Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)
  For full details, go here.

Message From The President
February continued to be a great month for golf in the Villages. We welcomed ASGA members from other chapters who were and still are escaping a colder climate by coming to the Villages and joining us in our golf activities. This will reverse when the weather changes here and some of our members head north seeking a cooler climate and who will have the opportunity to join in with other ASGA chapters to enjoy their activities. This is just one of the many bonuses of belonging to ASGA that has chapters throughout the country. We held our first Happy Hour of the New Year at the Waterfront Inn Lounge with members having the opportunity to interact with other members off the golf course in a different venue. We plan to continue this throughout the year. We welcome our new members and will continue to put an effort into making them feel comfortable in our club. Members of our group stepped forward and produced some great chili, corn bread and salad for our monthly meeting. You will find more information about this fun meeting in other reports. I will be a “golf” bunny for a couple of months and plan to join you as often as possible for lunch or dinner after your golf games.

The career of Nancy Lopez is not so much a story as an epic. She came from humble origins, with parents who made sacrifices for their children, and developed into one of the premier players in the history of women’s golf. She started golf at age 8 under the tutelage of her father and was only 12 when she won the New Mexico Women’s Amateur. She went on to win many amateur events and in 1977 left Tulsa University to play professional golf. She was just 20 years old. What she accomplished in 1978 her first full year on tour would have been extraordinary if she had been a veteran but for a rookie it was a unique. She won five Tour events in a row—a record unmatched before or since by any other player. She won four more tournaments that year for a total of nine. From: The 25 Greatest Achievements in Golf by Tom Watson and Sally Tatum with Martin Davis, 1997 (Nancy Lopez continues her connection with the Villages with visits and golf clinics.)

~Helen Chun, President

General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2013
Meeting was called to order by President Helen Chun.
We had approximately 60 members in attendance. Members welcomed our new members to the group. Barbara Richardson asked that non-priority golfers interested in playing the...
Meet & Greet
Membership Activities:
We continue to attract new members each month to our club. They are quickly integrating into our golf and social activities. Even though they are very new to the club they were among the members entering their chili and cornbread for the Chili Cook Off. We will continue to make their integration into our club as seamless as possible.
~Barbara Beyer, Membership Chairperson

Sunshine Person
Barbara Barney 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, barbaraboney32@gmail.com or 352-750-9448.

Upcoming Golf Events
PRIORITY GOLF THURSDAY
The Thursday Priority group plays on our home Championship Courses, The Villages. In the month of February our tee times were around noon every Thursday. We usually have between 5 and 7 foursomes of golfers each week. This month we played Hacienda Hills, Bonifay, Mallory Hill, and Cane Garden following golf we enjoyed dinner at the Country Clubs.
Welcome to Scott Johnston and Ken Moreau who are new to our group. We’re glad you joined us.
If you would like to play with the Thursday Priority group go to the web site at www.asgavillagesflorida.net. Bring up the calendar and click on the Thursday Priority group. Sign up, either as a priority member or as non-priority (NP) member. Each week we have 1 or 2 (NP) members that get to play.
Any questions about this group email Barbara Richardson at babsonfive@comcast.net.
~Barbara Richardson babsonfive@comcast.net

Happy St. Patrick’s Day
Hi fellow ASGA Members,
I have been doing the Monday Priority Golf for about a month now and this is my first ever newsletter article.

As I recall we had good enough weather to play every Monday.
There were two members who did quite well, Barb Sobel and Gerry Rigdon. Together they took home the most cash. Congratulations.

Yours truly at Arnold Palmer got three birdies and the most points that day and wound up with a 97, go figure.

To play Monday Priority Golf be sure and sign up by Wednesday no later than 6pm. Non-Priority Members sign up on the bottom and I will try to get you in after the tee times are out.

~John Ressler, johnrtff@aol.com

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All this for just $255.00 pp double occupancy and just $369.00 for a private room
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~Mona Rubenstein 352-553-8532
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NINE & DINE at STONECREST
Nine and dine is the first and third Wednesday of each month. Go to our web site at www.asgavillsgesflorida.net on the calendar, click on Wednesday Nine & Dine and sign up. The course and time will be on the spreadsheet. Please pay in the Pro Shop.

CHAMPIONSHIP 18-HOLE GOLF
The goal is to schedule 18-Hole golf on Saturdays on the Villages golf courses beginning in April. The weather and other conflicts are affecting the current off-site schedule. We welcome the new members to our golf events and encourage them to participate as often as possible. Remember the golf chairs want your input for future golf activities.

Your Saturday 18-hole golf for March
- March 16th Sky View C.C.
- March 30th TBA

What golf professional said? When the ducks are walking you know it’s too windy to play golf.

Playing in Windy Weather
While hitting in windy conditions, try to control your ball flight by keeping the ball on a flatter trajectory. The following things do NOT work:
- Hitting the ball harder than normal
- Moving the ball back in your stance
- Closing the face of the club

Instead, try to swing at 75% or 80% of your normal swing rhythm and pace. This will allow you to make a better swing, hit a more solid shot, and will reduce the amount of spin on the ball. Spin makes the ball rise - something you don’t want in windy conditions.

Your Last "Swing Thought"
"I knew it! I knew I was gonna do that!" It’s a confession heard on every golf course, every day. Amateurs are often quick to admit that they knew what mistake they were going to make in advance. Prophets they are not; negative thinkers perhaps. And the worst time to have a negative thought is the instant before swinging.

At address, when negative thoughts creep into your mind, step back and regroup. Break the chain of negative thinking by recalling good shots you’ve hit in similar situations. Don’t swing until you can confidently visualize a perfect shot.

GOLF ETIQUETTE 101
The Spirit of the Game
Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Social & Upcoming Meetings
If you missed the February meeting you missed a fun-filled evening with 60 of your ASGA friends. It was a Chili Cook-off with 11 participants providing their favorite chili. We once again enjoyed the music of Kurtis May. Kurtis does a great job providing music that keeps everyone dancing all evening long.

The voting resulted in first place going to Lee Robinson, second place to Phyllis Gramke and third place to Mona Rubenstein. Congratulations’ to the winners and a special thanks to everyone who brought chili and cornbread to make it such a success.

Our first Happy Hour at the Waterfront on
February 8th was enjoyed by many and we will be returning to the Waterfront on March 15th at 5PM for another Happy Hour. They will reserve 3 tables for us so plan to arrive early and stay for dinner, music and dancing.

Our next meeting will be on March 26th at Hibiscus Recreational Center. It will be an Italian dinner. The entertainer is Betsy Starr. Betsy is a vocalist, DJ and will be doing Karaoke. So come out and be entertained by our own. Doors open at 6PM with dinner served at 6:30PM. The cost will be $12.00. Please make your check payable to ASGA and mail to Carole Mosbaugh, 2452 Tamarind Grove Run, The Villages, FL 32162. Your check must arrive by March 19th. Hope to see you there!

~Carole Mosbaugh, Social Committee Chair

Our chapter currently has 141 members.

Rules and More Rules
When can you presume ball is lost in hazard?

I was playing at Halifax GC in Yorkshire and on one of the holes the tee was behind some derelict farm buildings. I hit a sweet straight drive but because of the obstructing farm buildings I didn’t see the ball land. About 270 yards down the fairway was an open ditch (a staked hazard). This was a large deep ditch with heather and long grass. After spending 5 minutes looking for my ball on and around the fringes of the fairway I concluded that the only place the ball could be was in the hazard. However my fellow competitors told me, because nobody had seen the ball enter the hazard I would have to back up and play 3 off the tee.

I begrudgingly accepted but thought this was unfair. What do you think?

Also, a second question, one of my playing partners told me if I was playing a provisional ball I was not allowed a practice swing. Is this right?

AND THE ANSWER IS...

The Water Hazard Rule states that you must have knowledge or virtual certainty that your ball is in a hazard in order to proceed under one of the relief options in Rule 26-1. Let’s see how this might apply to your situation.

“Knowledge” does not apply in your case, since no one saw the ball enter the hazard. However, “virtual certainty” may apply. Assuming everyone in your group agrees that your drive was hit straight down the fairway and far enough to reach the hazard, you must consider the course conditions in front of the hazard. If the entire area adjacent to the hazard boundary is closely mowed so that a ball that is not found short of the hazard can be presumed to be in the hazard, you are permitted to assume that the ball is in the hazard [Decision 26-1/1].

However, if the area adjacent to the hazard boundary consists of rough, fescue, tall grasses, nearby bushes, or other trouble such that a ball that cannot be found may be lost in this pre-hazard area, you may not assume the ball to be in the hazard. After the five-minute time limit is reached, you must play another ball under stroke and distance (return to where you hit your previous shot and add a one-stroke penalty to your score).

The answer to your second question is that your fellow competitor is incorrect. You may take a practice swing (or more than one) before or after any stroke you make on the golf course [Note 1 at the end of Rule 7]. If you have just hit an errant shot, you will more than likely want to rehearse your swing. Is this right?
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- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party (heavy hors d'oeuvres, also 2 drink tickets if you reg by 4/24), 3 “lauh” breakfasts at the Carolina, 1 cookout and 1 sit-down dinner
- DJ dancing on 1st and 3rd nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. Resort services include on-site transportation, bicycles, afternoon tea, practice putting, driving range and more.

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

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During one golf event, please pair me with ____________________________

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