

HUNTSVILLE SINGLES GOLF

Huntsville, AL Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2011

FALL FLING: AUGUST 26-28

Message From the President

Well, this has been one hot, hot summer. It has been tough to get people out for golf in this sizzling heat!

However, on Friday, July 15th, several of us participated in a Night Golf event at Colonial GC in Meridianville. We played nine holes as a four-person scramble from 5 to 7 pm, ate a delicious BBQ dinner and had unlimited beer, and then went out after dark to play the second nine scramble. We were flighted based on scores on the first nine. The field was full (of course, we couldn't see it lol!).

We were issued five glow-in-the-dark balls and one glow-stick necklace each. The tee boxes were (dimly) lit, the 150 marker was lit with a glow stick and the flag and hole were "glowing" as well. BTW -- I discovered that I'm a better driver at night. :) No comments from the pee-nut gallery, plee-ze!

One of our teams took 4th place in their flight. The other team was just happy to find our way off the course... We all agreed that we need to play some night golf again soon! Oh, yes, the winning team was **Donna Brown, Wayne Bregard, Tammy Westmoreland** and **John Gowdy**. (Rumor has it that he actually used the driver in the dark...)

Our next big outing is Fall Fling, August 26-28th, which we'll co-host with Southeast Golf Meetup. The courses will be Robert Trent Jones Hampton Cove (optional on Friday), Colonial GC on Saturday, with awards and dinner following, and Point Mallard GC on Sunday. This event is open to local chapter members and Meetup golf members. Looking forward to a great time as we wind down summer into fall.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, at 6:30 pm at Red Lobster in Huntsville. Hope you will join us!

See you at practice the first Wednesday of the month at Madison Golf Center!

~Cat Bardo, Chapter President

July 2011 Meeting Notes

The ASGA Huntsville Chapter met for the monthly meeting on July 20th at Red Lobster, with social hour at 6:30 pm. Golf chair **Donna Brown** substituted for president **Cat Bardo**. Nine people were in attendance.

Donna brought the meeting to order and reported on recent golf outings, including the July 6th range outing and the July 15th night golf at Colonial. Our

seven participants reported that night golf is fun. The team of **John Gowdy, Tammy Westmoreland, Donna** and **Wayne Bregard** won 4th place in their flight, led by two 30-foot putts by Tammy.

Donna reported that Communications co-chair Brian Griffin has left the group and asked for any volunteers to take his place. **Tammy** volunteered to take Brian's place at updating the web.

Communications chair **Tim Jordan** reported that we currently have 27 members. Brian and Lea Evans didn't renew, but we gained a new member in **Ken Needham**.

Co-social chair **John Gowdy** reported that we had a good gathering for the Huntsville Stars baseball outing on July 3. Unfortunately, the Stars lost. The Friday night concerts at Lowe Mill have been enjoyable and continue. John informed us that "Breakfast at Tiffany's" was the next feature for the movies in Big Spring Park. It was suggested that the group meet for the Lowe Mill concert at 6 pm and then proceed to the movie at 8. Both are free. Mary Allen encouraged everyone to join her for the Group 6 performance at The Brick in Decatur on August 12.

Donna asked if there was any other business, and **Jerry Whitehurst** said he had

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend - August 26-28, 2011. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend
- Labor Day Weekend Event 2011 - September 1-4, 2011. Kingsport, TN. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay
- Sacramento Chapter's High Sierra Holiday, Reno, NV - September 9-11, 2011

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 17th, 2011 Meeting at 7:00, Social time starting at 6:30 PM.

Meeting Location: Red Lobster on University Dr. in Huntsville

Our Website: www.huntsville.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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talked to the pro at Point Mallard and found out that while they are having a tournament, the putting green, chipping green and driving range were essentially vacant. Jerry suggested we utilize these facilities to have a pitch, putt, etc., contest. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Jerry will pursue further.

Donna opened a discussion of what we can do to get more participation from our current members. After several ideas, it was decided we should try two things: start a Facebook page and send our members a survey. Donna then closed the meeting. While Cat is irreplaceable, Donna did an excellent job of filling in for her.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Mary Allen - 08/28

John Gowdy - 09/01

Thomas Griffin - 08/19

Doug Haft - 08/16

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Catherine Bardo - 08/31/2011

Earl Todd - 08/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Thomas Griffin - Joined 06/17/2011

Doug Haft - Joined 06/03/2011

Kenneth Needham - Joined 07/05/2011

These members recently renewed:

Mary Allen

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Leah Evans - 06/30/2011

Brian Griffin - 06/30/2011

Our chapter currently has 26 members.

Rules and More Rules...

Removing an attached clump

Q. Larry's golf ball rolled to a position of rest directly behind a rather large divot clump that was not completely detached and projecting upward several inches directly in front of his ball. Of course Larry did the only natural thing and lifted the clump up and tossed it aside. His playing partners called a 2 stroke penalty. Larry protested. Who was right? What is the correct answer below?

- A. Larry was in error. He can not remove the divot clump. He should have pressed it down with his foot and left it in place. One stroke penalty.
- B. The playing partners were wrong; the divot clump could be moved.
- C. Larry was wrong, his partners were right, Larry may not remove the divot or press it down before playing his stroke. Two stroke penalty.
- D. The partners were on the right track, a penalty should have been assessed, but only one stroke.

Answer:

The answer is C. The key point here being that the lump was still attached. It was not a loose impediment. Larry was wrong moving the attached clump and should have been assessed a two (2) stroke penalty. Larry was in violation of USGA Rule 13-2 which pertains to "Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play". The rule is very explicit, you are not allowed to improve your lie, area of stance or swing, or your line of play. The basic play it as it lies rule.

The penalty for violating the rule in match play is loss of the hole; in stroke play the penalty is two strokes.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

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ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF® IN AMERICA

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — AUGUST 2011

Labor Day at Marriott / Kingsport, TN!

Return to the Meadowview Resort

Event Date: Thursday, Sept. 1-Sunday, Sept. 4

It's been several years since we held our Labor Day weekend event in Kingsport, TN. Kingsport is geographically located in a



part of our country where many members can drive-in from all directions. As a consequence, we're looking for a good-sized crowd of over 100-125 people. With gas prices

the cheapest they've been in several months, it's time to get with a friend or two and load-up the van.

The Marriott Meadowview works perfectly for our group. We'll play Graysburg Hills GC and Crockett's Ridge GC. The standard package price is \$379 and includes three nights' stay (you'll have a roommate), two rounds of golf, welcoming cocktail party, cookout at Graysburg Hills after the round, two full buffet (hot) breakfasts and a final night dinner at the Marriott. We'll also have a deejay for the first and final nights.

If you want to play some additional golf, you can sign-up for day-of-arrival (11am, Sept. 1) golf at the Cattails course at the resort, or the same course for day-of-departure (9am, Sept. 4) for only \$30. It's a great rate, however, we've been told the greens will have been aerated about a week earlier.

You're welcome to stay additional nights, so see the registration form for details. In addition, we'll have our 50/50 raffle on our final night and you can pre-pay for those on the registration form as well.

Full details of the event are at SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay and if you'd like to check out the hotel, go to SinglesGolf.com/Meadowview.

Meet More Singles at Multi-Chapter Events

ASGA, through its member chapters, offer other events which allow you to meet singles from other chapters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these Multi-Chapter Events.

There's nothing like meeting up with a bunch of other singles for a weekend of golf. Each package is basically the same but there are differences, so we suggest you visit the website for the event.

And, if you're chapter's interested in hosting one of these events, prepared to put a lot of work into it. But the reward of having singles play in your city and play your favorite courses is a life experience, well, hopefully! Contact ASGA to clear the date and then get your Board of Directors to give local approval. Then, start putting it together!

The website for all events is really, really simple:

www.SinglesGolf.com/events

Here are our multi-chapter events for the rest of the year:

- **Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend** - August 26-28, 2011. SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend has all the details you'll need.
- **Labor Day Weekend Event 2011** - September 1-4, 2011. Kingsport, TN. Deets at SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay
- **Sacramento ASGA's High Sierra Weekend** in Reno, NV - September 9-11. Go to SinglesGolf.com/HighSierra
- **The Battle at Hilton Head** - November 11-13, 2011. Details to be announced soon.
- **New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012** - December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012. Location TBA.
- **Golf Cruise** - Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise
- **ASGA in Ireland** - Summer, 2012. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland

Elections for New Chapter Leaders Start Soon!

It's been said that the greatest thing about being a chapter president is that some day, you get to be a past president. I can vouch for that myself having served as a chapter president years ago.

Chapters should never become stagnant, that's why our by-laws require a change in leadership once each year. New minds, new ideas. We elect our chapter presidents for 2012 at the October meetings and the committee chairs in November. All new officers take their position effective January 1, leaving ample opportunity do make plans for the upcoming year.

What's involved in being a chapter president? Check out the site SinglesGolf.com/leaders for some perspective on what each position entails, along with some great ideas.

- - **Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA**
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P. S. *It's painful turning 60 this month.* My only good feeling about it is that a lot of you beat me to the punch!

ASGA MULTI-CHAPTER EVENT LABOR DAY IN KINGSFORT, TN



MARRIOTT MEADOWVIEW

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SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay Resort Website: SinglesGolf.com/Meadowview Resort Phone: 1-800-820-5055

Check SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay for details, updates, etc.

OPEN TO ALL ASGA MEMBERS!

Standard Package Includes (see "Check Appropriate Pkg" below for prices)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 3 nights lodging at MeadowView Resort (see details below)
- Cocktail Party (cash bar), Cookout at Course, Final Night Dinner
- Full buffet breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings
- DJ dancing first and third night
- Optional round on Thursday & Sunday at Cattails Course @ Meadowview

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$89+16.5% tax (\$103.69) for a single room and \$51.85/person if dbl. occ. (Roommate must stay or you must pay single occ. rate.) See SinglesGolf.com/MeadowView for details on room types. **Hotel address:** 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37660

GOLF: You'll play **Graysburg Hills** on Friday, Sept. 2 (1pm) and **Crockett's Ridge** on Saturday, Sept. 3rd (9:30am). Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf and Day-of-Departure rounds at the "on property course," Cattails at MeadowView Golf Club @ special rate of \$30, however, greens will have been recently aerified. **GOLF COMPETITION:** Sign-up for Scramble/Shamble or USGA formats.

PAYMENT: Full payment due by **August 15th**. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 08/15/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 08/15/11. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See website for official cancellation policy. A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation by 08/19/11, you must call us.

NOTE: This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** event. Non-members must join ASGA to secure these rates. Call 704-889-4600 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join.

All rooms at the MeadowView Resort are smoke-free!

NAME SHOWN BELOW IS HOW NAMETAG WILL APPEAR. ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT.

NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE CHAPTER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Handicap/Avg. Score _____

HOME PH () _____ WORK/CELL PH () _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE:

- () **\$379.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE** (you have a roommate or we'll assign same-sex roommate for you)
 () **\$534.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
 () **\$30.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT CATTAILS — 11:00am**
 () **\$30.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT CATTAILS — 9:00am**

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:
ASGA, P. O. BOX 848,
PINEVILLE, NC 28134

INDICATE YOUR PLAY FORMAT HERE: () PLAY MY OWN BALL BOTH DAYS () SCRAMBLE DAY ONE + SHAMBLE* DAY TWO

My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you prefer. Please do not list yourself as someone else's roommate without their permission. **IMPORTANT:** If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.) I am requesting a room with () One King Bed () Two Double Beds *Note: Room preferences and hotels are first come, first served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.*

During one golf event, please pair me with _____. Both parties must indicate they want to play with each other, otherwise you will **NOT** be paired together. (Golf partner MUST REQUEST to play with you on their registration form as well AND must play same format as you're playing!)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$ _____ single / \$ _____ dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before or after) of add'l. nights: _____
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thurs., 11:00am approx. starting time (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ Mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of first 2 days of golf. Mullies not avail. on opt. rounds.)
 + \$ _____ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space if you want twenty-five (25) 50/50 raffle tickets. (20 for \$20 @ event)
 + \$ _____ Renew my dues for () \$70 for one year or () \$140 for two years (ASGA logo'd shirt included)
 = \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC.")

Date your check for August 10th if you wish us to hold your check until then.

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

CREDIT CARD USERS: FAX THIS FORM TO 704-889-4607

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is a 4% credit card processing fee if you use your card for this event. **Card to be charged on or after August 8, 2011.**

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* A shamble format calls for all team members to drive their own ball, then select best ball placement and play your own ball until holed out on each hole. A scramble is also known as a captain's choice.
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