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FAIRFIELD COUNTY SINGLES GOLF

Fairfield County Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2010

AUGUST 20TH - THIRD FRIDAY AT DORAL ARROWWOOD

President's Letter

"August, die she must. The autumn winds blow chilly and cold ..." Now just hold on a minute there rhymin' Simon! I realize we're midway through the summer already, but it's been downright *hot*, even if our golf games are not. And we'd likely welcome some "cooler" autumn winds, which in time "Mother Nature" will surely usher in upon us. But we've had plenty of sunshine so far this summer, and ASGA members have certainly taken advantage of that.

Since the *June Newsletter* our chapter has held several enjoyable social evenings at such venues as SONO Brew-house in Norwalk, The Players' Club at Sterling Farms in Stamford, and Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook, NY. Different members and potential "newbees" (some of whom have since signed on!) mixed and mingled, imbibing their favorite beverages and tasty delectables, and sharing conversation and laughs with one another. On the last Sunday of June nine players descended upon Tashua Glen for our first "9 & Dine" of the season held at that venue. **George Emmons** carded a 35 though **Don Andersen** took the honors, boasting an even par round on a course

he considers an executive gem. Two weeks later an even dozen tried their luck at Short Beach in Stratford, ably coordinated by **Charlie Bitzer**. The conditions on that track that day were truly akin to playing in the birthplace of golf, Scotland. A true executive links of nine par 3's, it plays near the water's edge of Long Island Sound with numerous well-placed bunkers that sprout thick tufts of fescue grass. And then the rain came, where only the stalwart played on to complete their round. Charlie once again did his magic by getting each of us a free round rain check, though we ate indoors instead of on the beach as planned.

Our big event for July was held on the 17th at Oxford Greens where we played our season scramble. Twenty-four players formed six foursomes, each pairing vying with the others for lowest scramble score. At the end of the day **Janice Berardi**, **Marie Gallagher**, **Clint Housel**, and **Charlie Miller** were the medalists, carding a combined score of two under par 68. And the prize for each: a free round with cart at the same Oxford Greens. Most of the participants then congregated at the home of **Nancy**

Clark where we awaited a catered supper of Thai food and wet our whistles with a fair amount of BYOB. Since we'd all enjoyed enough food at our initial go 'round, we had precious little room left the second time the caterer came. Nancy and a few others got this wild idea of actually auctioning off the food in nine different "packages" and they cajoled Charlie into playing the auctioneer. Well, yours truly had never before worn this hat, but, like a good sport, I took the family room stage and started fast-talking in the way that auctioneers do, stunning the amused crowd and surprising even myself! I was told afterwards by more than one person that I won't have far to look should I need a second career.

Our fourth annual Rally for the Cure event occurred once again at The Orchards in Milford which **Karen White**, along with a number of assistants, did a superb job in pulling together: acquiring and coordinating numerous donated prizes, arranging pre-golf fruit and veggie platters and the post-golf dinner at Stonebridge, providing complementary magazine subscriptions and conducting the raffle among other details. Twenty-three players participated in the event on August

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include:

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

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LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Dates: First Friday of each month at SONO Brewhouse, Norwalk; Third Friday of each month at The Players Club at Sterling Farms, Stamford

Next Meetings: August 20th, 2010

Our Website: www.ASGAFairfield.org

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

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8 this year. Closest to the pin honors went to **Nataschia Kay** and **Charlie Miller** who won a hybrid club and fifteen golf balls, respectively, while **Mary Hudson** and **Tom Maniscalco** shared the lowest number of putts at 16 apiece. The prize for that distinction was a beautiful mountain bike, but unfortunately it wasn't a "bicycle built for two." Tom graciously gave it to Mary despite her protestations that it seemed more like a man's bike. But she took a spin around the parking lot with it and it fit into her car for the ride home, so she's more than satisfied. Some of the raffle prizes were several restaurant and golf course gift certificates, various golfer's on course tools, bottles of wine placed in cute gift bags, and a Fuji camera. Our annual, August Rally for the Cure event, which this year netted a nifty \$900, is open not only to ASGA members or even other singles, but also to married persons: virtually anyone who plays golf and wants to support early detection research in the fight against breast cancer.

We still have over two months remaining in our ASGA Fairfield golf season, and there are a few interesting, upcoming outings. On Sunday, August 15 we play Woodbridge C.C. and on Sunday, September 12 we hit the links at Fairchild Wheeler in Bridgeport, both 18-hole events. Our third Friday of the month for August will be held on the 20th at Doral Arrowwood in Rye Brook. So popular was this venue in early July, that we decided to host a social there again before Labor Day. Toward the end of September, the Hartford Chapter is hosting a joint weekend of golf with us and another local chapter on Cape Cod. You may check out our website at www.asgafairfield.org for further details on this or contact Cathy Duncan, president of

the Hartford Chapter.

We are always encouraging our members to keep play moving on the course, and we try to think of and implement practical suggestions for speeding up our play. Of course we have a "double par" rule whereby one is allowed no more than twice the number of strokes relative to par on a hole that each group captain should politely yet firmly and consistently enforce. Two other ideas surfaced at our recent board meeting, which should prove effective in speeding play. On the tee we should play "ready golf" whereby women can "drop the men off" at their tee box while the women ride on ahead and get ready to hit as soon as the men have hit their tee shots. (Obviously the women can stand in a place to protect themselves from a man's errant drive.) Or, in many instances, the women can tee off first (as they usually don't hit the ball as far as the men do) when there's another group down the fairway out of their range but still in the men's range. Remember, even in golf it can be "ladies first." At the other end of the hole, here's some advice about putting: the one who is on the green farthest away from the hole should putt first and *then keep putting* until he or she has holed out. This approach takes considerably less time than marking one's ball and waiting for the next and then the next player, etc. to putt. We did this at The Orchards for Rally for the Cure and it really sped up play on the greens. So let's keep these practical steps in mind and put them into practice at our subsequent outings.

Lastly, at this time of the year we already begin to think about our chapter's leadership for next year, 2011. Our current board has done an outstanding job in so many ways that are readily noticeable and

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in others that “fly under the radar.” For some, their consecutive two-year role in a given position will have expired by December’s end (that’s a limit based on ASGA bylaws), and though I hope all the other board members stay on in their respective capacities, there usually is some turnover. So, please consider making yourself available for a position on our Board of Directors for 2011. Groucho Marx once quipped, “I wouldn’t want to belong to a club that would have me as a member.” Hopefully, each of us might say, “I wouldn’t want to belong to a club where I could never serve in leading it forward.” Think about how you might serve next year in order to help ASGA Fairfield grow and thrive in the way of “fun, fellowship, and fairways.”

~Charlie Miller, President

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Michael Ali - 09/11
 Andrea Anthony - 08/28
 Charles Bitzer - 08/02
 Charlene Ferguson - 08/14
 Geraldine Kearns - 08/05
 Tom Maniscalco - 08/20
 Barbara Seiter - 08/19
 Joan Sheehy - 08/26
 Micheline Shola - 08/22
 Karen Spencer - 08/22

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
 Charles Miller - 08/31/2010
 Karen Riggio - 08/31/2010

Welcome newest members:

Susan Farnham - Joined 07/14/2010

Alyce Hendry - Joined 07/15/2010
 Marcie Schoenfeld - Joined 06/04/2010

These members recently renewed:

Frances Dawid
 Barbara Geraghty
 Peggy Mimno
 Karen Rumsey
 Joan Sheehy

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
 Marilyn Coffey - 06/30/2010
 David Furtado - 06/30/2010
 Cynthia Hofer - 07/31/2010
 Sheila Kelly - 06/30/2010
 Nancy Tersigni - 06/30/2010
 Betty Yu - 07/31/2010

Our chapter currently has 61 members.



2010 SCHEDULE

Date & Start Time:

Golf Course/Location:

Event:

Sunday, August 8	The Orchards, Milford, CT	9 Holes – Rally for the Cure
Sunday, August 15	Woodbridge C.C., Woodbridge, CT	18 Holes
Sunday, August 29 @ 3:00 pm	Tashua Glen, Trumbull, CT	Nine & Dine
Sunday, September 12	Fairchild Wheeler, Bridgeport, CT	18 Holes
Friday, September 24 (Hyannis Resort overnight)	Old Barnstable, Barnstable, MA	18 Holes
Saturday, September 25 (Hyannis Resort overnight)	Hyannis Golf Club, Hyannis, MA	18 Holes
Sunday, September 26	Twin Brooks Par 3 (go around twice)	18 Holes
Saturday, October 2	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT	18 Holes
Sunday, October 24 @ 2:00 pm	Tashua Glen, Trumbull, CT	Nine & Dine (Season Finale Dinner)