

# NASHVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Nashville Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2010

## NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 19TH



**From the President**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**  
**WELCOME TO 2010 !!**

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Just a little bit about me for those of you who do not know me. I was born and raised in Northwest Indiana ( I hope you won't hold the Yankee thing against me), worked in Chicago for 24 years, transferred to Nashville in 1997.

I have 2 children - Dave is married, lives in Ft. Wayne Indiana and Pam who passed away in 2003 of cancer. I also have 2 step children - Mike lives in Texas and Tommy lives in California is married and has 2 sons.

I joined the Nashville group in March of 2001(?). I can't remember what golf outing I first volunteered to run - but I'm sure I was nervous and worried about it. However, I know that without volunteers to do golf outings and participating in other activities the Nashville Singles golf group would not be a successful golf group.

I would like to extend a very big THANK YOU to all who gave their time and a lot of effort into making another year of the NSGA a big success. Without your help there would be no Nashville Golf group.

Next I would like to thank all of those who

will be giving their time in the upcoming year and will need your help and support. **Ros Beard** (VP), **Lynda Burman** (Secretary), **Susan O'Reilly** (Treasurer), **Joe Huskey** (Golf Chair), **Bob Blaylock** (Out of Town Golf Chair), **Mickey Latella** (Social Chair), **Rhonda Keisman** (Membership Chair), **Diane Mitchell** (Communications Chair and Webmaster), **Judy Degady** (Newsletter Editor) and **Joe Lackey** (Legal Advisor).

As we step into the New Year I would like us all to give some thought to what we can give to the group that gives so much to us. Lets start with - SUPPORT our golf outings, VOLUNTEER to run an outing, SUGGEST a social event. We need your help to continue our success.  
~Marsha Canady

### Golf Chair

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to getting out and hitting that little white ball with our members. In planning for this year's outings I will need volunteers who would like to run an outing, please contact me if you would like to help and I'll also be reaching out to those who have hosted events in the past. Can't wait for us to get back on the links and enjoy the

different golf courses this area has to offer and utilizing varied formats that will make each event unique and fun! Open to all your suggestions, sincerely  
~Joe Huskey, Golf Chair

### Social Chair

Happy New Year to all, hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I am **Mickey Latella**, your social chairperson this year. I am looking forward to another great year of social activities with our group. Some of the events I would like to have this year are Super Bowl party, St. Patrick's party as well as regular get togethers for dancing and socializing away from the golf course. I am open to all suggestions. If you have a favorite watering hole, let me know about it.

See you all at the January meeting.  
~Mickey Latella, Social Chairperson



## 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)

**National Website:** [www.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.SinglesGolf.com)

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## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date:** Third Tuesday of each month

**Next Meeting:** January 19th, 2010

**Meeting Location:** Logan's Roadhouse  
2400 Elliston Place (Vanderbilt/Centennial Park area)

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

**Our Hotline:** 615-872-7788

(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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## Water Hazard

A golfer tried three straight times to hit a golf ball over the inlet of water between him and the green. But each time the ball splashes into the drink. In utter frustration the golfer said, "Caddie, take my clubs on in, I'm going to jump into the water and drown myself."

The caddie replied, "I doubt that, sir. You couldn't keep your head down long enough to drown!"

## The Voice from the Clubhouse

It was a sunny Saturday morning, a little before 8 a.m., I was on the first hole at The Oaks of St. George Golf Club and beginning my pre-shot routine, when a piercing voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker:

"Would the gentleman on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee please!"

I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption.

Again the announcement: "Would the man on the woman's tee kindly back up to the men's tee."

I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating, when once more, the voice yelled, "Would the man on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee. please?!?!"

I finally stopped, turned around, cupped my hands and shouted back ... "Would the jerk with the microphone please keep quiet and let me play my second shot!"

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Rosslyn Beard - 02/11

Rick Davis - 02/13

Barbara Donoho - 01/08

Phillip Earles - 02/14

Pamela Garrett - 02/04

Charlotte Hellerquist - 01/22

Tommy James - 02/02

William Latta - 01/03

Colin Martin - 01/26

Ken McIntosh - 01/01

Jewel Napier - 02/14

Jennifer Poole - 01/18

Jerry Strebel - 02/07

Jerry Wendling - 01/29

### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*

Pat Collins - 01/31/2010

Shelley Darling - 01/31/2010

Tommy James - 01/31/2010

Rhonda Keisman - 01/31/2010

James King - 01/31/2010

Peggy Mathes - 01/31/2010

### These members recently renewed:

Jim Lazenby

Linda Oddo

### These members did not renew their dues:

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Janice Cannady - 11/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 89 members.



## Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

[www.lifeinthetrap.com](http://www.lifeinthetrap.com)



# 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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