

# ORLANDO SINGLES GOLF

Orlando Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2010

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### From the President

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to our new club champions: **Pam Russell** and **Jim Smith**. Placing 2nd and 3rd for the ladies were **Sue Walther** and **Christine Biondo**. Placing 2nd and 3rd for the men were **Paul Thompson** and **Paul Yamin**. We all look forward to another terrific year of golf in 2010.

We had a great Christmas Party on December 4th at Deer Run Country Club! We had beautiful decorations and delicious desserts thanks to our new Social Chair, **Christine Mehan**. And thanks to **Pam Russell** and **Al Amore** for all their help setting up the party. Dinner was excellent, and everyone had a wonderful time socializing and dancing to a DJ. A number of our members will be at the New Year's Eve event at Champion's Gate and I'm sure will have a great time ringing in the new year together! We are now looking forward to our club Super Bowl Party. Please watch your email for details.

Congratulations to our new slate of officers for next year. They are **Pam Woodard**, President; **Mitzi Seem**, Vice President; **Kathy Hutchinson**, Golf Chair;

**Bob Symmes**, Communications Chairman; **Al Amore**, Newsletter Editor; **Barney Coomes**, Secretary; **Jackie Rogers**, Treasurer; **Bonnie Cochran** and **Bev Mundt**, Co-Membership Chairs; **Christine Mehan**, Social Chair; Sunshine Chairperson, **Rosina Huber**; and **Karen Reinhart**, Chairman of the Board. Thank you for devoting so much of your time, energy and talent to help our club have a successful 2010. I would also like to thank all of the 2009 Board for all of their support this past year: **Mitzi Seem**, **Al Amore**, **Pam Russell**, **Jackie Rogers**, **Bob Symmes**, **Bonnie Cochran**, **Bev Mundt**, **Richard Fine**, **Rosina Huber** and **Karen Reinhart**. Your hard work made 2009 a success for our club.

We have some fun golf set up for January: January 3rd at Victoria Hills, January 9th at Orange Lake, January 17th at Harmony and January 30th at Sweetwater. Orlando is also sponsoring a multi-chapter event at Crystal River March 5-7. Crystal River is a great location for golf in March, and we will be playing the top 100 World Woods course during the weekend. The deadline to sign up is January 27th, so make sure

you get your spot reserved quickly!

Please keep **Al Amore** in your prayers as he recovers from back surgery, and **Marty Anderson**, who is hospitalized in Sanford.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:** We've had better turnouts at our meetings since moving the location back at the Best Western - Mount Vernon Inn in Winter Park on August 12<sup>th</sup>. However, since we pay nothing for the meeting room, we may get bumped occasionally. This happened in October, when we had to move the meeting from Wednesday, October 14 to Tuesday, October 13. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11. If the meeting day ever has to change again, I should get at least a week's notice, and you will be notified via email. Come join us on November 11. Social hour begins at 6:00 in the lounge and the meeting will start at 7:00. Following the meeting we will dine out at one of the terrific restaurants in the area.

See you soon!  
~Pam Woodard

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

#### Upcoming Events Include:

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

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### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date:** Second Wednesday of each month

**Next Meeting:** January 13th, 2009

**Meeting Location:** Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn  
Social at 6:15, Dinner & Meeting at 7:00

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

**Our Hotline:** (407) 647-9388

(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 or go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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**From the Handicap  
Chairperson**

Our handicaps are held through the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA). The system is called GHIN. When you sign up, you get a GHIN number that is good at courses throughout the US.

When you go into GHIN.COM, click on Email Addresses and put in your email address to receive your updated Handicap Index. Handicap Index is updated on the 15 and 30 of the month.

You received a Handicap Index after five scores are posted. You have an established Handicap Index after 20 scores are posted. The system uses the best 10 scores out of the latest 20 scores posted to establish your Handicap Index.

ASGA is an organized group and not affiliated with a golf course. Therefore, we have a Handicap Index and not a Course Handicap. When you play a course, you use your Handicap Index to establish your Course Handicap. For instance, if your Handicap Index is 36.8, you check the slope of the tees you are playing. For instance 117 is the slope. Look in the back of your USGA Handicap System Reference Guide for 117 slope. Find your index 36.8, follow across the line and you will find your Course Handicap. Which would be 38. You received this handbook when you signed up to have your handicap established through ASGA last year or new

members this year.

Inputting your scores. I will input the scores when your play in ASGA outings. If you play in a foursome on your own, you can input your own scores. Scores are input through the internet. The address is GHIN.COM. Open this screen and click on Post On Line. You will need your GHIN number and name. Enter. Information required to post the score is Date Played, Score, Slope and Rating (found on score card), Our games are always "Away" as we do not have a home course.

Once you have an established Handicap Index (20 scores posted), you must post an Equitable Stroke Control Score (ESC). See the table on page 6 of the Handbook. Example: If your handicap is 10 thru 19 you can only post a 7 on a hole. If you have a 9 on a hole you take off two strokes from your total score. You must adjust your score when posting your score. This does not mean that you do not put your true score on the score card while playing. This is for posting a score only.

Instructions are also found on our website WWW.ASGAORLANDO.COM.

You can look up slope and ratings by clicking on Check Rating Lookup. You will need the course name, city and state.

If you signed up last year and have not paid your \$11.00 for 2010, then you are now inactive in the GHIN system. If you would like to renew your membership in the GHIN system or become a new member, you can see Sue Walther or mail a check to her made out to

**Nine & Dine - New Time**

**ASGA Wednesday Nine and Dine  
Winter Pines Golf Course  
950 S. Ranger Blvd.  
Winter Park, FL. 32792  
407-671-3172**

**Tee times begin at 3:30. If you would like to play, just show up before 3:15.**

**We will play nine holes, then all go to dinner at a restaurant nearby.**

**Directions:**

**Take I-4 East. Exit at Fairbanks .**

**Turn right onto Fairbanks .**

**The road will turn into Aloma Ave. (426)**

**Follow past Lakemont about a mile.**

**Make a right at Ranger Blvd.**

**Ranger Blvd. dead ends into the golf course.**

ASGA Orlando at My new address is 2549 Fox Squirrel Ct., Apopka, FL 32712.

If you are a new member and have had a previous GHIN number, she will need your GHIN number to put you in the system. If not you will get a new number.

If you have any questions, contact Sue Walther at 407 464-3799 or email [suzygolf@embargmail.com](mailto:suzygolf@embargmail.com).

~Sue Walther

## Please Note

If you would like to sign up for the GHIN system for 2010 to establish a handicap, please do so soon. **If not paid for by January 15, 2010 you will go inactive until it is paid.** To do this you can contact Sue Walther at [suzygolf@embargmail.com](mailto:suzygolf@embargmail.com) call at 407 464-3799 or see one of the board members at our outings. Handicaps are very important in determining a fair winner at our outings.

If you are not receiving emails about all our events, please send an email to ASGAORLANDO@GMAIL.COM and tell me you want to be on the email list.

## Upcoming Golf Events

**Sunday 01/03/10** – Victoria Hills Golf Club  
10:40 tee times and the cost is \$45 + tax including range balls

**Saturday 01/09/10** – Orange Lake Resort

TBD starting tee times, the cost is \$42+ tax including range balls.

Contact is **Kathy Hutchinson** at 407-851-3370 or [kathyhutchinson@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathyhutchinson@bellsouth.net)

**Sunday 01/17/10** – Harmony Preserve  
10:42 starting tee times, the cost is \$45+ tax including range balls.

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**Saturday 01/23/10** – TBD

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**Sunday 10/30/10** – Sweetwater Golf and Country Club

10:30 starting tee times, the cost is \$30 + tax including range balls.

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## NEW ASGA MEETING PLACE!!!!!!

Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

**Best Western Mt. Vernon Inn**  
110 South Orlando Avenue  
Winter Park, FL US 32789  
407-647-1166

Dinner to follow the meeting at one of the many great Winter Park restaurants.

Happy hour begins at 6:15PM Meeting begins at 7:00PM

### Directions:

- I-4 West
- Exit at Lee Rd.
- Make a left onto Lee Rd.
- Take it to the end and make a right onto Orlando Ave. (17 - 92)
- The Best Western Hotel is on the left past the Winter Park Village across from Houston 's.

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Joyce Cares - 01/30  
Theresa Dare - 01/17  
Scotti Doty - 02/11  
Barbara Essery - 02/06  
Judy Ginty - 01/13  
Sheryl Kolessar - 02/14  
Louise Levy - 01/20  
Cheryl McCartney - 01/29  
Amanda Pastor - 01/22  
Jacqui Vescio - 02/12  
Susan Walther - 01/27  
Cindy Wibker - 01/27

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

Al Amore - 01/31/2010  
Dave Funkhouser - 01/31/2010  
Joanne Hight - 01/31/2010  
Sheryl Kolessar - 01/31/2010  
Amanda Pastor - 01/31/2010  
Jacqueline Rogers - 01/31/2010  
Theresa Spano - 01/31/2010

### Welcome newest members:

Josephine Barket - Joined 11/30/2009  
Robert Caldwell - Joined 11/23/2009  
Cher Ray - Joined 12/17/2009  
Jim Reid - Joined 12/14/2009  
Cindy Wibker - Joined 11/17/2009

### These members recently renewed:

Steve Hall  
Terry Konkin

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Martha Anderson - 11/30/2009  
Gary Compton - 12/31/2009  
Larry Edge - 11/30/2009  
Barbara Essery - 12/31/2009  
Terri Godsell - 11/30/2009  
Joel Jackson - 11/30/2009  
Christine Mehan - 12/31/2009  
Bruce Misko - 11/30/2009  
Bev Mundt - 12/31/2009  
Jane Peterson - 11/30/2009  
John Stelling - 12/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 88 members.



**SOUTH FLORIDA 02.07.10**

**ASGA Super Bowl Party  
Sunday, February 7, 2010  
5:00 PM  
Sue Walther's Home in Sweetwater  
2549 Fox Squirrel Ct.  
Apopka, Fl 32712  
407 464-3799**

You are invited to join the ASGA for our Superbowl Party. The party will begin at 5PM and the game will begin at 6:20PM.

You must RSVP with what you are bringing. Please respond to the Evite email if you have email.

Bring your favorite dish to share and any alcohol beverage you would like to drink. Sodas and set ups will be furnished. If you would like a special set up or soda let us know. Also, if you can, let us know what dish you plan to bring.

This party is for members, their guests, or potential members.

**Superbowl Party Directions –**

Take I-4 East  
Take Exit 94 FL 434 W Longwood  
Turn left onto 434  
Turn Right onto Wekiva Springs Rd.  
Turn Left at Sweetwater Country Club Drive  
Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right to stay on Sweetwater Country Club Drive  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> left onto Majestic Oak Dr.  
Take 1<sup>st</sup> onto Fox Squirrel Ct.

## January 2010 Orlando ASGA Activities At – A - Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Victoria Hills	4 ASGA Board Meeting **	5	6 Nine and Dine***	7	8	9 Orange Lake
10	11	12 Nine and Dine***	13 Orlando ASGA Mem- bership Meeting	14	15	16
17 Harmony	18	19	20 Nine and Dine***	21	22	23 TBD
24	25	25	27 Nine and Dine***	28	29	30 Sweet water
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\*ORLASGA Monthly Meeting/Fellowship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 at Mt. Vernon Inn (Best Western) at the corner of Morse Blvd and 17/92 across from Houston's in Winter Park. Dinner afterwards TBA.

**BRING A NEW POTENTIAL GOLFER,** For Information call Bonnie Cochran at 407-389-0414 or [cochranbonnie@hotmail.com](mailto:cochranbonnie@hotmail.com) or Bev Mundt at 321-689-7849 or [bev\\_mundt@yahoo.com](mailto:bev_mundt@yahoo.com)

\*\* Orlando ASGA Board Meeting at Macaroni Grill in Winter Springs.

\*\*\* Winter Pines (407) 671-3172 on Ranger Blvd, south of Aloma, one block west of 436.

\*\*\*\* Thursday Golf – on hold

Check out our website for  
the latest information  
[WWW.ASGAORLANDO.COM](http://WWW.ASGAORLANDO.COM)

**A club rule is to pick up  
at double par to speed up  
play**

CELEBRATING 17 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

# 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](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/WinterChill). For a list of all other upcoming multi-chapter weekend events, go to [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events)

**- Tom Alsop, President / Founder  
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