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HARTFORD SINGLES GOLF

Hartford, CT Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — November 2007

Officer Elections At November Meeting!

Letter From The President

What makes a tradition? I think I have started one for myself. Last year I ended the golf season at Lake of Isles Golf Club and I thought that was perfect. Guess what, I have a new perfect spot. I was lucky enough to be in Bermuda last week and got to play at the St. Georges Golf Club. No matter where you looked, there was the Atlantic Ocean. It was very distracting though; I mean all that beautiful scenery made it hard to concentrate. I certainly could have played better. One of the main differences between our golf courses here and the ones in Bermuda, is the wild life on the course. Here we have the Canadian geese and an occasional fox. In Bermuda, we had chickens and several roosters strutting around. They were also a little more bolder than the geese. I think that I'll end this golf year on a good note and put the clubs away. I am already starting to think about where I want to end next season!

I have been working on the HASGA Cup records and so far there are several people in the running. We will be announcing the winner at the Holiday Party on December 1 and will be awarding the club trophy and golf certificate. So far, those in the running are: **Jack Curtiss, Patty Landry, JoAnn**

Bryant and Dave Walstrom. I will be adding points until the party, so make sure you let me know of any ASGA golf events that you played in, no matter where you played.

I hear that **Sue Rand**, Nominating Chairman, has been working on filling the openings for next year's Board. Rumor has that we may have a few new members working with us. Remember, if at any time you feel that you would like to help out in some way, we would welcome the assistance.

I want to remind everyone to sign up for the **Holiday Party on December 1st**. We had a blast last year and look forward to outdoing it this year. Hope to see you there!

~Nancy Hammond

Next Monthly Meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007

ZABBARA'S RESTAURANT

@ Stanley Golf Course

245 New Britain Road, New Britain
(860) 229-7270

The next monthly meeting for **Hartford ASGA** will be held on **Monday, November 19th** at **Zabbara's Restaurant @ Stanley Golf Course!**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS!

The nominations for members of the **2008 Board of Directors** are:

President – **Nancy Hammond**

Vice President – **Patty Landry**

Golf Chair – **Mary Lebel**

Social Chair – **Norma Spring**

Membership Chair – **Tom Woods**

Communications Chair – **Toni Fedora**

Treasurer – **Stephanie Sewell**

Secretary – to be determined (this is an appointed position)

Members will vote on these nominations at the meeting!

The speaker will be **Robert Tamiso** from **CTNites.com** and **CTGolfTips.com**. He will explain how to use the website, CTNites.com, which is the easiest way to find Dining and Entertainment in Connecticut! Included is the best in Restaurants, Night Clubs, Attractions, Theatre, Hotels & Inns, Sports, Movies, Music or Planning an Event. CTGolfTips.com has the best of Connecticut Golf, Golf Courses, Golf Instruction and Video Golf Lessons! Robert will inform members about upcoming events and opportunities and how we can participate!

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Event: Dates for New Years in Tampa are Dec 29 - Jan 1st. Dates are contracted and firm. Go ahead - book your airline ticket for the best deal.

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

National E-Mail: ASGANational@aol.com

Office Hours: 8:30 - 5:00 Monday - Friday

National Hotline: 1-888-GOLFMATE (1-888-465-3628)

To Join or renew, visit website and join online, or call our hotline.

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: Third Monday of each month

Next Meeting: November 19th, 2007

Meeting Location: Zabara's Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course

Our Website: www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org

Our Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(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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of the
American Singles Golf Association



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The schedule for this evening is:
5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Conversation Time (Cash Bar)
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Dinner
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Meeting & Speaker

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti
Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee
Apple Crisp with Ice Cream

Price for Dinner is **\$20.00**, and reservations are requested by **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14TH** ...the count has to be called in on **Thursday** (October 15th) and only those with reservations will be guaranteed a dinner. **First-time attendees** are always welcome and if they don't have a reservation, every effort will be made to accommodate them!

If you make a reservation for dinner, **payment is expected previous to or at the meeting!**

If you are not able to attend the meeting at the last moment, contact **Stephanie Sewell** or call **Zabbara's** and leave a message...you will still be **liable for payment** as **Hartford ASGA** will be charged for the dinner!

To sign up for this event:

- E-mail **Stephanie Sewell** at fontozzi@aol.com and let her know the "check's in the mail" or let her know you are using the other options below...
- Use **PayPal** by going to www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org
- Use **your bank check online payment!**

Checks are made payable to: "**Hartford ASGA**"

Mail payment to:

Stephanie Sewell
697-36 South End Road
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Directions:

From I-91 South onto I-84 West, then see directions below:

From I-84 East or West, take exit 39A to RT-9 south; take exit 30 ramp, then a right

onto RT-71/Hartford Rd; Stanley is .4 miles on left.

From I-91 North, take exit 22 onto RT-9 north; take exit 30 ramp, then a left onto RT-71/Hartford Rd; Stanley is .5 miles on left.

RT-9 North; take exit 30 ramp, then a left onto RT-71/Hartford Rd; Stanley is .5 miles on left.

October Member Meeting

Members met on Monday, October 15, 2007 at Zabbara's Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain. Those who attended were **JoAnn Bryant, Jack Curtiss, Dr. Carol Grant, Cathy Duncan, Toni Fedora, Sandra Hackett, Patty Landry, Mary Lebel, Rich McKnett, Andrea Ratti, Tom Scoville, Stephanie Sewell, Anna Sielawko, Rick St. George, Cliff Straub, Dave Walstrom, Tom Woods, and Barbara Wysocki.**

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Tom Scoville**, who was the lucky recipient of \$43.00! **Jack Curtiss** seems to have lost his "aura" for winning or it was just an off-day...we all have them! There was an extra dinner left over, so that was also raffled off...and the lucky winner was **Anna Sielawko**, which meant another night of no cooking!

Dave Walstrom talked about the final golf tournament at Lyman's Golf Club with Fairfield ASGA and the last golf outing for FNG at Portland West with a buffet dinner.

Barbara Wysocki announced the dinner choices for the Holiday Party on December 1st is chicken, beef or salmon and for people who want to stay overnight, rooms are available for \$109.

Tom Woods reported there are 89 members in Hartford ASGA membership.

Stephanie Sewell explained that payment must be received for events before a reservation is complete. She asked that people take the time to answer the questions that are on the reservations in the e-mails, so she doesn't have to chase after anyone.

Mary Lebel announced that the Nominating Committee, under the leadership of **Sue Rand**, have been talking with members about accepting the chairmanship for various committees, but no one has stepped up to the plate. A discussion followed about what it entails to be on the

Board and hopefully people will see clear to help out!

Dr. Carol Grant, a chiropractor from Plantsville and a certified golf fitness instructor, was the speaker at the meeting. She said it was important to prepare the body for golf over the winter. Dr. Grant said the components to Good Golf are: Lessons, Equipment, Course Management, Mental and Physical Preparation. Areas of concern physically are the Neck, Shoulders, Wrists, Lumbar Spine and Feet. She had the members get into groups of two, with each person doing exercises, while the other person watched and helped out when needed, if the person was having a problem. Dr. Grant gave members a lot of information to learn about their bodies for the good of the game!

~**Cathy Duncan**, *Communications Chairman*

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Now that the golf season has died down a bit, I thought it might be a good time to share a thought or two, about our golf group and this position I took over last year, and will continue again for one more. First, because of a few key people, willing to help carry the load, we had a great golf season, mostly because we had a terrific Golf Chair and committee. **Dave Walstrom** and posse, provided many different and wonderful events. You all must agree, it was a pretty good season! Thanks a bunch, **Dave!**

Second, these jobs that are done as volunteers, that benefit the group, do take time away from our own real paying jobs, personal time, and most importantly golf time. A lot of unnecessary time is spent tracking down payments and other info we need. Many restaurants and golf courses need numbers and payments up front FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. When we request information from you, it is for tracking and record keeping purposes, NOT personal enjoyment! Sometimes, more time is spent chasing people for money and info, than planning the blessed event!

The majority of members really do send in the correct money and info and that old rule about 80% of time is spent on 5% of people, really stands true here.

To hopefully make things easier and be able to let the treasurer (me) enjoy the events, next year we will be making a few

small changes in how payments will be accepted:

1 - When you first e-mail me about an event, I will enter your name on a list.

2 - You are not officially signed up or will be counted, however, until I receive your check or payment of some kind. I will confirm by email or phone.

3 - On the day of the event, I will NOT be collecting check, unless previously arranged with me, and only for unseen or unpreventable situations.

4 - If you want to prepay for a future event, in person, please hand it to me in a SEALED envelope with all the required information written on the front.

Thank you all for your understanding and looking forward to 2008,
~**Stephanie E. Sewell**
Treasurer, Hartford ASGA

LYMAN GOLF TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 14, 2007

The Fairfield Chapter hosted a Golf Tournament at Lyman Orchards on October 14th. Members had a choice to play the Trent Jones Course or Gary Player Course. Sixteen Hartford members attended and it was evenly split between the two courses. Those who played the Gary Player Course were up for the challenges it provided as there were several "blind shots", while the rest who played the Trent Jones course welcomed being able to see where to hit the next shot!

The views of the hillside were not as brilliant due to the lack of rain this year and no heavy frost yet. The day was sunny (some of the time) and very breezy. I had commented that I just bought a new ski jacket for skiing and said "I did not know I had to wear it today"! I had several layers I kept swapping to get the right "mix" to keep warm and be able to swing the club.

About twelve **Hartford ASGA** members stayed for a buffet the Fairfield chapter arranged which was hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, cold pasta salad, baked beans which **Stephanie** really enjoyed! She went back for seconds, commenting she had no one to offend at home so...! We were also served a great salad, "toppings"

for the burgers and dogs and fresh fruit. For those who did not rush out after dinner, we were treated to share a "piece of the pie". A Fairfield member bought a Lyman Orchards apple pie and shared it with us, which was still warm... Yum!!

A raffle of wine bottles saw several of our members having a lucky ticket! Those from **Hartford ASGA**, who attended were **Dave Walstrom, Stephanie Sewell, Mike Kellis, Paul Figura, JoAnn Bryant, Mary LeBel, Bette Washington, Margaret Doyle, Toni Fedora, John Guandalini, Peg Machnicki, Linda Woodruff, Betsy Montgomery, guest Fred Rapaport, Richard Weiss, Jennifer Buchanan, and Barbara Wysocki.**

~**Barbara Wysocki**, *Roving Reporter*

GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

Well, the 2007 Hartford ASGA Golf Season has officially ended! The golfing portion of the last event (a last minute addition to the season) at Portland West on Saturday October 27th was rained out. This was to be the FNG Wind-Up Party. I want to take this opportunity to apologize to all the FNG'ers for not scheduling a party at the last regular FNG event played Friday, October 5th. The October 27th event was not a total washout though, as 18 members braved the rain and cold and met at 5:00 PM. At Portland West. They enjoyed BBQ chicken, sausage and peppers, ziti, and salad. The meal was excellent! In attendance were **Karen Skog, Barbara Metzen, Rick St. George, Diana Swenhall, Barbara Wysocki, Brian Stere, Toni Fedora, Carolanne Kennedy, Sue Rand, Sue Ammann, Linda Gamache, Pat DeWolfe, Jerry Maxwell, Cathy Duncan, Nancy Bertzos, Rich McKnett, Brian Schwerkolt and Dave Walstrom.**

We had **13 golf events scheduled in 2007**, not counting the **Ryder Cup** matches, **FNG and SNG**, and the last minute **FNG Wind-Up Golf Party**. This worked out to about 2 events per month, for the 7 golfing months (April – October) that we can count on in Connecticut. All but one, the July 28th 9-hole event at Twin Hills CC in Coventry, which was rained out, were played! We had a total of 281 golfers play the 13 events which averaged out to 23+ golfers per event! This may be a little skewed. Take away the opening day event with 38 golfers and the 36 at Shennecos-

sett and we only averaged 18+. We played a new course, to us at least, at Shennecossett in Groton (already mentioned) and we won back the Ryder Cup! We also solidified new friendships in Albany by playing golf and wagering at Saratoga Race Track Labor Day Weekend.

This brings me to some questions I am asking all members of **Hartford ASGA**, to think about over the next few months. In trying to satisfy every golfer, we need to think about scheduling these events. Should we cut back to 8 or 10 events? Should we schedule more 9-hole events? These are a few of the questions that need be put out to the membership via a survey soon. They should then be addressed by the Golf Committee and the Board, within the next few months, as planning for 2008 season starts right away in January.

Another topic to think about is FNG and SNG. Because of the stipulations placed upon us at Portland West this past year for FNG, and the subsequent low turnouts, should we continue to schedule FNG or do we want to consider other avenues? There are 3 or 4 golf courses that advertise different events on Friday nights. Some have golf specials while others have dinner and entertainment specials following golf! These are questions every member of **Hartford ASGA** should ponder, and be prepared to have input. Look for a survey coming soon to a computer near you!

Before I close, I would like to thank my Weather Committee, who did an outstanding job this year! I also want to offer a special thanks to the Golf Committee, **Amy Kwan, Pat Sullivan, (The Ryder Cup Captains), Margaret Byrne, Rich McKnett, Jack Curtiss (FNG), and Bob Wright (SNG)**. They all did a great job,

sacrificing time in January, February and March, which is when all the planning for the golf season is accomplished, and then again, throughout the golfing season to make all the golf events run smoothly. I also want to give a special thanks to **Nancy Hammond, Hartford ASGA President**, and the **Board of Directors** who allowed the Golf Committee to run the golf events as they saw fit!

~Dave Walstrom, Golf Chairman

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Connie French - 12/04
John Guandalini - 11/26
Mary LeBel - 12/01
Sue Roy - 12/03

Welcome newest members:

Patricia deWolfe - Joined 09/20/2007
Toni Fedora - Joined 09/13/2007
Stephen Kudriavetz - Joined 09/26/2007

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Barbara Banville - 09/30/2007
Katherine Kameron - 09/30/2007
Marion Roscio - 09/30/2007
Judith Samokar - 10/31/2007

Our chapter currently has 88 members.

HARTFORD ASGA HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2007

HILTON GARDEN INN

85 Glastonbury Boulevard

Glastonbury, CT 860 659-1024

It's time for the Annual Holiday Party for

the Hartford ASGA! This year it will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Glastonbury. Let's support our chapter with the best attendance ever as we look forward to the year ahead. **Bring a friend!**

The schedule of events for the party is:
Cocktails

6:00 - 7:00 PM - Hot hors d'oeuvres

Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 PM - See choices below

Dancing

8:00 - 12:00 Midnight - Flashback

FLASHBACK will play a variety of music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. This is the same band we had last year.

The Menu for the evening is:

Fresh Fruit with Raspberry Coulis

Caesar Salad

Chef's Selection of Potato & Vegetable

Warm Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Chocolate Mousse Cake

Entrée as listed below:

Stuffed Beast of Chicken

Sliced London Broil

Salmon With apples/cranberries

ASGA Member Price \$35

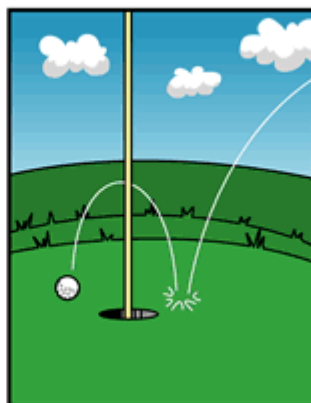
Guest Price (Non Member) \$45

Each guest will receive one raffle ticket. Special to the first 25 members who sign up: **two additional tickets.**

Deadline to sign up and pay is Saturday, November 24, 2007.

Want to stay overnight? The Hilton Gar-

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell



www.lifeinthetrap.com

den Inn has rooms for **\$99.00 plus tax**. Breakfast options are also available at a nominal price. Call them directly at 860 - 659-1024. Mention **Hartford ASGA** to get this rate. ***Must book by November 9 to guarantee room at this rate.***

Three ways to sign up for this event:

- E-mail **Stephanie Sewell** at fontozzi@aol.com and let her know the "check's in the mail"
- Use **PayPal** by going to www.hartfordsinglesgolf.org and make payment to: Treasurer@hartfordsinglesgolf.org
- Use **your bank check online payment!**

Directions to Hilton Garden Inn:

From Points North:

- 1-91 South to Exit 25N (Rte. 3 North)
- 1st Exit for Main Street/Downtown Glastonbury
- Left at end onto Glastonbury Boulevard Hotel on left

From Points West:

- 1-84 East; Go through Hartford
- Signs for Rte. 2 East towards Norwich
- On Route 2, take Exit 6 (Griswold)
- Right at light
Go through intersection, hotel on right

From Points East:

- 1-84 West; Exit 55 on Left (Rte. 2 East toward Norwich)
- On Route 2, take Exit 6 (Griswold)
- Right at light
Go through intersection, hotel on right

Please print the following form and send in with your check or e-mail to Stephanie.

-----Stephanie MUST have this information to process your reservation!-----

Official Registration Form

Event _____

Name/Guest Name/Chapter You Are A Member _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail address _____

Please check one () **Hartford ASGA Member** () **ASGA Member** () **Non-Member**

___ **Stuffed Chicken** \$ _____ **\$35.00** **\$45.00**
 Amount

___ **Sliced London Broil** \$ _____ **\$35.00** **\$45.00**
 Amount

___ **Grilled Salmon** \$ _____ **\$35.00** **\$45.00**
 Amount

Total Enclosed \$ _____
 Amount

Checks are made payable to: "Hartford ASGA"

Mail payment to: Stephanie Sewell, 697-36 South End Rd., Plantsville, CT 06479

Any questions, call **Barbara Wysocki** 860-563-9066 or email bwyssocki@copper.net