

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY SINGLES GOLF

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

Fairfield County Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — September 2011

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT OCTOBER 7TH SOCIAL

### Chapter News

"Try to remember the time in September," a line in that well known song of Broadway's longest running musical, *The Fantasticks*, aptly apply to ASGA Fairfield's fantastic events from last month which we need not try too hard to remember. These were, of course, our gathering at Oxford Greens followed by a gala at the home of **Nancy Clark** on August 6, followed by our newly named fundraiser, "The Karen White Memorial Golf Tournament," held at The Orchards and then Stonebridge Restaurant on August 21.

At Oxford Greens the foursome of **Lyn Ambrette, Karen Blosser, Terri Rotella, and Charlie Miller** won low gross in a scramble competition, edging the group comprising **Don Andersen, Deirdre Campbell, George Duffy, and Barbara Geraghty** on a match of cards. Each of these foursomes shot four under par 68! Other winners that day were **Don Andersen** and guest, **Wendy Wernick** (closest to the pin), and our host, **Nancy Clark** (closest to the line). About twenty of us then headed to Nancy's house for some tasty treats. It could be argued that **Sue Schettini's** homemade desserts, Sue's belly bombs and pistachio cake, topped the list! What made the event extra spe-

cial was the presence of a number of our Hartford ASGA friends whom we invited to join us: the wonderful comradery gave it the flavor of a genuine mix and mingle.

Two weeks later we celebrated the life and friendship of **Karen White** with an outing named in her honor. Thirty-six ASGA members and other special friends of Karen came to The Orchards, her hometown course in Milford, for a 9-hole round and a grand raffle of sundry prizes. Many people contributed what they could ... and beyond, such that winners came away with mountain bikes, restaurant dinner vouchers, bottles of wine and other cheer, and all sorts of golf and Betty Boop paraphernalia, just to mention a few. The real winner, however, was the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of CT to which ASGA Fairfield made a donation of \$1,240 in Karen's name.

Those who took golfing honors on Aug. 21 at The Orchards were **Joan Sheehy** at 10'8" and **Charlie Bitzer** at 27' for closest to the pin on hole #8, and **Maureen Markelon** at 3' for closest to the line on hole #9 (no man hit the fairway!). Those who had fewest putts were **Aline Goetz** with 16 and guest, **Chris Cody** with 13. Prior to our taking to the course, which on that particular day Karen must have inter-

vened from above so that we almost miraculously dodged the raindrops during our round, our social chair, **Linda Woodruff** arranged for catered platters of veggies, fruit, and cheese. **Tom Maniscalco** supplied us with plenty of bottled water and ice, and others chipped in their time to sell tickets and decorate the clubhouse for our event. Karen's close friend, **Chris Gonillo**, offered a touching reflection on Karen and what ASGA meant to her. It was a concerted effort on the part of many to make the day a memorable one. One added touch was our inviting Karen's mother, **Ethel**, to be our special guest for dinner at Stonebridge where we paid due tribute to Karen by presenting her mom with a lovely set of framed photos of her beloved daughter.

With the turning of the calendar page and the passing of the Labor Day weekend, ASGA Fairfield has turned its attention to the remaining weeks of the golf season in the great northeast. A sizeable field of sixteen players registered for September's first Nine & Dine outing at Tashua Glen Golf Course on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and an equal number played an 18-hole outing at Orange Hills Country Club the following Saturday. Virtually equal numbers repaired to Marisa's Restaurant in Trumbull and to

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

#### Upcoming Events Include (see [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events))

- The Battle at Hilton Head - Hilton Head Island, SC - November 10-13. [www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach)
- New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012 - December 29, 2011 - January 1, 2012. Two Locations - Palm Springs & Florida  
Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida) & [www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert)

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

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

### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Dates:** First Friday Social is at SONO Brew-house, Norwalk, CT at 6:30 pm; and our 3rd Friday Social is at Zody's 19th Hole, Stamford, CT at 6:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** October 1st, 2011

**Our Website:** [www.ASGAFairfield.org](http://www.ASGAFairfield.org)

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

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Bertucci's Restaurant in Orange, respectively. Our groups had not played Orange Hills in the past few years; thus we delighted in the fine condition of that handsome layout on what turned out to be a rather nippy "autumn" day for mid-September. **Charlie Miller** carded a 79 by chipping in from greenside on the last hole for his only birdie of the round (while he did 4-putt a green on the front side!). No prize for low gross, however – but **Clint Housel** did take one for closest to the pin on hole #13 at 13'2", as did **Mary Hudson** who drove closest to the line on hole #5 at only 3' off center and **Tom Maniscalco** who was at 33' from the same line, albeit a bit farther down the fairway.

Our remaining golfing events for the year are a Nine & Dine on Oct. 2 at Short Beach in Stratford, an 18-holer on Oct. 15 at Whitney Farms in Monroe, and a grand finale Nine & Dine on Oct. 23 at Tashua Glen in Trumbull. More about this will be sent to you by our communications and membership chair, **Janice Berardi** via e-flyers later this month and next. And as we move inexorably into the autumnal season with its falling leaves, cool crisp air, and frost-on-the-pumpkin, try to remember those times in September which, when gathered with your friends in ASGA, made you smile.

Among our upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday social events is a special one on **Friday, Oct. 7 at SONO Brewhouse in South Norwalk**. We'll gather at 6:30 pm, as usual, but then at 7:00 pm, a representative of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of CT will arrive to receive a check from our chapter for what we raised at the Karen White Memorial Golf Tournament last month. We request that you "save the date" and we encourage you to register on our website for this special moment of remembrance and generosity. Best regards,

~Charlie Miller, Fairfield Chapter President

**About Our Members**

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Michael Ali - 09/11

Lorraine Blohm - 09/26

Deirdre Campbell - 09/30

Barbara Geraghty - 10/13

Aline Goetz - 10/02

Mary Hudson - 09/24

Jane Nottenburg - 10/02

Lynn O'Donnell - 09/20

Debra Peacock - 09/17

Terri Rotella - 09/13

Carlos Ventura - 10/14

**These members are up for renewal:**

(date shown is last day of membership)

Geraldine Brust - 09/30/2011

Marie Gallagher - 09/30/2011

David Weiss - 09/30/2011

**Welcome newest members:**

Marilyn Ambrette - Joined 08/03/2011

Julia Chung - Joined 08/15/2011

Terri Rotella - Joined 07/18/2011

Carlos Ventura - Joined 08/10/2011

**These members recently renewed:**

Charles Bitzer

Frances Dawid

Julie DiRaimondo

Cynthia Hofer

Charles Miller

Peggy Mimno

Karen Rumsey

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

(date shown is date membership expired)

Susan Farnham - 07/31/2011

Zahava Gordon - 08/31/2011

Alyce Hendry - 07/31/2011

George Hill - 08/31/2011

Christine Skaarup - 08/31/2011

Greg Walker - 08/31/2011

**Our chapter currently has 68 members.**



# ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — SEPTEMBER 2011

## BATTLE AT THE BEACH - HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

WESTIN HOTEL AT PORT ROYAL - NOVEMBER 10-13, 2011

The national office of the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) has announced another great opportunity for singles to meet, greet, fall in love then battle it out on two great golf courses. **Venue:** Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

This year, we'll be at the **Westin at Port Royal** in Hilton Head. We'll play two rounds of golf with optional day-of-arrival and day-of-departure golf as well. Details are still in the making.

**Dates:** November 10-13. **Cost:** Only \$349 (per person, dbl. occ.), includes two rounds of golf, cocktail party (cash bar), cook-out at the course, final dinner Saturday night. In addition, if you purchased one of our packages and attend this event, you'll receive \$25.00 off the New Year's event in Florida. If you walked in off the street, you'd end up paying over \$550.00 if you arranged this on your own!

With over 30 golf courses in the area, Hilton Head Island off the southern coast of South Carolina is simply the natural place to be when it comes to playing golf in the Fall. The weather is cool but not cold and the island is filled with great places to shop and resorts to visit. All-in-all, mix the beautiful weather with the great golf and many friends from across the country, and you've got the making for a great golf weekend. U. S. Air flies directly into Hilton Head Airport (Airport Code: HHH) which is just 15 minutes from the Westin and Savannah Airport (Code: SAV) is about 45-55 minutes away, so check your local airline to see what's available. Once you're on property, you won't need a rental car as there should be plenty of members with cars to get you to the courses each day. So be sure to make some friends!

So to get all the details on this fun-filled event, visit the website at [www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach) (website for this event will be up by Sept. 6 at noon). If you'd like to register over the phone, call us at 704-889-4600 after the sixth.

### New Year's Location: East & West Coasts

ASGA members will again be treated with two choices as to where to go for New Year's this year. Our Palm Springs chapter will again treat you to some great golf at Indian Wells and the national office will host an event Florida once again. For details on each, please visit [www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida) or [www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert). Details on the

Battle At The Beach

Hilton Head Island - SC

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Florida event will be posted on the website by September 10.

### Elect Your New Chapter President in October

Each year, according to your bylaws ([www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws)), your chapter is required to hold elections for a new chapter president which has a term running from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Presidents who have served less than one full year are

eligible to run again. So be thinking about who'll lead your chapter in 2012.

Then, in November, your chapter should elect its four committee heads (golf, social, membership and communications). This gives the newly elected president and opportunity to put together his or her team for 2012. Everyone takes office January 1. The new Board appoints other positions such as the Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Committee Heads.

### Reflections on Nine Eleven

It's often been said that time moves quicker the older we get. Remember, it took forever to get to 18 or 21? I remember 9/11 ten years ago like it was yesterday. I was on the phone with past



president of Baltimore chapter of ASGA, **Cathy Heuer** when someone said "a plane's crashed into the World Trade Center." How odd that was. The plane looked so small on TV because the building was so large. Over 3,000 lives were lost shortly thereafter. The ripple effect continues this day with the victim's children living without parents and the levels of security we encounter every day, not only at the airports

but with credit cards and identity theft issues. But at the end of the day, we know the things that matter the most now matter more, such as love for our family, our friends and the special relationships we develop through ASGA.

-- Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA  
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