The idea is that if you can consistently clip a very low tee (no ball, just the tee) out of the ground with a 6 or 7 iron, you have accomplished a great deal: Your clubface is square; your swing path is straight; and there is enough speed to knock the tee out of the ground. 

Step up and volunteer. We are the best singles golf organization in The Villages! Let’s keep it that way.

This month’s golf tip is to “focus on fundamentals”. When you sometimes experience certain challenges in your game and you most certainly will … go back to the foundation / fundamentals of your game. Take a fresh look at your grip, aim, posture, alignment and set-up. This will get you back on track to a more enjoyable round of golf.

See you on the links and hit’em straight.
~Steve Westerlund

Steve Westerlund called the meeting to order at 6:15. Honor Bradley, Membership Chair reported that we added two new members. Steve introduced one guest. Jack Parker gave a short “Nine and Dine” at Hacienda Hills. He had a very good turnout last week.

Our Treasurer, Myra Crosby will be leaving town for a while and has turned out treasurer duties to Brian Mann, who will have the checkbook for any needs that come up.

Bill Breaden gave a brief report on Priority golf which is going well. He gave handouts for the upcoming events: Orlando ASGA has invited us to a Disney golfing event. He gave handouts for the ASGA Central Florida Ryder Cup Tournament (October 6 and 7) which our chapter will be handling this year. He also gave a handout for The Villages, “Sunset Golf” which begins on June 7th and runs through September 27th on Thursday nights with a 5 PM shotgun start. It is a mixed couple’s event.

John Kuyper gave a brief report saying he had canceled Sunday executive golf outings because he couldn’t get the required 32 people it takes to reserve tee times. There was some discussion regarding John Kuyper canceling the Sunday Executive Golf outings and, hopefully, we will be starting that up again with someone else volunteering to take it on. Steve Westerlund said he would have the Board discuss it at the next Board meeting.
It was suggested that John Kuyper send out an email with the spreadsheets for all the golfing events. John commented that all of the spreadsheets are in the newsletter.

Gay Marie, Social Chair, and her committee put on another fabulous dinner (Italian night!!) She also gave out 3 gift certificate prizes for 9 holes at Hacienda Hills. 50/50 winners and the name tag drawing were also given out at this time. We were entertained by our very own Village’s group, “Shows To Go”, part of the “The Villages Theatre Company”. Many different and extremely funny skits were performed, including one with our ASGA Treasurer, Myra Crosby.

Respectfully submitted,
~Judy Empey, Secretary

Meet & Greet

Membership Activities:
Let us hope the rains have come!!! The courses are crying out for rain. June is such a wonderful month…. flowers bloom and the heat of July and August are still a month away. Enjoy this time on the golf course.

We had two new members join in May, Clay Warren and Bill Parsons. Please welcome them and make them part of the ASGA spirit. A friendly smile brightens everyone’s day.

~Honor Bradley, Membership Chairperson

Upcoming Golf Events

EXECUTIVE GOLF:
Will be played every Wednesday.

CHAMPIONSHIP 18 HOLE GOLF:
Will be played on The Villages championship courses the second and fourth Saturday of the month.

NINE & DINE at HACIENDA:
Will be played every Tuesday except the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Priority Golf Thursdays:
Is played every Thursday on various courses in The Villages. We have about 20 golfers each week playing Quota points. Through the summer months we will offer 9 hollers and 18 hollers starting in mid-June until mid Sept depending on the weather.

Sunshine Person

Barbara Bonney is our “Sunshine Person”. Please contact her to advise her when you know of a member with serious health problems, entering the hospital or of a person passing, barbarabonney@gmail.com or 352-753-9448.

RYDER CUP TOURNAMENT

Central Florida Ryder Cup Tournament and the Ryder Cup Open. Oct. 6th & 7th
Everything is right on schedule for the Ryder Cup challenge match and Ryder Cup open; we have Eagle Ridge for the 2 days of golf.

We have Lake Miona Rec Center for the set down dinner catered by Vic Embers Saturday night along with a cash bar, music and dancing. Then on Sunday after golf at Eagle Ridge we have a luncheon, prizes, trophy presentation, 50/50 drawing. We also have all Par 3’s sponsorship for a hole in one. Sign up spreadsheet will be out in July. Team to be chosen around Sept 1st.

Social & Upcoming Meetings

JUNE MEETING
June 26th 6:00 PM
Something Different
A Nine hole Putting Tournament at HIMALAYAN PUTTING GREEN at PALMER.
There will be a prize fee of $5. per person. Prizes will include Round of golf at Palmer, thirty minute putting lesson, new putter and more. This is a BYOB event. Checks payable to ASGA c/o GayMarie Odden, 2338 Bramble Terr, 32162. Dinner will follow at Palmers
A short meeting and prizes will be awarded. This is going to be a FUN SOCIAL.

JULY MEETING
July 24th at the Hibiscus Center 6:00 PM
Backyard BBQ inside.
Menu: BBQ Chicken Legs, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, watermelon, Dessert & Coffee. $10.00 per/person. Checks payable to ASGA c/o GayMarie Odden, 2338 Bramble Terr, 32162.

~Gay Marie Odden, Social Committee Chair
About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:
- Robert Anderson - 07/09
- Jean Armani - 07/14
- Paula Calhoun - 06/28
- Gary Carson - 06/24
- Karen Chewning - 06/24
- Judith Empey - 06/09
- Virginia Funk - 06/16
- Ellen Guillot - 06/19
- Phillip Hunt - 06/24
- Gretchen Johnson - 06/12
- Dorothy Kilmer - 06/09
- Marie Listander - 06/27
- Midge Maddison - 06/16
- Ray Marcos - 07/10
- Virginia Mauldin - 06/04
- Anthony Mickiewicz - 06/09
- Chris Miller - 06/26
- Marlene Morrissey - 06/06
- Carole Mosbaugh - 07/05
- Sharon Ostgaard - 06/26
- Christine Sargent - 07/13
- Marilyn Wright - 06/02

These members are up for renewal:
- Robert Bruce - 06/30/2012
- Terry Gallagher - 06/30/2012
- Sharon Grala - 06/30/2012
- Eddie Manson - 06/30/2012
- Sara Mills - 06/30/2012
- Joan Roverud - 06/30/2012
- Molly Sielatycki - 06/30/2012
- Elizabeth Taylor - 06/30/2012
- Ann Timke - 06/30/2012

Welcome newest members:
- Bernie Carleton - Joined 04/24/2012
- Alfred Gipson - Joined 04/25/2012
- Bill Parsons - Joined 05/08/2012
- Clay Warren - Joined 05/22/2012

These members recently renewed:
- Kathy Maloney
- Virginia Mauldin
- Gay Marie Odden
- John Parker
- Lee Robinson
- Dennis Smith

These members did not renew their dues:
- Leilani Devries - 05/31/2012
- Joan DiCioccio - 05/31/2012
- Richard Deangelis - 05/31/2012
- Sharon Grala - 05/31/2012
- Eddie Manson - 05/31/2012
- Sara Mills - 05/31/2012
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Our chapter currently has 198 members.

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Treasurer's Summary Report - May 2012
~Myra Crosby, Treasurer

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Travel With The Villages ASGA

I am so happy to tell you all that a fantastic time was had by all on our trip to Daytona Shores and the Aku Tiki Hotel. As usual, the hotel was gracious, the food was terrific, the hour of open bar was great and the weather could not have been better. We were a relatively small group but it seemed to be the happiest group of all times.

Golf at the Spruce Creek Fly-In was a little trying because of strong winds but I think it made the whole adventure more interesting...dead-eye putters weren't always in the hole.

The course at Cypress Head was great, greens a little bumpy from aeration but they too made sure we had a great round.

Because I didn't play, I had a great time riding around in a golf cart heckling the players...and that too was fun....especially when I ran up to a lively gentleman who had to tell me he thought I was "so pretty". Helped a lot because I was feeling sorry for myself not being able to play because of my sore knees.

"A big thanks to Doug at Jim's Golf Shop. Jim and the shop were very helpful to us in this event and will be in future events so please check them out before you get any new golf equipment or supplies.....they are really great!"

Special thanks to Marianne Rogers for the beautiful name tags and to Jack Parker for the great putting contest and teaching me to play Texas Holdem....that's lots of fun!

Plans for the next trip will be advertised as soon as they are firm up and I hope more of you will take advantage of the fun and great golf. This trip, everyone was a winner!

~Mona Rubenstein
monaasga@comcast.net 352-553-8532
LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR IRELAND!
Play K-Club, Ballybunion, Old Head...

June 20 Deadline to Sign-Up
Sixty (60) members have signed-up for the Ireland trip, July 20-30. We will spend three days in Dublin, three in Killarney and three in Limerick. You’ll fly into Dublin but return home from Shannon Airport near Limerick. When online registration is available, please have your roommate sign-up the same time you do. Details and itinerary at www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland

Get High On Golf this August
If you’re a down-home country boy like me, you don’t get out much. Yes, I’ve traveled the world but places in my own back yard have never been pleasured by my presence. Living in North Carolina, we sometimes think anything west of the Mississippi is another country. The landscape changes. Roads are straight and you can see places you don’t want to see for miles.

But as you head west, I mean really, really west, you bump into a rock. Locals call it the Rockies. And within those Rockies is one of our newest chapters, the ever-so-young Denver group.

Several months ago, Denver contacted the national office with a desire to blow-away the membership. They wanted to host a multi-chapter golf weekend, where else, but in the Rocky Mountains. That place way up in the sky.

“But you’re such a young chapter, are you sure you want to do this?” I asked. “Absolutely!” they replied. “We are energetic and we know we can offer the members from all over the country an experience like no other.” So game on. Denver’s “Colorado Rocky Mountain Golf Adventure” is now official. It’s golf with an attitude. Or, was that altitude?

At 9,000 feet elevation, this will be an adventure. The reason most Denver chapter members have single digit handicaps is because balls travel 400 yards out there. (Ball retrievers are four times longer as well.) Winter Park, Colorado will be the venue and the dates are set for August 23-26.

So the only question remains: will you engage yourself in this kind of experience? Will you get high with your fellow chapter members? Will you meet friends you never thought you had? So enough questions. Go to the website and register. Do it now.

This and other events are at www.SinglesGolf.com/events

Update Your Info on Your Chapter’s Roster
People still call us wanting us to change the phone number, or handicap or address in the database (roster). For a couple of years now, you’ve had the ability to update your information on the roster yourself. This updates the national database.

Got an address or phone change? Want to add your cell number, change your handicap? Go to the MY ACCOUNT button at our website, SinglesGolf.com and log-in.

Forgot your log-in? It’s real easy; just follow the simple instructions and your log-in information comes to you right away.

The National Website: Where Can We Improve?
Ever been to SinglesGolf.com? The national site receives some 30,000 visitors per month, some for the first time, and others are returning members. The site is, to a certain extent, an electronic brochure about our organization but it’s also a place members go to find out what’s going on next. Most chapters who use our software access their local website by entering their chapter name, followed by the national site, e.g. www.KansasCity.SinglesGolf.com. Local sites are free to chapters but other chapters host their own sites entirely independent of the national site. We also want to make sure the national site is satisfying your needs. If there’s something you’d like to see that’s not there, let us know. And if you’d like to submit a photo for our moving photos section, send it to GolfASGA@aol.com

Hawaii 2013: Time to Return
Yes, time to return for a low score and aloha! Everyone knows that your golf score in Hawaii doesn’t really mean anything. Hit a bad shot, it doesn’t matter, just look beyond the beautiful hill of flowers and see whales frolicking off the coast. Hit a good shot, well, it’s just another day at the office.

Yes, again, we’re looking at a return visit to Hawaii. We seem to show-up there about every other year. No details yet, but as usual, before we can discuss things with hotels, we need to know if you’re interested. Will we have 28 or 82 attend? We never know until we start seeing some action on your part.

So if you’d like to go to Hawaii at some time between the last week in January through mid-March, go to our “Hawaii” website and just put your name on the list. There’s no financial or other obligation at this point, just a show of hands. The site’s at www.SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii An announcement should be made by the end of this month or mid-July at the latest. Mahalo!

- Tom Alsop, President / Founder
American Singles Golf Association - GolfASGA@aol.com
July 21-30, 2012

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Play K-Club
Portmarnock
Old Head
Dromoland
Ballybunion

All ASGA Members Invited!

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