From the President....

Our “official” golf season has come to an end, but we look forward to many, many more fun golf days during the fall and winter season.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING IS WILL BE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 at Ben's Place – 8511 Cantilever Way – Raleigh, NC. It’s election night, so come and support your chapter by casting your vote for Margo Acomb. The slate for other open positions will be announced at this meeting, and voted on in November. If you would like to hold an office, or nominate someone, please let me know. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

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.

~Mary Anne

Golf News

The I-40 Challenge was a great event, except that the Raleigh Chapter relinquished the trophy to the Wilmington chapter. 13 members from Raleigh showed up in their red shirts (and one red hat) all set to dominate and intimidate. It was a close match.....and we’ll get them next year.

Raleigh Chapter - Annual Tournament

I would like to thank everyone who made our tournament a really great event for all who participated. Lianne Thayne worked very hard to get a great course and good food arranged. Sandra collected the money and helped shop for prizes. Mary Kershaw prepared the handicaps and several people donated prizes for our raffle.

The day of our tournament was sunny, warm and beautiful. 20 members played in the annual tournament, held at Riverwood Golf Club. The evenly matched teams had a great time and played very good golf. Only three strokes separated the teams. The first and second place teams tied with a score of 68 and it took a score-card playoff to determine the winner. The teams placed in the following order:

1. Mary Anne Gracely – Bobby Jones - Jim Kiernan – Steve Lush (68)
2. Margo Acomb – Rich Bradley – Curt Renz – Sandra Ross (68)
3. Susan Bailey – Larry Knott – Ken Murray – Patricia Waller (69)
4. Gary DeCastro – Pam Gobel – Mary Kershaw – Dave Lewis (71)
5. Doug Alm - Barbara Anderson – Betsy Durchuck – Fred Starr (71)

♦ Longest drive for the men was by Larry Knott
♦ Longest drive for the woman was by Margo Acomb
♦ Closest to the pin for the men were Rich Bradley and Larry Knott.
♦ Closest to the pin (two times) was Sandra Ross.

We had a very nice dinner at Riverwood and then picked the winner of the 50-50 raffle. Margo Acomb chose the winning ticket which belonged to Steve Lush. Congratulations to all the winners.

The next ASGA multi-chapter golf event is on October 16-18: Mountain Fall Weekend (Lake Lure - Hosted by the Asheville...
Chapter of ASGA).
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 me know if there is somewhere you would like to play and I will try to book some times.

Social News
SAVE THE DATE: Holiday Party - December 5, 2009
More details will follow in your future newsletter.
~Lianne Thayne, Chairman

Membership News
We are happy to welcome Barbara Anderson to our group. Barbara lives in Raleigh and is employed by BASF as a meeting planner. It was great to meet Barbara at the tournament and we hope to see her often as we play golf this fall.
~Kathy Dowling, Chairman
Sandra Dellovade, Co-Chair
Membership Committee

Raleigh Chapter Newsletter and Website
www.raleigh.singlesgolf.com

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS
Happy Birthday to these members:
Barbara Anderson - 11/13
Dan Blankenship - 11/11
Sandra Dellovade - 10/06
Kathy Dowling - 11/08
Betsy Durchuck - 11/09
Marcella Garner - 10/10
Penny Polson - 11/07
Kathleen Portnow - 10/02
Helen Szuluk - 11/06

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Richard Bradley - 10/31/2009
Linda Francis - 10/31/2009
Patricia Waller - 10/31/2009

Welcome newest members:
Katie Cummings - Joined 08/07/2009
Gary De Castro - Joined 08/26/2009
Marcella Garner - Joined 08/18/2009

These members recently renewed:
Margo Acomb
Joyce Jennings
Mary Kershaw

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Hoon Kim - 08/31/2009
Steve Lush - 08/31/2009
Jeff Myles - 08/31/2009
Bill Oakley - 09/30/2009
Don Wait - 09/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 41 members.
We have three national events headed your way, November’s Battle at the Beach in Myrtle Beach, SC, New Year’s in Orlando and St. Andrews in August, 2010.

Registration for the New Year’s event has just opened (online), about 100 are registered for Myrtle Beach already and 195 are registered for our Scotland trip. It always helps planning events when we know how many are coming, so please register early if you can.

The beauty of this is that you can arrive as many as three (3) days early and stay up to three (3) days late and it will only cost you $64 per person (based on dbl. occ.) to stay an additional night, or $128 to room by yourself. Orlando offers so much more and our online website can give you links to other things to do while there, such as visiting Mickey, SeaWorld, MGM, etc.

Register by October 31st and you’ll receive two (2) free drink tickets! Details and online registration available at SinglesGolf.com/newyears

See you there!

Battle At The Beach, Myrtle Beach, SC

In a matter of a few weeks, over 100 people have registered for the Battle at the Beach so far, which will be held at the Marriott Grande Dunes in Myrtle Beach, SC. This hotel is a AAA Four-Diamond hotel and is ranked as one of the Top 500 resorts in the world by Travel+Leisure magazine.

Date: November 12-15, 2009
Cost: Only $399 if you have a roommate, play two rounds of golf (including GPS golf cart), enjoy six food functions, one of which is the Saturday night dinner . . . filet mignon and salmon and Friday night’s themed “Cheeseburgers in Paradise,” where the best dressed parrothead will get $100.

To get all the details on this fun-filled event and to register, visit the website at SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach

If you’d like to register for the event over the phone, call us at 704-889-4600 or toll free at 1-888-GOLFMATE (Mo-Fri, 7:00am - noon, Eastern).

Scotland is Headed Toward Sellout

As of late September, nearly 200 people have signed up for our trip to Scotland, July 31-August 8, 2010. We originally set a limit of 128 players but we’ve secured additional rooms and courses to accommodate our needs. St. Andrews, Scotland is no doubt the most special place on this planet for golfers. We’ll stay at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel on the outskirts of St. Andrews and on the edge of the North Sea.

We have room for about another 50-60 people. At this point, you’ll only need to put 10% down.

Our annual trips for warm climates in the winter have landed us back in Orlando once again. It’s really tough to beat what this city offers to golfers. Yes, we could have chosen a venue less expensive, but a vacation should feel like a vacation. This hotel will make you feel like “you have arrived.” It is four-star from the rooms to the pools to the on-site golf courses, quality of food, etc. Check out the hotel’s website OmniOrlandoResort.com and you’ll see what we mean.

New Year’s Day falls on a Friday this year and our event begins on Tuesday.
Myrtle Beach, SC - Nov. 12-15, 2009
Marriott Grande Dunes - On the Beach

Battle at the Beach!

Filet Mignon & Salmon Saturday night! A first class event top to bottom. Choose to play 2, 3 or 4 rounds of golf. Optional rounds at discounted prices. You can stay 3 add'l. nights, before or after the event, at special ASGA Member-Only prices.

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE
SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach
Marriott Grande Dunes Phone: 843-449-8880

Standard Package Includes: (Room-by-Myself Pkg. shown below)
- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) / Friday and Saturday
- 3 nights lodging at the AAA 4-Diamond Marriott Grande Dunes (dbl. occ.)
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party (cash bar) hrs d'oeuvres from 7-9 pm. These hotel-hosted breakfasts, Cheeseburgers in Paradise/Friday, Awards Dinner serving filet mignon & salmon as your main entrée/Saturday.
- DJ-hosted dancing on 1st and 3rd nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees, parking & taxi & 20% spa discount.

Add'l. Nights: if you come early or stay late, add'l nights are $130 (single) and $350 (dble occ. - roommate must stay) Taxes are included in these prices

NAME ___________________________ ( ) MALE ( ) FEMALE
ADDRESS ___________________________ CITY ___________ ST ______ ZIP ________ CHAPTER NAME ___________

HOME PH ( ) WORK/CELL PH ( ) ________________ E-MAIL __________________________

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE AND ANY OPTIONAL ROUNDS OF GOLF:
- $399.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE — You have a roommate. We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you don't list one below.
- $589.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE — (Includes everything in the Standard Package except you'll room by yourself)
- $59.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF ON THURSDAY, 11/12/09 AT BURNING RIDGE GC
- $70.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF ON SUNDAY, 11/15/09 AT ARCADIA SHORES
- $259.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE — I'll HAVE A ROOMMATE — $449.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE — I'LL ROOM BY MYSELF
- $209.00 — NON-HOTEL PACKAGE (Available to Myrtle Beach chapter members only)

CHECK THE GOLF FORMAT YOU'D LIKE TO PLAY:
( ) I want to play USGA Rules of Golf both days. My handicap is _______ (Or, my average golf score is: _______)
( ) I want to play a scramble (captain's choice) on the first day and a scramble on the second day.

My roommate will be _____________________________. (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you don't have one.) Please do not list yourself as someone else's roommate without their permission. IMPORTANT: If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.) I am requesting a room with ( ) One King Bed ( ) Two Double Beds

Note: Room preferences and hotels are first come, first served. Only the hotels control the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.

During one golf event, pair me with _____________________________. (Don't pair yourself with someone you know they're playing the same golf format)

I AM REMITTING: $___________ for the package/options checked above (Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com/events for details.)
+ $___________ for add'l. nights at $130/night (rm. by self) or $65/night (rm. mate). Indicate extra dates: ______________________
+ $___________ for optional rounds of golf on ( ) Thursday, Nov. 12 ( ) Sunday, Nov. 15
+ $___________ for MULLIGANS (add $10.00 if you want 3 mulligans for each of the std. pkg. days of golf. Mullies not available on optional round)
+ $___________ Add $20.00 here if you want to pre-purchase twenty (20) 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets given to you at registration.
- $___________ for the $70.00 deposit already paid

$___________ TOTAL AMOUNT (Check no. ___________ Make Check Payable to: "ASGA, Inc." or fill-out CC info below.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA and/or The Marriott Grande Dunes to charge/deduct my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. Resort will charge your card on or after November 5, 2009.

Acc't. No. ___________ Exp. ___________ Signature ___________

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

Credit Card Users: Fax This Form To 704-889-4607 or Register by Phone: 704-889-4600.

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* There is a 4% sur. chg. for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com for complete details of policy and events.