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ILMINGTON SINGLES GOLF

Wilmington, NC Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — February 2011

GOLF OUTING AT THE LA

Message from the President

Thanks for coming to our first meeting of the new year. We had a great turn out, more than we have seen in a while. George is out of the hospital and came to the meeting. We all sang happy birthday to him and he had a big grin on his face. We had a few new members and potential members who may sign up and that's a good thing.

Our first golf outing was cancelled and has been rescheduled for February 26 at Porters Neck. Don't forget the Beach Blast and start sending in your registration forms.

The memorial service for Pat Leader was January 22. The service was very nice and our members showed up in force.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting and we have exciting news so be there. ~John Travis, President

Membership Committee News

Please welcome Randy Nicholson and Mary Jo (MJ) Smith, our two new members for the month of January. Randy attended our last meeting at Hieronymus and we hope to see them both at the Lakes on the 20th. Members brought

Brenda Stock, Ann Smith and Gordon Larson to the meeting and we expect to see them on our roster soon. Please bring your friends and fellow single golfers to our next meeting on the 10th.

Many new members are gained through contact with our current members. Invite a friend to our monthly meeting and provide Rosemary with the contact information and she'll do the rest. Rosemary's number is 910-612-7818 and email rrohaver@gmail.com. ~Rosemary O'Hayer, Membership Chair

Golf News

Our January golf outing at Porters Neck had to be rescheduled due to SNOW! It was hard for some of you in Brunswick County to believe, but the Porters Neck area got about six inches of the white stuff; the course was closed for over a week. We have rescheduled the event for Saturday, February 26. Tee times are again set to begin at 11:30 and the cost is \$45. John Stenerson will be handling the signups for the event. Gerrie Storch has rescheduled the Antonio's get together after golf.

The next outing will be on Sunday,

February 20 at The Lakes. Tee times begin at 11:00am. The cost for the event is only \$28. John Stenerson will be handling the signups for this event.

Please notice that the attached 2011 Golf Schedule includes both updates and additions. The I-40 challenge is now scheduled for September 10 at Coharie Country Club in Clinton. It's a very nice Dan Maples design; they have both a driving range and putting green. We'll have a banquet and prize "ceremony" at the clubhouse following the event. The food price is still pending but the total cost including golf, dinner and prizes is expected to be about \$45.

Bald Head Island and Carolina National dates were each moved forward a week due to the Easter Holiday. Please update your calendars!

Regarding cancellations for the Lakes, please call or email John Stenerson 3 to 4 days in advance if you think that you will not be able to attend the event for any reason. Please remember to let Gerrie Storch know if you will be eating with our group after the event.

At each event, we will be collecting \$1 from each player and guest for the bag attendant.

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- Wilmington's Beach Blast Dates: April 1-3, 2011. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WilmingtonBeachBlast
- ASGA Heads to Maui, Hawaii March 2-9, 2011.
- Memorial Day Weekend Reunion Details TBA. Dates: May 26-29, 2011

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern) National Office: 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATIO

Regular Meeting Date: Second Thursday of each month

Next Meeting: February 10th, 2011

Meeting Location: Hieronymus Seafood Restaurant Our Website: www.wilmingtonnc.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

Wilmington Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association



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Wilmington Chapter Policy:

New guests may attend one meeting and one golf outing (normally the first outing following the meeting date). Afterwards, the guest may not participate in any further outings until they join and dues are paid in full.

WILMINGTON CHAPTER ASGA - POLICY FOR GOLF EVENTS 2011

- Format for golf events will be determined by the golf chairman and posted on signup sheets.
- Members should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to tee off. Late arrivals will have to catch up with their group
- Members should contact golf chair

 (s) at least 48 hours before a registered event if unable to play; emergencies notwithstanding.
- 4. Any member who is a no-show for a registered event will be assessed ten (\$10) before being allowed to participate in another event.
- In the spirit of camaraderie, good sportsmanship and generally getting to know each other better, pairings will be random.
- In the spirit of camaraderie, good sportsmanship and consideration of your fellow members there will be a no smoking policy on the golf carts.

~Sharon Goell, Golf Chair

Social Committee News

Gerrie has arranged to have box lunches at The Lakes and the cost will be \$7.00. The box lunches will have to be ordered in advance so you will need to let Gerrie know if you plan on purchasing a box lunch. After golf at Porters Neck on February 26 we will eat at **Antonio's**.

Remember to always email or call **Gerrie** if you plan on eating with the group after golf.

~Gerrie Storch, Social Chair

Communications Committee News

News from Beach Blast Publicity

The Beach Blast registration forms are starting to roll in from other chapters. It is time to send in **your** registration form. We need a strong showing from our members – you asked us to bring it home to Wilmington so get busy and register. Remember, the local rate is \$180 and does not include hotel or breakfast. Send **Diane Degennaro** your registration form. In the Spotlight

It is getting difficult to find members wanting to be profiled. So, I am asking you, the members, to send me names of members you would like profiled.

We hope you enjoy reading your newsletter and our member profile. If you would like for me to profile you in our newsletter, please email me or give me a call.

I encourage you to send me articles and items of interest you would like to see in the newsletter.

Please check your information in the roster and let me know if there are any changes. Send any changes to fcurren@ charter.net or call 910-233-1534. You can also change your own information by going to www.singlesgolf.com and click on "My Account". You can log on using your Member ID# as your user name. You member number is located on the mailing label of your newsletter.

~Faye Curren, Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor



Dates to Remember:

Date	Event	Comments
February 10	Monthly Meeting	Hieronymus Seafood Restaurant, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Meeting
February 20	The Lakes	11:00 tee times, \$28.00
February 26	Porters Neck	11:30 tee times, \$45.00

Cold Weather Play

~Thomas Golf

There are a number of factors to consider when playing in colder weather:

- Heavy cold weather clothing can reduce freedom of motion and reduce swing speed. Additionally, your body and muscles are less flexible in cool weather, so take this into account when making your club selection. It's a good idea to start your cold weather game playing conservative until your body warms and adjusts to the weather. If you're experiencing reduced flexibility, it's best to use a shorter back swing rather than a longer full swing that requires more flexibility.
- Low compression golf balls will perform better in cold weather as they
 help offset the hardening factor
 caused by lower temperatures.
- 3. The air temperature changes the compression of the golf ball, and also how it flies through the air. If you're playing golf in 50 degree weather, you will notice about a 10 yard decrease in carry distance compared to playing in 80 degree temperatures. Remember this decreased yardage, because it translates to about a 1 or 2 club difference when selecting your club.

What you can and cannot do when your ball is in a bunker

By: Jack Pultorak, Director of Rules & Competitions, Florida State Golf Association

Can I take a practice swing in a bunker? How about grounding the club at address? Or, can I put my putter or a rake in a bunker before playing or do I need to leave them outside the bunker?

All good questions and common occurrences; let's see what the Rules of Golf say.

When your ball lies in a hazard, either a water hazard or a bunker, a very special situation exists that is covered under Rule 13-4, Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions.

There are three prohibitions. You must not:

- 1. Test the condition of the hazard or a similar hazard;
- 2. Touch the ground in the hazard or

- water in the water hazard with your hand or a club; or
- Touch or move a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.

People get tripped up on these all of the time. It's easy to do, so let me give you a couple of do's and don'ts in a hazard.

You May Not (while your ball lies in the hazard)

- Rake your own or other's footprints in a bunker before making your first stroke from that bunker
- Smooth the sand at the spot where you just picked up the rake before making your first stroke from that bunker
- Make practice swings where your club touches the sand
- Ground your club at address in the bunker
- Touch the sand in the bunker or a loose impediment in the bunker in making your backswing

All of these are penalties!

However, there are some exceptions that will allow you to touch the sand while your ball is in the bunker providing nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the hazard or improving the lie of the ball.

You May (while your ball lies in the bunker) touch the sand in the bunker:

- In searching for your ball in a bunker (if your ball is believed to be lost in the bunker, you may probe with a club or search using a rake or your hands and feet)
- As a result of or to prevent falling (you slip going down a steep bunker face),
- In removing an obstruction (removing a rake, cigarette butt, etc),
- In measuring (moving your ball over



- one or two putter heads if your ball interferes with someone else),
- In retrieving, lifting, placing or replacing a ball under any Rule (your ball is struck and moved by another ball and must be replaced), or
- In placing your clubs in the bunker (you select one of the three clubs you carried into the bunker to hit the shot and toss the other two in the bunker behind you)

And if you make a stroke at your ball in a bunker and don't manage to get it out, you are allowed to rake that spot that you just played from, provided the raking does not improve your lie, area of intended stance or swing or line of play for your next shot.

Once you do manage to hit your ball out of the bunker, no matter where it comes to rest, go ahead and smooth the sand in the bunker; there's no penalty.

Remember, use the index or the table of contents to find the correct Rule that applies to the situation and follow the Rules of Golf to help yourself to enjoy the game of golf.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Dot Cotman - 02/05 Rosemary O'Hayer - 02/03 Charles Rooks - 02/24 Fran Young - 03/03

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership) Leo Howell - 02/28/2011 Angel Landry - 02/28/2011 Stephen Martin - 02/28/2011 Lucy Prell - 02/28/2011 Julius Swinson Jr. - 02/28/2011

Welcome newest members:

James Nicholson - Joined 01/01/2011 Mary Smith - Joined 01/03/2011

These members recently renewed:

Susan Hammond-Ziegler Porter James Diann Miller Michael Petruzzi Philip Segnitz

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Jan Bjornson - 12/31/2010

Our chapter currently has 72 members.



Wilmington Chapter 2011 Golf Schedule Contact: Sharon Goell 910-617-4522 sgoell@ec.rr.com

Date	Day	Course	Time	Cost	Format
2-20	Sun	The Lakes 910-845-2625	11:00 Tee Times	\$28	TBD
2-26	Sat	Porters Neck 910-686-1177	11:00 Tee Times	\$28	TBD
3-13	Sun	Castle Bay 910-270-1978	9:30 Chipping Clinic 11:00 Shotgun	\$35	TBD
3-27	Sun	Oak Island 910-278-5275	9:00 Shotgun	\$38	TBD
4-1,2,3	Fr/Sa/Su	Wilmington's Beach Blast	Flyer posted on website		TBD
4-10	Sun	Lockwood Folly 910-842-5666	9:33 Tee Times	\$38	TBD
5-1	Sun	Bald Head Island 910-457-7310	10am ferry/lunch/cart 11-12:39 TeeTimes	\$72	TBD
5-14	Sat	Carolina National 910-755-5200	9:00 Tee Times	\$45	TBD
5-29	Sun	Hampstead Area Course TBD			TBD
6-11	Sat	The Thistle - Beach Battle 910-575-8700	Noon Double Tee Times	\$50 incl meal	TBD
6-26	Sun	St. James- Players Club 800-281-6626	9:00 Tee Times	\$35	TBD
7-9	Sat	Beau Rivage 910-392-9021	9:00 Tee Times	\$39	TBD
7-16	Sat	Crow Creek 910-287-3081	8:48 Tee Times	\$35	TBD
7-30	Sat	Echo Farms 910-791-9318	9:00 Shotgun	\$35	TBD
8-14	Sun	Northshore 910-327-2410	10:00 Tee Times	\$39	TBD
8-28	Sun	Rivers Edge 910-755-3434	9:00 Tee Times	\$40	TBD
9-10	Sat	I-40 Challenge Coharie Country Club	11:00 Shotgun		TBD
9-25	Sun	St. James - Founders Club 800-281-6626	9:00 Tee Times	\$35	TBD
10-15	Sun	Masonboro Country Club 910-397-9162	9:00 Shotgun	\$45	TBD
10-29	Sat	Bear Trail 910-287-1908	9:30 Tee Times	\$31	TBD
11-5	Sat	Ocean Ridge – Tigers Eye	10:00 Shotgun	\$40	TBD
12-10	Sat	Cape Fear National	TBD	TBD	TBD

Rev: January 25th, 2011



WILMINGTON'S 2011 BEACH BLAST

APRIL 1-3, 2011

The Wilmington Chapter of ASGA is pleased to host the 2011 "Beach Blast". For many years we sponsored the "Winter Chill", most recently just outside Pinehurst. We thought we would make a venue change back to Wilmington and move the date to a warmer time of the year - we thus present to you "The Beach Blast" to be held April 1-3, 2011

Our host hotel is the beautiful oceanfront Courtyard Marriott in Carolina Beach. www.courtyardcarolinabeach.com. The Marriott is located in central Carolina Beach and is within walking distance of restaurants and shops. Our Friday night registration party, breakfasts, and Saturday night dinner/dance will be at the Marriott. If you plan to arrive early and stay late, contact information is provided on the registration form.

The weekend consists of two rounds of golf - Saturday at the Masonboro Country Club. www.masonborocountryclub.com and Sunday at Beau Rivage. www.beaurivagegolf.com. Optional golf on Friday will also be played at Beau Rivage. Included in the registration cost is Saturday and Sunday golf, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, Friday night registration party and the dinner/dance on Saturday night.

This exciting weekend will also include many door prizes on Saturday night, along with generous prize money for Saturday and Sunday play, and a 50/50 raffle. Mulligans will be sold also for both days of golf.

For those who need transportation from Wilmington's airport (ILM), please contact Sharon Goell (910-617-4522) or email sgoell@ec.rr.com. We'll gladly pick you up.

Mark your calendars now and register early to secure your place in Wilmington's 2011 Beach Blast. You'll have a ball!!

Ann Howell 910-350-0014 nantucketgal@charter.net

Faye Curren, Beach Blast Publicity 910-233-1534 fayecurren@bellsouth.net



WILMINGTON'S BEACH BLAST

APRIL 1-3, 2011



1102 Charlton Way Leland NC 28451

Package includes:

- 2 (two) Nights accommodations (Friday and Saturday)
- 2 (two) rounds of golf Saturday and Sunday with comp range balls (Shotgun start 9:00 am)
- 2 (two) Continental Breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday)

Friday night registration welcome party

Banquet dinner with DJ dancing and cash bar Saturday night

TOTAL PACKAGE-\$325.00* per person double occupancy (ASGA Members only)

Accommodations and activities will be at the Courtyard Marriott, Carolina Beach NC

The Courtyard Marriott – Carolina Beach 100 Charlotte Avenue Carolina Beach NC 28428 910-458-2030

Additional nights available contact Amy Johnson, Amy.Johnson@Crestlinehotels.com, 910-458-2617

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REGISTER EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE APPLICATION DEADLINE 2/25/2011

QUESTIONS: Ann Howell (nantucketgal@charter.net) 910-350-0014

ASGANATION IN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — FEBRUARY, 2011

Last Chance for Hawaii



Register Up Until Late February!

EVENT DATES: March 2-9, 2011 LOCATION: Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui, Hawaii WHO CAN ATTEND: Any ASGA Member

Sometimes opportunities present themselves and you have to act - - quickly. This happened recently when we started probing hotel rates in Hawaii for a wintertime event. (Yes, even at 80 degrees, they still call it winter!)

So without a lot of notice, we've presented our membership with a upcoming event that is sure to woo. Three rounds of golf at Wailea (site of past years' Wendy's Skin Games), seven nights at the beautiful Fairmont Kea Lani and eight food functions.

Over 20 members have signed-up already and we'll continue to register members all the way up until late February. We scheduled the event to begin on a Wednesday (March 2) and end on a Wednesday (March 9) as we found airlines were more likely to allow us to use our points and miles.

There is a registration form attached with this newsletter and all details, updates, etc. are at the event website:

www.SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii

You can save money by rooming with a friend. If you don't know anyone who's attending, we can possibly pair you with a same-sex roommate subject to availability. Deposit info is on the site along with a daily itinerary and excursion info.

Wilmington's Beach Blast

Our Wilmington, NC chapter is hosting their Beach Blast multichapter golf weekend, April 2-4. Wilmington's done a great job hosting the "Winter Chill" events over the years, now it's time to head to the Carolinas for some beautiful springtime golf. Enjoy new friends and renew old acquaintances playing Masonboro Country Club on Saturday and Beau Rivage on Sunday. And, of course, there's good food and great fun to be had by all.

Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WilmingtonBeachBlast

Updating Your Phone, Address Online is Easy!

If the information we have on file for you has changed, i.e. your handicap, your home phone, address, etc., or you want to add your cell phone to your roster, you can do all that yourself by going to the homepage at www.SinglesGolf.com

We're a volunteer organization but please don't rely on others in your chapter to update your personal info. Do it online!

Newsletters Going Green: You Must Act Now!

For about 18 years now, the national office has been printing news-letters for local chapters and mailing them via "snail mail." However, for the past two years, we've worked out the kinks on getting your news-letter to you via e-mail. Advantage: you get your newsletter 3-6 days earlier than through snail mail.

Therefore, effective with the March, 2011 newsletters, every member who has an e-mail address on file with the national office will be sent an electronic newsletter UNLESS you OPT-IN for a printed newsletter. Members joining or renewing after January 1, 2011 will automatically receive e-newsletters unless they opt-in for a printed newsletter. If you choose a printed newsletter, you will not receive the electronic newsletter any longer. **Details at SinglesGolf.com/newsletters**

Free Dues Thru March 31

Want to give a friend a "free sample" of ASGA membership? Unless your chapter has opted-out of this offer, get info on how this works at www.SinglesGolf.com/FreeDuesUntilMarch31 and get the details. Hopefully, when golf season kicks-off (for those of us north of southern Florida, these folks will be impressed enough and will join our Association for good!

- Tom Alsop, President / Founder American Singles Golf Association



Experience Maui, Hawaii at its Finest!

ASGA Members are invited to attend this multi-chapter event. 94 ASGA members attended the 2008 event in Maui. Make your winter more enjoyable — more fun, fellowship and fairways — *In Hawaii!*

SEVEN DAYS IN HEAVEN: THE FAIRMONT KEA LANI - MAUI - HAWAII

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION See Fu

See Full Details At: SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii

Dates of Event: Wed., March 2 Thru Wed., March 9, 2011 Hotel Website: Fairmont.com/KeaLani

eaLani Hotel Phone: 808-875-4100

Standard Package Includes (see prices below):

- 3 days of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 7 nights lodging at Fairmont Kea Lani (rooms: Run of House), based on double occupancy. All rooms are suites (living room + bedroom).
- 8 food functions: 1 cocktail party, 3 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- All taxes, fees, porterage, welcome gift and golf prizes included
- Room-by-Yourself package available (see rate below)

Add'l. Nights: If you are staying additional nights before or after the event, add \$339/night for a run-of-house room (hotel tax incl.). If you're sharing a room, each pay \$169.50/night. (Roommate must stay or your must pay single occupancy rate of \$339/night.) There are no "non-hotel" packages available. Once we're at the resort, we'll offer an optional 4th round of golf for those interested.

GOLF COURSES: We'll play the three world renowned courses at Wailea (Old Blue, Gold and Emerald Courses). Package play dates are March 3, 5 and 7. Noon-ish shotgun starts (with 60 players committing). Non-golf package available for \$500. off any package. Play your own ball or captain's choice each day. PAYMENT: \$100.00 non-refundable credit card deposit needs to be paid immediately (this allows us to reserve a block of rooms at the hotel). Second deposit of \$900.00 is due January 31, 2011 and final payment is due February 15. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Register by calling ASGA at 704-889-4600 (hours 9-2 eastern) or go online at SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii and complete this form. No refund on anything once we're received your credit card number and/or payment, other than we will charge a 25% cancellation fee if you cancel on or before 2/2/11. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. Absolutely NO refunds after 2/2/11. A letter or email confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation by 2/2/11, you must call us.

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