

# JACKSONVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Jacksonville Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2010

## AUGUST 13-15 : AMELIA ISLAND WEEKEND

### Message From the Pres:

Hello Everyone,

Several members over the past month or so have complained about slow play and long rounds of golf. Especially in this hot weather it is not enjoyable and makes the outing all the more difficult and unpleasant. That is not what we are about. It is everybody's responsibility to maintain a proper pace of play and this can be done by following a few basic rules.

Be smart about your cart driving. "Cart golf" may be the ideal but since we normally don't hit the ball next to our cart partner, look for the quickest way to get the cart around. Sometimes that may mean getting out of the cart, taking a club and letting the other person take the cart to their ball. Using a cart doesn't necessarily rule out walking altogether.

Keep an eye on the group ahead of you. You should be able to see them at all times, unless they are a threesome. If you find you have lost touch with them it is a clear indication that your pace of play is probably too slow.

Don't spend lots of time looking for lost balls. Tell people helping you look for your ball that after a couple of minutes of searching they should go to their own balls and

continue to play.

Play **READY** golf, both on the fairways (when feasible) and on the green if necessary, **KEEPING IN MIND ALL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS!**

Limit your practice swings, carry the right clubs you need from your cart and move the game along...by doing your part.

Pace of play is everyone's responsibility. Groups go off about ten minutes apart. We should be finishing close to the same time frame, so we can get together after golf and enjoy a relaxing time.

~John Maloy, President

### Bent Creek Golf Course

May 24, 2010

We had 12 players at Bent Creek on Sunday, May 24th. It started off a little warm (1:30 first tee time), but did cool off some after the front nine.

**Rita Thaggard** was the women's winner with a low net of 68 and **John Maloy** was the men's winner also with a low net of 68.

After golf, the group went to Trents Seafood restaurant for dinner.

~Hugh James

### St. Johns Golf & Country Club

June 13, 2010

Eighteen ASGA Jacksonville Chapter guys and gals came out for a makeup at St. Johns Golf & Country Club (actually, not all could make the makeup so we opened it up and got 6 paying guests!).

The new carts were in (GPS to follow within the next several months) and they were kind enough to give us a shotgun start at 12 noon. Everyone played 18 holes, except one who dropped out after 9 holes (by the initials of BA) and braved the afternoon heat—temp got up to 95 degrees.

But all made it to the end and came into the club house for an early dinner. Everyone really likes this course, so we will try to do it again maybe in the fall when the weather is a bit cooler.

For the men, **Mike Lamphier** took first place and **Bob Harmon** and **Bernie Connelly** tied for second. The winner for 1<sup>st</sup> place for the ladies was **Samantha Havourd** with **Lisa Mitnacht** coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Bridget Baxendale** winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

~Barbara Arkin



## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

### Upcoming Events Include:

- We're Going to Scotland - August, 2010 - Details at [SinglesGolf.com/scotland](http://SinglesGolf.com/scotland)

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## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Monthly Meeting:** Third Wednesday of each month

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 18th, 2010

**Meeting Location:** Copeland's Restaurant on Southside Blvd.

**Spread the word—Invite a friend**

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

**Our Hotline:** 904-619-8644

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.

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**Queens Harbor Golf Course**  
**Outing**

**July 10, 2010**

A dedicated group of ASGA golfers braved 95+ degree heat to play at Queen's Harbour on Saturday, July 10. Afterward we went to **Bob Harmon's** house for food, drinks, swimming, billiards and good times. Low net honors went to **Hattie Reddinger** and **Bob Harmon**.

~*Bob Harmon*

**Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club Outing**

**July 25, 2010**

ASGA was out in full force at Magnolia Golf and Country Club on Sunday, July 25. Sixteen players braved the summer heat and enjoyed a round of golf and lunch afterwards in the 28<sup>th</sup> hole. **Barbara Dean** brought the ASGA banner which was proudly displayed on the club railing announcing our presence. **Mike Andersen** brought his camera so watch for new pictures on the website. In the men's division two players had a great day. **Mike Lam-pier** and **Hugh James** both came in with a low-net tie of 69. The handicap system really works and evens the playing field-Mike has the lowest handicap in the group and Hugh one of the biggest-but both were winners and played extremely well. In the ladies division, **Dorothy Nicholson** won first place with a low net 71 and **Hattie Reddinger** came in second with even par 72.

The next golf meeting will be at the annual chapter event at Amelia Island Resort on August 13-15 where over 80 players are expected to attend. Regular golf will resume on August 29 at Hyde Park Golf Club hosted by **Rita Thaggard**.

**Tip of the Week:**

**"How to Avoid Trouble Off The Tee."**

With all the water and hazards found on courses in Florida it is important that we keep our ball in play off the tee. The question is how?

When teeing up your ball on the tee box, start on the side of the tee box where the

trouble resides. So if there is water down the right side of the fairway, tee your ball up close to the right tee marker. This will allow you to aim away from the hazards and trouble areas and keep your ball in play! Performing this tip will avoid making a high number therefore lowering your scores. Try it and see!

~*Came from Brian Newman, TPC Sawgrass intern*

**ASGA Jacksonville Updated Website**

Take a look at our updated web site--you might see yourself on it!! We have a brand new web site with lots of interesting information.

Go to [www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com](http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com)  
Email your comments and/or suggestions on the new website to [BarbaraArk@aol.com](mailto:BarbaraArk@aol.com)

**ABOUT OUR MEMBERS**

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Bridget Baxendale - 09/07  
William Boyer - 08/18  
Barbara Dean - 08/05  
Ruth Grayfeather - 08/28  
Hugh James - 09/07  
John Maloy - 09/05  
Rita Thaggard - 08/28  
Olga Vera - 09/15

**These members are up for renewal:**

*(date shown is last day of membership)*  
Judith Barnes - 08/31/2010  
Mike Lamphier - 08/31/2010

**Welcome newest members:**

B Frances Kinney - Joined 06/28/2010  
Kathleen Vaillancourt - Joined 07/23/2010  
Olga Vera - Joined 06/28/2010

**These members recently renewed:**

Dave Tidwell

**These members did not renew their dues:**

*(date shown is date membership expired)*  
Judy Ayers - 07/31/2010  
Earl Burris - 07/31/2010  
Robert (Rob) Glendinning - 06/30/2010  
Samantha Havourd - 07/31/2010

**Our chapter currently has 31 members.**



## ASGA Jacksonville Golf Schedule

Date	Location	Contact
8/13-15	Amelia Island Plantation Multi Chapter weekend	Dorothy Nicholson
8/29	Hyde Park Golf Course	Rita Thaggard
9/11	TBD	Frank Rubino
9/26	King & Bear Golf Course at World Golf Village-members only	Barbara Arkin
10/9	Hyde Park Golf Course	Barbara Dean

**Always check the web site [www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com](http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com) in case there are changes to the schedule. Feel free to contact us at our number 904-619-8644.**

### 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.

