

BALTIMORE SINGLES GOLF

Baltimore Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2010

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH - SUPER BOWL PARTY

A Message From Our President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members who helped make our 2009 a great success! **Ray Hanlin** and **Pete DuJack, Jr.** did a fantastic job scheduling and organizing all of our golf events. Although the weather didn't always cooperate and some of the outings had to be rescheduled, everyone who played always had a great time! **Nancy Christenson** and **Carol Barham** topped off each outing by making reservations at a nearby restaurant so that we could all gather after golf for drinks, dinner, and presentation of the winnings. An extra thank you goes out to **Nancy Christenson**, **Gerhard Ehlerding**, **Katie Hiatt**, **Wen-Mei Yu**, and **Ray Hanlin** for hosting parties at their homes after golf! We appreciated all of your extra effort in making us feel welcome as we enjoyed good food and good company!

In addition to planning social gatherings after golf outings, **Nancy Christenson** and **Carol Barham** worked throughout the year planning Happy Hours at different restaurants, as well as the memorable

Winter Holiday Party. Thank you both for mixing it up for us!

Behind the scenes, but not unnoticed, **John Lins** did a great job keeping everyone's handicap up to date, as well as sending out numerous emails in order to communicate our events to all of our members. In addition, I would like to personally thank John for his patience while answering my many questions and guiding me through my first year as president!

One of our goals in 2009 was to increase our membership. **Dave Meyers** and **Kathy Heuer** did an outstanding job recruiting new members by distributing pamphlets, responding to emails, and listing our chapter on meetup.com.

As with any organization, someone has to pay the bills! A big thank you goes to **Kathy Hiatt** for being our treasurer and keeping us in the "black!"

Thank you, **Cheryl Riisager**, for your support and your dedication as secretary of the Board. Your allegiance was proven when, after a phone call, you left your warm home to come out in the miserable rain to meet with the Board!

Last, but not least, I want to thank all

of the members for your suggestions, support, and participation in our events!

What will 2010 bring? You know the saying: "The best is yet to come!" The Board will be meeting at the end of January to begin planning some great events for the New Year. There have been a few changes to the Board. I would like to welcome the following members as Officers of the Board:

Sandy Blough: Communications
Chairperson

Bob Connor: Membership Chairperson

Nancy McKeown: Treasurer

Mary Rhodes: Newsletter Editor

I look forward to a new year with great golf and great friends!

~**Maggie Brown**, President

Super Bowl Party

Gerhard has once again graciously volunteered to host the Super Bowl Party this year! As many of you know, this is an event you don't want to miss! Gerhard always has his own half-time performance that will "knock your socks off!"

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: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: Second Wednesday of each month

Next Meeting: February 10th, 2010

Meeting Location: PIV's Pub 9720 York Road

Our Website: www.baltimore.singlesgolf.com

(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

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of the
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Golf Association**



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The Super Bowl Party will be on **Sunday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m.** Gerhard will supply all the food and drinks. The cost will be \$15.00 which you can pay when you get there. **His address is:**
**1109 Hampton Garth
Towson, MD 21286**

Please **RSVP no later than Wednesday, February 3rd** either by calling Gerhard at **410-821-0022** or emailing him at **Gerhard.VPI@att.net**.

Membership Meeting

Regular monthly Membership meetings are always held **the second Wednesday of each month at PIV's Restaurant - 9720 York Rd., Cockeysville, MD.** Happy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and the actual **meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.** Dinner is optional.

Social Events

Happy Hours

Please check the schedule for other upcoming social events. If you have any questions regarding the social events, please contact **Nancy Christenson** at 410-560-0644 or nancee810@comcast.net. Always feel free to bring a single friend to our Happy Hours!

Meet Up

Dave Meyers has recently renewed our chapter's membership on **meetup.com**. This is an opportunity for other singles that play golf to get information about our group. We encourage you to go to the website, **meetup.com** and type in "golf," and scroll down to where **ASGA Baltimore Chapter** is listed. You can sign up for free of charge. It would be helpful if you signed

up and gave a brief positive comment regarding our group. This would give potential members an opportunity to get to know our organization and, hopefully, encourage them to join.

Play the shot you've got the greatest chance of playing well
~Tommy Armour

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Carolyn Coleman - 02/14
Jack Lambdin - 01/08
Connie Shapiro - 01/03
Donald Ulsch - 02/15

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Bill (William) Kneavel - 01/31/2010
Michael Savarese - 01/31/2010
Bob Wittlinger - 01/31/2010

Our chapter currently has 45 members.

**Don't Let Your
Membership
Lapse. . .**

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won't miss receiving a
newsletter.**

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Baltimore Calendar of Events

<u>DATE / TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LIMIT</u>	<u>CUT-OFF</u>
Sunday February 7th 5:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party Gerhard Ehlerding 1109 Hampton Garth Towson, MD 21286 410-821-0022	Gerhard Ehlerding 410-821-0022	\$15.00	Open	Feb. 3rd
Wednesday February 10th 6:00 p.m.–Happy Hour 7:00 p.m. - Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting PIV's PUB 9720 York Rd. Cockeysville, MD 410-252-0600	Maggie Brown 410-592-5355	Cash Bar Dinner Optional	Open	N/A
Friday February 19th 6:30 p.m.	Hour Happy Michael's Café 2119 York Rd Timonium, MD 410-252-2022	Nancy Christenson 410-569-0644	Cash Bar Dinner Optional	Open	N/A
Friday March 5th 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour Olive Branch Restaurant 1721 Reisterstown Rd Pikesville, MD 410-415-7880	Nancy Christenson 410-569-0644 Nancee810@comcast.net	Cash Bar Available	Open	N/A
Wednesday March 10th 6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour 7:00 p.m. - Meeting	Monthly Membership Meeting PIV's PUB 9720 York Rd. Cockeysville, MD 410-252-0600	Maggie Brown 410-592-5355	Cash Bar Dinner Optional	Open	N/A
Friday March 19th 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour Christopher Daniels 106 W. Padonia Rd Lutherville, MD 410-308-1800	Nancy Christenson 410-569-0644	Cash Bar Dinner Optional	Open	N/A

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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