

BIRMINGHAM SINGLES GOLF

Birmingham Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2010

GOLF AT OAK MOUNTAIN - AUGUST 14TH

From the President's Corner Golf Coast Golf

We have all seen the devastation that the oil spill has ravaged on the gulf coast. And it is truly a shame. The recovery will be a long time in coming. However, for those of us who are not beach lovers but golf lovers there are many great golf courses on the gulf coast that are begging to be played. Whether you are in favor of executive courses or courses that will challenge the best of us, all can be found on the coast. So don't think that the oil spill has ruined everything, because it hasn't. There are people down there that make their living on non-beach goers and they would just love for us to come on down and play. So turn your foiled beach vacation into a golf vacation. You can still experience the beauty of the gulf coast's inland sites while teeing it up. See you on the links.
~Gigi Gant, President

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have an article or a write up about an ASGA event you attended - write it up and send it to me at: to_wandav@hotmail.com. ~Wanda Venhuizen.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Wayne Brown - 08/21
Carolyn King - 08/28
Marlys O'Malley - 09/14

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Russell Casterlin - 08/31/2010

These members recently renewed:

Vaughn Cary
John Schoppert

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Bette Adair - 07/31/2010

Our chapter currently has 16 members.



Rules and More Rules

Q. Larry's match play opponent conceded a putt and said, "Larry, that's a gimme, it's good." Larry, not being one to simply say thank you, went ahead and putted out. Of course he missed.

Does Larry's missed putt count?

- A. Yes, Larry's missed putt is counted. When Larry proceeded with his putt, the gimme was nullified and Larry's putt counted.
- B. No, Larry's missed putt is not counted. Once the putt was conceded, the hole had ended for Larry.

AND THE ANSWER IS:

The answer is B. Larry's missed putt is not counted. Once the putt was conceded, the hole had ended for Larry.

Rule 2-4 applies. The rule says that a match play player may concede his opponent's next stroke at any time, as long as his opponent's ball is not moving. At that point, the opponent is considered to have holed out.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include:

- We're Going to Scotland - August, 2010 - Details at SinglesGolf.com/scotland

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

E-Mail: ASGANational@aol.com

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Monthly Business / Social Meeting Date: Second THURSDAY of each month.

Next Meeting: August 12th, TGIF (Friday's) Hwy 280

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: TGIF (Friday's) Hwy 280

For additional information – call the Hotline (205) 408-7930.

Our Website: www.birmingham.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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If you would like to get involved with one of the above committees, please feel free to contact the person(s) responsible. Your participation in committees is always encouraged.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the Birmingham chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA National Headquarters, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WHEN	WHAT/WHERE	Contact Person	Contact Number
8/12/10	TGIF (Friday's) Hwy 280		
8/14/10	Oak Mountain	John Schoppert	960-8061
8/28/10	Frank House	John Schoppert	960-8061

NOTES: Please call the contact person to reserve your tee time the Wednesday before the game! The contact person does not always have the time to poll the group.

Events and dates are subject to change; please check the Hotline (205) 408-7930 for updates.

Want to Improve the Pace of Play?

By: Jack Pultorak, Director of Rules & Competitions, Florida State Golf Association

Here are a few tips that might help improve the pace of your next round.

- 1. Don't be the last one in the cart** – If you find yourself being the last one in the cart after each hole, you may be the problem. Try a simple thing like not putting your clubs in the bag until you get to the next tee or shot. Too many people waste time putting on a putter or club cover or trying to rearrange clubs in the bag. All of that can be taken care of at the next shot. Just jump in the cart with clubs in hand and ride to the next tee or shot; then go ahead and put on that club cover while your partner is hitting his or her next shot.
- 2. Mark the scores at the next tee** – Once everyone in the group has holed out, go ahead and clear the green and head for the next tee. You'll have plenty of time to count the strokes on the way to the next tee and then you can go ahead and record the scores on the scorecard.
- 3. Position your cart or clubs as to be on the way to the next tee** – How many times have you seen someone finish a hole and then walk back across the green to go to their cart they've left on the other side of the hole only to drive back in front of the green? Make sure that you position your cart or clubs so that once you hole out you are walking to your cart or clubs and you'll be able to drive or walk straight away.
- 4. Leave any extra clubs where you'll exit the putting green** – Everyone has an extra club or two that they may have needed around the green. Once you've chipped up or wedged out of that bunker, go ahead and walk over to near where you'll exit the green and lay the clubs down. You won't waste time walking back and forth to pick up the extra clubs after every putt.
- 5. Drop from the water hazard and play – then go look** – If you hit one into a water hazard and you know you're not going to play from the hazard, go ahead and drop a different ball (you are allowed to substitute a ball) and hit it. Then go back and take a look for the ball. If you find it; fine. This won't hold up the rest of the group from playing while you're looking.
- 6. Play a provisional ball** – If you hit a ball and believe that it may be lost outside of a water hazard or out of bounds, go ahead and hit a provisional ball. This will save the time of coming all of the way back to where you hit your previous shot should you not find it.

Try a few of these simple tips and see if the pace of your next round doesn't improve. If you can shave five or ten minutes off your round it will have a multiplier effect and the general pace of the whole course will improve.