From the President….

Our meeting on October 22 was well attended and we unanimously voted to elect Margo Acomb our next president. Lianne Thayne and Mary Kershaw were nominated for golf co-chairpersons, Sandy Dellovade and Bobby Jones were nominated for Membership chair and co-chairpersons, Fred Starr and Susan Baily were nominated for Communications chair and co-chairpersons. Treasurer and social chairpersons will be appointed by the incoming board.

Please plan on attending the meeting on Tuesday, November 17 to cast your vote for our new board. The meeting will be at Ben’s Place, and 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

We will be playing at Willowhaven on Saturday, November 7. First tee time is 1:00 PM and the cost is $35 with a cart – or $27 to walk. The group usually likes to go our favorite Chinese restaurant after golf at this course.

Ten members of our chapter enjoyed a fun time at the Fall Mountain Week-end in Lake Lure, NC. This event was sponsored by the Asheville chapter and is an annual event. Margo Acomb, Sandy Dellovade, Mary Anne Gracely, Irene Kennedy, Mary Kershaw, Pat McFeely, Penny Polson, Kit Portnow, Sandra Ross and Helen Szulak represented the Raleigh group and we won two prizes. Penny Polson won a longest drive contest, and Mary Anne Gracely won a closest to the pin.

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 Katie Cummings to our group; it was a pleasure to meet her at the October meeting. Katie lives in Cary and is looking forward to participating in our golf and social events.

~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
Kathy Dowling - 11/08
Betsy Douchuck - 11/09
Irene Levy - 12/07
Penny Polson - 11/07
Helen Szuluk - 11/06

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Kathy Dowling - 11/30/2009

Welcome newest members:
Barbara Anderson - Joined 10/01/2009

These members recently renewed:
Richard Bradley
Pamela Gobel
Gene Ortiz
Patricia Waller

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Linda Francis - 10/31/2009
Bill Oakley - 09/30/2009
Don Wait - 09/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 41 members.

Rules and More Rules
Larry was having a particularly bad start on hole number 7 last weekend. After a beautiful practice swing he stepped up to the ball on the tee and made a stroke at the ball and caught nothing but air. While this is a good term if shooting hoops, it is a whiff when playing golf. Somewhat embarrassed, he again addressed the ball but accidentally knocked it off the tee. He lifted it back on the tee and said, well I guess this means I am now hitting lying one (1), hitting two (2). Was Larry correct? What is the correct answer and why?

A. Yes Larry is correct, Lying One (1) hitting two (2) is correct. Take a penalty for whiffing your tee shot, but replace your ball without penalty for accidentally knocking it off the tee.
B. No, Larry is not correct, he still hitting one (1). No contact was made on the whiff stoke, so no stroke is counted. Likewise, a ball falling off a tee does not incur a stroke. Larry may have looked awkward, but he was still lying zero (0) and was facing his first stroke.
C. No, Larry is not correct, he is lying two (2) hitting three (3). Count one stroke for his whiff and one penalty stroke for moving his ball while it was in play and replace it.
D. No, Larry is not correct, he is lying two (2) hitting three (3). Count one stroke for his whiff and one penalty stroke for moving his ball and play it as it lies.

And the Answer is:
The correct answer: C. When Larry made a stroke at the ball, it was a stroke and counted as a stroke, even though he whiffed the ball. At that point the ball is deemed to be in play. Rule 11-3 regarding a ball falling off the tee no longer applies. When the ball moves after it is addressed, you incur a penalty stroke and must replace the ball as per (Rule 18-2b). Larry is lying two (2) hitting three (3). Count one stroke for his whiff and one penalty stroke for moving his ball while it was in play and replace it.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell
www.lifeinthetrap.com
New Year’s and Golf in Orlando

We were here last year and it's just the perfect venue for our group. Open to all ASGA members. Yes, you are invited to the largest gathering of singles who golf in the world! Here are the basics:

Who: Open to all ASGA Members
When: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 - Friday, January 1, 2010
Where: Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, Florida 33698, Phone 407-390-6664
What: 3-Night Stay, 6 Food functions (incl. New Year's Eve plated dinner), 2 Rounds of Golf, DJ dancing and more...
Why: To meet friends you didn’t know you had and to have the time of your life!

New Year’s Day falls on a Friday this year and our event begins on Tuesday. 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.

Look for the official registration form in this newsletter, or go to the website (SinglesGolf.com/newyears) for complete details and online registration. You can also register over the phone: 704-889-4600 until noon each day. See you there!

Scotland 2010
Trip Headed Toward Sellout

You’re Not Getting Any Younger! What Are You Waiting For?

Through the end of October, 200 members have signed-up for our trip to Scotland, July 31-August 8, 2010. For as little as $2,578, you can enjoy eight days in Scotland, plenty of golf and food!

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 then head to Edinburgh for two days.

We have room for about another 40-50 people. At this point, you’ll only need to put 10% down.

Did Your Chapter Hold its Elections?

In October, chapters should have elected their chapter president for the 2010 calendar year beginning January 1. At the November meetings, chapters are suppose to elect their committee heads. All of this is according to your chapter bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws).

If you have not elected your leaders for next year, please make sure you do it by the end of November. As soon as you have completed your elections, please inform the national office by submitting the new names to: www.SinglesGolf.com/newleaders

--- Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
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NEW YEAR'S EVENT
ORLANDO'S FOUR STAR
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OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL & DAY OF DEPARTURE GOLF!
Tues., December 29th, 2009 - Fri., January 1st, 2010

6 FOOD FUNCTIONS!
SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION
SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears
PAY BY CHECK GET 4% DISCOUNT!

Standard Package or Room-by-Myself Package Includes:
- 2 rounds of on-site golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes).
- 3 nights stay at the beautiful rooms of the Omni Resort.
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party on the 29th (cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres),
  picnic style dinner on the 30th after your round of golf, plated dinner on New Year's Eve and a fantastic buffet breakfast at Trevi's for three days.
- DJ-hosted dancing on Tuesday and Thursday nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees, taxes and 10% spa discount (no products).

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are $128 (single) and $84pp (dbl. occ. - roommate must stay). Taxes are included in these prices.

GOLF: Standard package includes two rounds of golf at the National Course and one at the International Course at ChampionsGate. Shotgun starts on both days. Opt. Day-of-Arrival Golf at Ridgewood Lakes & opt. Day-of-Departure Golf at Metrowest. You choose between playing USGA Rules of Golf or scramble shamble format.

PAYMENT: Pay by check and save 4% off any package. Your spot will be secured on a first-come, first-registered basis. ASGA cancellation policy applies. Absolutely NO refunds after 11/28/2009. However, you may sell your position to another member. Letter or e-mail confirmation sent out upon receipt. If don't receive confirmation within 14 days of submitting, you must call us (704-889-4600) to verify your registration. This event is for MEMBERS ONLY.

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:
( ) $499.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE - I'll have a roommate
( ) $681.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE - (Includes everything in the Standard Package, except you'll room by yourself)
( ) $99.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF incl. lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 2009, at Ridgewood Lakes
( ) $99.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF incl. lunch on Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010, at Metrowest
( ) $226.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE
( ) $16.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL ROOM BY MYSELF
( ) $287.00 — NON-HOTEL PACKAGE (AVAILABLE TO ORLANDO 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 hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.

During one golf event, pair me with _______________________________ (Don't pair yourself with someone unless 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 $128/night (min. by self or $64/weekend). Indicate extra dates: ______ (rate valid 3 days before and/or after event)
$_________ for optional rounds of golf on ( ) Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 2009 ( ) Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010
$_________ for Mulligans (add $10.00 if you want 3 mulligans for each of the 2nd plg. days of golf. Mulligans not avail. on optional round)
$_________ Add $20 here if you want to pre-purchase twenty (20) 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets given to you at registration.
$_________ (SUBTRACT 4% of above amount if paying by check).
$_________ 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 Omni Resort at ChampionsGate to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. ASGA or the Resort will charge your card at some point between now and the event date.
Acc'n No.: ___________ Exp: _______ Signature ___________.

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK* PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEWILDS, NC 28134
Credit Card Users: Fax This Form To 704-889-4607 or Register by Phone: 704-889-4600.

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOPI at Golf@ASGA.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLF-MATE.

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

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