

JACKSONVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Jacksonville Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2010

JANUARY 24TH: GOLF OUTING AT SLAMMER & SQUIRE

Fernandina Beach Golf Course November 8, 2009

On a beautiful Sunday, November 8th, eighteen of our members got together to play a challenging yet beautiful course at Fernandina Beach Golf Course. **Hugh James** and **Frank Rubino** were first and second respectively for the men while **Hattie Reddinger** and **Samantha Havourd** placed the same for the women.

After golf we met at **Barbara Jeans** in Fernandina Beach for some southern cooking and good conversation. We all want to come back.

~John Maloy

Bent Creek

November 22, 2009

Unfortunately, this outing got canceled due to an enormous amount of rain. **Hugh James** will set up another outing sometime in 2010. Keep checking your emails for details.

ASGA Jax Social Notes

Wow! The year 2009 came and went in a blur, or so it seems. Our fall season sped by with holidays and the resumption of our social calendar of events.

On a balmy Friday night in October, **Lyda Wilder**, **Frank Rubino**, **Bill Boyer** and I went to the Greek Festival in St. Augustine. We ate delicious Greek fare, enjoyed live Greek music and even danced a traditional Greek dance (well, at least one of us did – me). Next year I'll publicize this event more in advance and, hopefully, a larger group of us will go. It was fun, and definitely worth doing again next fall.

On Saturday, November 14th, seven of us met for dinner in Orange Park at the Kyodai Sushi Rock Japanese Steakhouse. Our personal chef, who cooked at our table, entertained us with feats of knife skill mixed with comedy. The food was fabulous, and the evening was deemed a great success - **Bill Boyer** ate something other than his usual burger and fries!

Unfortunately, the weather on Wednesday, December 2nd, precluded us from going on our semi-annual First Wednesday Art Walk in Downtown Jax. We had planned to tour the many galleries in the City, to enjoy the Festival of Trees at the Main Library, and to see the Christmas tree at the Landing. But, we'll schedule this event again for next year, and hope

the weather cooperates.

On Saturday, December 5th, we held our annual Holiday Party at **Florrie Redick's** gorgeous home in Ponte Vedra. More than 20 of us partied and enjoyed appetizers, a sit-down dinner, and great desserts. Of course, the evening would not have been complete without our "Secret Santa" grab bag. We picked numbers at random, and then in numerical order selected a gift from under the Christmas tree. As gifts were selected, those picking after the first person had a choice of keeping what they selected or swapping for a gift the person (s) before them selected. There was lots of laughter and a little chagrin when all was said and done. It was a lovely and memorable party. Thanks, **Florrie**, for working so hard to give us a beautiful setting for our festivities.

Last, but not least, **Barbara Arkin**, **Terri Quint**, **Hugh James** and I attended *The Nutcracker* ballet at the Florida Theatre on Friday, December 11th. **Barbara**, **Terri** and I met before the ballet to see the Library's impressive and lovely "Festival of the Trees" and then the Landing's magnificent Christmas tree, complete with a light show and Christmas music. Fortunately, the weather cooperated this time. We had

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include:

- Wilmington's Winter Chill - February 26-28, 2010 - Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WinterChill
- We're Going to Scotland - August, 2010 - Details at SinglesGolf.com/scotland

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

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Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

National Office: 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Monthly Meeting: Third Wednesday of each month

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20th, 2010

Meeting Location: Copeland's Restaurant on Southside Blvd.

Spread the word—Invite a friend

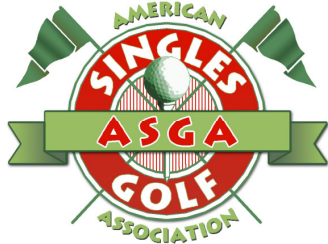
Our Website: www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com

Our Hotline: 904-619-8644

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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dinner before the ballet at a little restaurant next to the Florida Theatre, Casa Doro. What a find – thank you **Barbara Arkin** for recommending this little gem. Happily, **Hugh** was able to join us at the theatre, after driving back from Orlando, where he had been on business during the day.

There's lots more coming up in the New Year on our social calendar, so watch your e-mails for announcements. The first event will be *A Chorus Line* on Saturday, January 23rd.

Thanks so much to all of you who attended these events; I appreciate your support. I had a great time, and I hope you did, too! Cheers,
~Barbara Dean, *ASGA Jax Membership/Social Chair*

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Donald Carter - 02/07

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

William Boyer - 01/31/2010

John Maloy - 01/31/2010

Welcome newest members:

Ruth Grayfeather - Joined 11/20/2009

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Lisa Mitnacht - 11/30/2009

David Sharpe - 11/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 33 members.

ASGA Jacksonville Golf Schedule

Date	Event	Where	Tee Time	Contact
12/20	Jax Golf Outing	Bent Creek Golf Club	12 noon	Barbara Dean
1/8	Jax Golf Outing	Magnolia Point GCC	12 noon	Hattie Reddinger
1/24	Jax Golf Outing	Slammer & Squire	12 noon	Barbara Arkin
2/28	Jax Golf Outing	St Johns Golf & Country Club	12 noon	Barbara Arkin

Always check the web site www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com in case there are changes to the schedule. Feel free to contact us at our number 904-619-8644.

ASGA Social Schedule

Contact for all social events: Barbara Dean at beedean7mill@comcast.net

Date	Event	Where
1/20	Member Meeting 6pm Contact: BarbaraArk@aol.com	Copeland's Restaurant Southside Blvd
1/23	Theater - "A Chorus Line"	
2/6	Dinner out	TBD
2/17	Member Meeting 6pm Contact: BarbaraArk@aol.com	Copeland's Restaurant Southside Blvd
3/17	Member Meeting 6pm Contact: BarbaraArk@aol.com	Copeland's Restaurant Southside Blvd
3/19	Theater - Aretha Franklin	TBD
3/27	Theater - "You can't take it with you"	
4/2	Exhibition Baseball game Jax Suns vs FI Marlins	Baseball stadium
4/17	Dinner out	TBD
5/1	Theater - "Grease"	
5/22	Theater - "Chicago"	
6/3	Joan Rivers	TBD

PLEASE NOTE: This is a preliminary social calendar, and events posted on it are subject to change as the year evolves. E-mail announcements of any updates will be sent to our membership and friends. Please feel free to recommend additional events for this calendar. Email your suggestions to beedean7mill@comcast.net

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JANUARY, 2010

Kicking-off Twenty Ten

Valentine's Day: Sunday, February 14th, 2010

"Love on the Links" was a headline a reporter named his article which appeared in a newspaper years ago. It was a great article about ASGA but it was a great headline as well. Since then, some chapters have borrowed the headline and created an annual golf outing with the same name. It initially was played on a weekend day on or around Valentine's Day each year as a way to interest new members and to get the season kicked-off, but occasionally, chapters move it to a different month due to weather.

But think about the publicity! Whether it's cold or not, love is a year-round thing. So what if you "call it a day" after six-holes of golf? The crazier your event is, the more likely the article in the newspaper is going to attract more interested readers who'll hopefully join or pass along the message to friends who play golf and are single.

Do you want to let this date slide by and wait for a date of a mundane month to "kick-off" (yawn) an event that won't get any publicity? I could imagine the new headlines about this group of golfers who are crazy about each other enough (and the game of golf) to attempt to play golf when the ground is frozen.

So think about running your "Love on the Links" tournament with the goal to expose ASGA to more singles. It's a great way to start your new year and a great way to generate interest in your chapter.

If you need help writing your press release, contact us at the national headquarters. This event can get your other information to help you get a new tradition going for your chapter for 2010 and beyond.

Welcome New Chapter Leaders!

Just as we turn the corner on the new year, we also turn the corner with new leadership in each of our seventy chapters nationwide. New leaders bring new ideas. Last year's chapter presidents become Board chairs and offer continuity to the leadership, but it's the new president that emerges as the team leader. This is our annual ritual and somehow it works.

It's been said that the greatest thing about being a chapter president is that one day you get to become a past president. Those who have served in that capacity this past year deserve your thanks as those of us at national headquarters thank them as well. With or without your knowledge, chapter presidents are in contact with the national office many times throughout the year, looking after your concerns.

But the Number One job for a chapter president is to delegate. Delegate to the four key people known as committee chairs. Your chapter should have by now your four key committees organized

for 2010: golf, social, membership and communication. Those committees do the detail work on the activities your chapter will be involved in over the next year. It's a great place to start if you want to volunteer for your chapter.

So we welcome the new chapter presidents, officers and committee members. Make the best of your year. Realize the potential of what your local chapter can mean to *you*. This organization is about bringing happiness to your life, so just continue to remember the first word in our three-word slogan we adopted almost 15 years ago . . . fun, fellowship, fairways . . . and all we ask is that you keep it FUN first!

Keys to a Great Year Ahead

No doubt, everyone has their mental list of "what works" and "what doesn't". Here's our Top 10 Recommendations for new leaders:

- ◆ Regarding your meetings, remember the three E's: make them Entertaining, Educational and Enlightening
- ◆ Encourage every member to invite a guest to each meeting. That automatically doubles the attendance.
- ◆ Most people don't join because they were never asked to join.
- ◆ New people have their own circle of friends who will join as well.
- ◆ Display the free brochure stands at golf courses. They work!
- ◆ Remember to work as a team. You're not going to win every battle. Always keep the interest of the chapter as your priority.
- ◆ Follow your bylaws. They're on the national website if you've never read them. They provide the structure for your chapter.
- ◆ Submit guest names via our online "add-a-guest" form. One out of every three guests become members!
- ◆ Encourage attendance at multi-chapter events in order to get the full experience of ASGA from members across the country.
- ◆ Read newsletters from other chapters (posted on the national website under "List of Chapters") to get additional ideas.

Dates: Feb. 26-28, 2010

Wilmington's Winter Chill

Our Wilmington chapter will again host their Winter Chill which will be in the Southern Pines / Pinehurst area of North Carolina. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WinterChill. For a list of all other upcoming multi-chapter weekend events, go to SinglesGolf.com/events

**- Tom Alsop, President / Founder
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