turnout from Nashville at Kodak this year and a special thanks to **Roy Stalnaker** and **Jim Vierkant** for providing the DJ music and singing on Friday night and Saturday night before the storm hit.

~Bob Blaylock, *Out of Town Golf Chair*

## 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 Its 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

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Bill Benson - 08/04  
G Wayne Byrne - 07/26  
Alexis Calabrese - 08/11  
Pat Cooke - 07/29

Judy Degady - 07/13  
Donna Loden - 07/29  
Mary Martin - 07/17  
Jerry McNall - 08/09  
Linda Molloy - 07/22  
Charles Smith Jr. - 07/23  
Jim Vierkant - 07/26

### These members are up for renewal: (date shown is last day of membership)

G Wayne Byrne - 07/31/2009  
Amanda Faulk - 07/31/2009  
Lucinda Hall - 07/31/2009  
Donna Loden - 07/31/2009  
Lynn Lutgens - 07/31/2009

### Welcome newest members:

Tony Crowder - Joined 06/19/2009  
Reba Sparks - Joined 06/16/2009

### These members recently renewed:

Gary Carson  
Sandy Martin

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Marsha Hardesty - 05/31/2009  
Holly Huggins - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 97 members.

# 2009 SCHEDULE

Event	Date/Cost	Details
<b>July 2009</b>		
Henry Horton	July 5 (Sunday) \$34.00	Jerry McNall 2 PM Shotgun, Shamble
Membership Meeting	July 15, 5:30 - 7:30	Logans Roadhouse, Elliston Place, Nashville
Pinecreek Golf Course	July 18 (Saturday) \$40	2PM Tee Times
Fairfield Glade	July 24-26	Bob Blaylock (615-944-3031)
<b>August 2009</b>		
Forrest Crossing	August 2 (Sunday) \$45	Larry Yoders, Noon tee times cart vs cart
McCabe Golf Course	August 15 (Saturday)\$42	Ros Beard, Noon tee times
Membership Meeting	Aug 18th 5:30-7:30	Logans Roadhouse, Elliston Place, Nashville
<b>September 2009</b>		
Saddle Creek	Sept 12 (Saturday)\$42	Marsha Canady , 10AM
Oak Hills	Sept 26 (Saturday) \$30	Mickey Latella, 10AM
Membership Meeting	Sept 15th 5:30-7:30	Logans Roadhouse, Nashville,
<b>October 2009</b>		
Nashboro Golf Course	October 10 (Saturday) \$43	Jim Lazenby (Octoberfest) Noon Tee times
Membership Meeting	TBD	
Harpeth Hills	October 31	Tommy James

# 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.

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