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ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — August 2011

GOLF AT COPAKE COUNTRY CLUB - AUGUST 6TH

President's Message

Summer is finally here and golf is in full swing. We had an awesome turnout for Thunderhart last week and hope to have a good turnout for our next formal at Copake Lake on 8/6. Although it is a bit of a drive, it is well worth it. The course is beautiful with views of the lake and the clubhouse restaurant serves gourmet food grown locally in a relaxed atmosphere. Please join us if you can.

On a personal note, our beloved treasurer **Rich**, had shoulder surgery recently, please join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Our Lake Placid event is coming up soon and if you haven't registered yet, there is still time. You can find all the details including registration forms on our website.

We also want to extend a warm welcome to our newest member **John Zeh**.

Lastly, keep in mind that this is YOUR organization too and if you have any ideas, comments, concerns, stories etc. email any of the Board members or come to our monthly meeting held the 1st Tuesday of the month at Van Patten. If we don't know what's bothering you, we can do anything to fix it.

Enjoy this beautiful weather; hope to see you on the fairways soon.

~Marian

Handicaps

On some of the event sign ups and on all National event sign ups you may have noticed a line for you to write your handicap? For a small charge you can get a GHIN handicap by joining at most of our local golf courses or you can obtain one by joining the eClub Capital District. After you join, all you have to do is submit your scores for all your 18 hole rounds from any golf course you play. After you submit 5 scores, you will be issued an official handicap index. **We're urging all members who play golf on a regular basis each summer to get an official GHIN handicap this year.** If everyone had a GHIN handicap index, it would provide us with a better way to set up teams for our formal events so that the teams are more equal in ability. At least one of our formal events this year will offer participants who have an official GHIN handicap index the opportunity to play their own game instead of a scramble. (The scramble format will also be offered for everyone else.)

EClub Capital District is a New York State Golf Association "Type 3" or Internet club designed to provide golfers living within a 50 mile radius of Albany, NY with the benefits of a NYSGA/GHIN licensed

golf club. With a membership fee of \$35, you will receive an official USGA Handicap Index as well as a membership into the New York State Golf Association. You will be able to enter all your golf scores online, as well as numerous statistics from each round so you can "track" your game. Best of all, your handicap is part of the GHIN network, meaning that your handicap will be accepted no matter where you travel to play golf.

You are invited to join the eClub Capital District. Go to <http://www.nysga.org/capital.html> to find out how to join.

Members Corner

Achievements:

Congratulations to **Therese Shady** who once again competed in a pickleball tournament at the New York State Senior Empire Games held in Cortland, NY from June 7th to June 12th. She won the gold medal for women's singles, a silver medal in Mixed Doubles with partner Ray Raphael, and a bronze medal in Women's Doubles with partner Lynn Sherich in the 55-59 age brackets.

The next major tournament is the National Senior Games which will be held in Rochester NY in late September.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend - August 26-28, 2011. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend
- Labor Day Weekend Event 2011 - September 1-4, 2011. Kingsport, TN.
- Sacramento Chapter's High Sierra Holiday, Reno, NV- September 9-11, 2011

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: First Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011

Meeting Location: Van Patten Golf Course, 6:30pm

Our Website: <http://www.albanyasga.com/>

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 or go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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Upcoming Events

Friday Night Social Gatherings – The First Friday of the Month

- Central Steak (formerly The Butcher Block) on Central Ave in Colonie
- Happy Hour from 5:30 - 7:30 **lets plan on meeting around 6:00**
- 2 for 1 well drinks, draft beers and house wine.
- \$2.00 16oz PBR cans
- Appetizer specials

Here is a link to the menu.

<http://www.centralsteak.com/CentralSteakMenus.pdf>

Monthly Meeting –August 2nd 6:30pm

We would love to have our members, guests, friends, and prospective members participate in the monthly meetings. **This month the meeting will be at Van Patten Golf Course, from 6:30 – 9:30 and we will be ordering food off their menu.**

Please come to share your ideas for Albany ASGA in the coming season. This is your organization – created to meet the Singles' needs in the Capital District – your input makes it great

Saturday, August 6, 2011- Golf at Copake Country Club followed by a gourmet dinner at the course restaurant



WHEN: Saturday, August 6 with tee times beginning at 11:30 am. Plan to arrive at the course at least 1/2 hour prior to your tee time.

COST: The cost for a round of golf and a cart is \$50.00 for members and \$60.00 for nonmembers. **The final date to pay is Friday, July 29.** Give your check, payable to Albany ASGA, to any board member or mail to Rich Shostak, Treasurer of Albany ASGA. Contact us at AlbanyASGA2002@yahoo.com for mailing address information.

FORMAT: Scramble

PRIZES: Longest Drive and Closest to the pin for men and women, and team prizes. Mulligans will be sold at the course. You may purchase two mulligans for \$2.00.

You may use your mulligans to improve any shot off the tee, on the fairway, or on the green.

Please contact **Helene** and **Beth** at AlbanyASGA2002@yahoo.com if you wish to play.

JOIN US AFTER GOLF FOR DINNER IN THE RESTAURANT AT THE COURSE, THE AWARDING OF PRIZES, AND THE USUAL ASGA GOOD TIME! Details TBA

Dinner includes chicken piccata, baked ziti with marinara, mozzarella, & parmesan, green beans with garlic and olive oil, house salad with balsamic vinaigrette, dinner rolls & butter and the chef's choice of dessert.

Cost for dinner = \$26.00. (Payment is due with the golf payment.)

Total cost for golf and dinner = \$76 for members and \$86 for nonmembers. Information about Copake can be found under the **Links** tab on the [Albany ASGA website](http://AlbanyASGA.com).



Sunday, October 2 - Van Patton Golf Course, Clifton Park followed by our golf year end dinner and election of new officers at the Clubhouse

WHEN: Sunday, October 2 with tee times beginning at 11:30. Plan to arrive at the course no later than 1/2 hour prior to your tee time.

COST: The cost for a round of golf, cart + full course dinner is TBA for members & TBA for nonmembers.

FORMAT: Scramble

PRIZES: Longest Drive, Closest to the pin, and Closest to the line for men and women, and team prizes

JOIN US AFTER GOLF FOR DRINKS, THE AWARDING OF PRIZES AND OUR YEAR END BANQUET AT THE VISTA RESTAURANT AT THE GOLF COURSE.

We will also be electing our new officers for 2012 at this time.

DINNER CHOICES; Chicken Piccata, Sliced Beef Fillet, or Grilled Salmon. The final date to pay is Friday, September 23.

Give the cash or a check (payable to Albany ASGA) to any board member or mail to **Rich Shostak**, Treasurer of Albany ASGA. Contact us for mailing address information.

Albany ASGA Meeting Minutes 7/12/2011

Present: Marian Gogola, Gary O'Brien, Beth Disque, Don Sislowski, Rita Roberti, Bob Doyle, Helene Chapados and Ellen Riley

Secretary's Report: Accepted for June 7, 2011

Treasurer's Report : Register balance is at \$11,253.20, bank balance \$11,466.20, difference, 3, \$71.00 refund checks

Membership Report : Marian to pursue Troy Record for ASGA article. Marion reported that ASGA(national) Groupon effort not particularly effective

Social Committee: Nine & Dines have not been successful so far perhaps due to weather conditions. Roberta will pursue doing a rotation of Friday Nine & Dines and Sunday Nine & Dines.

Golf Schedule for 2011

- Sat., Aug. 6th - Copake with dinner at the course - Confirmed
- Sun. Sept. 2nd- 4th (Labor Day Weekend)- Lake Placid Away Golf Event
- Sun. Oct. 2nd - Van Patten - year end banquet at the course - Confirmed.

Beth reported that Thunderhart was very successful with 35 people enjoying a modified shotgun start.

Senior tee issue was discussed with no defined change at present.

Old Business

Lake Placid scheduled for September 2nd-4th at the Crown Plaza. Ellen reported that 31 have signed up and final payments are due by 7/31/11. Board voted to order green shoe bags from Imprint with ASGA logo on them as a give away. We will use credit from Capitol Hills for some of the prizes. Bob Mattox had reported that we have a DJ for this, but the hotel does not have a dance floor in the Great Room. Decided to leave DJ plan as advertised.

New Business: none

Next month's meeting - Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 @VanPattens@6:30PM

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Richard Feldmann - 08/30
Raymond Frederick - 09/12
Marian Gogola - 08/05
Angela Groelz - 08/16
Don Lawrence - 09/14
Ellen Peil - 08/31
Jay Sullivan - 08/14

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Richard Feldmann - 08/31/2011
Marian Gogola - 08/31/2011
Olga Kay - 08/31/2011
Jim McGowan - 08/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Jack Dennis - Joined 06/23/2011
John Zeh - Joined 07/15/2011

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Dorothy Daly - 06/30/2011
Julianne Dickinson - 06/30/2011

Our chapter currently has 47 members.

Formal Golf - Queensbury Outing - Sunday, June 26, 2011

The event was rescheduled due to inclement weather and we got lucky and had perfect weather this time. What a treat! 24 people participated and we all had a good time. Thanks to everybody who participated and made this event a success.

The day's winners were:

Closest to the pin - Ellen Riley and Bob Doyle

Longest Drive - Gary O'Brien, Larry Simek and Beth Disque, Judy Axenson

Straightest Drive - Jane O'Keefe and LeRoy Bessette

We don't want to forget to thank **Rich** for donating stress relieving cows from Turkey Hill and an ice cream coupon to all these winners.

50/50 raffle:

Helene C. - \$45

Bob D. - Golf shirt (donated by John Holmes)

Kathi V. - \$45.00 gift certificate to Capital Hills

1st place - 65

(won as a result of matching cards)

Wayne Coulter
Beth Disque
Jane O'Keefe
Rich Shostak

2nd place - 65

John Holmes
Judy Axenson
Tim Ryan
Bob Doyle

3rd place - 68

(won as a result of matching cards)

Helene Chapados
Dick Feldman
Kathi Vakiener
Larry Simek

4th place - 68

Jay's Team



Also, once again we want to thank **Rich** providing a Turkey Hill Chapstick to everyone who played. Some of us discovered that these are not only good for lip protection, but they also can be used to mark the location of fairway shots during a scramble. They're much easier to see than a tee and we didn't forget to pick them up after everyone hit. See you all at Thunderhart! ~ Helene

Thunderhart Outing - Saturday, July 9, 2011

Our largest group of golfers (9 teams) was rewarded with a spectacular day at Thunderhart. Abundant sunshine beamed down on us the entire time and the "breezes" kept us cool. What a beautiful setting for a golf course, nestled in the foothills of the Catskills! How great to be able to play a modified shotgun start! The BBQ was delicious and the beer flowed. Life is good! It's probably safe to assume we'll plan a return outing in 2012.

We were pleased to welcome some new people to the group. First time scramble players were **Jackie Meyer**, **LeRoy Bessette**, and **Jack Dennis**. We hope to see you all again at many more ASGA events.



The day's winners were:



Closest to the pin - Maddy Reid

Longest Drive - Clyde Winnie and Helene Chapados

Straightest Drive - Jane O'Keefe and LeRoy Bessette

50/50 raffle

Clyde - \$75

Don I. - Golf for 4 at Thunderhart (donated by the course)

Jackie - Leftover prize for the unclaimed men's closest to the pin

And, donated by Thunderhart was a box of Nike balls won by Jack, and several golf hats won by Peter, Kathleen, Larry, and LeRoy

1st place - Team 8 -66

Beth Disque
Jack Dennis
Maddy Reid
Joe Candee

2nd place - Team 1- 70

Gary O'Brien
Jane O'Keefe
Don Firstenberg

3rd place - Team 9 - 70

Rich Shostak
Helene Chapados
Bob Doyle
Don Incalcaterra

4th place - Team 5 -71

Judy Axenson
Jim McGowan
Bob LaBarge
Bob Mattox

Thanks to **Rich** for donating a Turkey Hill stress reliever cow and a coupon for a free Turkey Hill ice cream to each of them as well as a Turkey Hill chap stick to everyone.

Informal Golf

Over 30 of us signed up to play on Sunday July 3 at Town of Colonie but Mother Nature had other plans and it rained most of Saturday night and into Sunday. About 16 of us braved the rain and gathered on the patio behind Chipshots waiting for the skies to clear. After finding out 2 courses were closed and the other would be cart path only, your illustrious leader made a quick call to Stadium to reserve tee times and we all headed there. Within a few hours, the rain cleared out and we enjoyed a great round of golf. After golf, we headed over to join the non-golfers at **Miss Rita's**.

Once again, Rita hosted a wonderful party and the weather cooperated so we could eat outside. A big THANK YOU to Rita for hosting another wonderful party and allowing us to come to your beautiful home. Many of us were serenaded by **Dick** and **Tom** who sang both Irish and Patriotic songs. We all joined in to sing Happy Birthday to **Flo** whose outfit totally fit the 4th of July Holiday with stars and stripes forever!

~Marian



Birthday Gal



*ASGA - Albany Chapter
2011 Labor Day Lake Placid Weekend
Crowne Plaza Resort & Golf Club
Friday, September 2 -
Sunday, September 4*



We're inviting our neighbors from neighboring chapters to join us for this fabulous weekend at one of Lake Placid's premier golf resort clubs, located adjacent to the Olympic Center in the heart of the world-famous Olympic village. The golf course was rated as "one of the eight icons of American resort golf" by LINKS magazine. Over 40 golfers joined us in 2009. 2011 should be even better.

[For a recap of the 2009 event, go to http://albanyasga.com/lakeplacid.html](http://albanyasga.com/lakeplacid.html)

[To see the photographs from the 2009 event, visit https://picasaweb.google.com/asgaalbany/LakePlacid2009](https://picasaweb.google.com/asgaalbany/LakePlacid2009)

LAKE PLACID WEEKEND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Two night's lodging at the award winning [Crowne Plaza Resort & Golf Club, Lake Placid](#)

Friday - September 2

- Day of Arrival Golf with cart on the Mountain or Links Course.
- Friday Evening is on your own. Try one of Lake Placid's awesome restaurants, shop in the unique stores or sample some of Lake Placid's nightlife.

Saturday - September 3

- Full breakfast in MacKenzie's Restaurant at hotel
- Golf with cart on the Mountain or Links Course - two mulligans
- Team format & prizes
- Full course dinner at the hotel and prize announcements followed by dancing to music provided by a DJ

Sunday - September 4

- Full breakfast in MacKenzie's Restaurant at hotel
- Day of Departure Golf with cart on the Mountain or Links Course
- Lunch after golf - optional - not included

All taxes and service charges are included



All of above for...

\$415 double occupancy - \$125 deposit due by May 1

\$360 (triple occupancy with cot) - \$125 deposit due by May 1

\$560 single occupancy- \$125 deposit due by May 1

or save \$25.00 ...

\$390(double occupancy) with full payment by May 1

\$335 (triple occupancy with cot) with full payment due by May 1

\$535(single occupancy) with full payment by May 1

Note: deposits or early bird payments are due by May 1st

We currently have a 24 room block but expect this to be a popular event. Reserve early!

Extra nights are available at \$130 per night*. Call the hotel at 518-523-2556 to reserve. State that you are part of the ASGA group. (*Room only. No food. Extra golf is \$75 pp.)

Questions? Contact us at AlbanyASGA2002@yahoo.com

Download a registration form from our website at <http://albanyasga.com/lakeplacid.html>

ASGA MULTI-CHAPTER EVENT LABOR DAY IN KINGSPORT, TN



MARRIOTT MEADOWVIEW

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE
SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay Resort Website: SinglesGolf.com/Meadowview Resort Phone: 1-800-820-5055

Check SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay for details, updates, etc.

OPEN TO ALL ASGA MEMBERS!

Standard Package Includes (see "Check Appropriate Pkg" below for prices)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 3 nights lodging at MeadowView Resort (see details below)
- Cocktail Party (cash bar), Cookout at Course, Final Night Dinner
- Full buffet breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings
- DJ dancing first and third night
- Optional round on Thursday & Sunday at Cattails Course @ Meadowview

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$89+16.5% tax (\$103.69) for a single room and \$51.85/person if dbl. occ. (Roommate must stay or you must pay single occ. rate.) See SinglesGolf.com/MeadowView for details on room types. **Hotel address:** 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37660

GOLF: You'll play **Graysburg Hills** on Friday, Sept. 2 (1pm) and **Crockett's Ridge** on Saturday, Sept. 3rd (9:30am). Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf and Day-of-Departure rounds at the "on property course," Cattails at MeadowView Golf Club @ special rate of \$30, however, greens will have been recently aerified. **GOLF COMPETITION:** Sign-up for Scramble/Shamble or USGA formats.

PAYMENT: Full payment due by **August 15th**. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 08/15/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 08/15/11. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See website for official cancellation policy. A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation by 08/19/11, you must call us.

NOTE: This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** event. Non-members must join ASGA to secure these rates. Call 704-889-4600 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join.

All rooms at the MeadowView Resort are smoke-free!

NAME SHOWN BELOW IS HOW NAMETAG WILL APPEAR. ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT.

NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE CHAPTER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Handicap/Avg. Score _____

HOME PH () _____ WORK/CELL PH () _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE:

- () **\$379.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE** (you have a roommate or we'll assign same-sex roommate for you)
- () **\$534.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
- () **\$30.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT CATTAILS — 11:00am**
- () **\$30.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT CATTAILS — 9:00am**

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:
ASGA, P. O. BOX 848,
PINEVILLE, NC 28134

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

My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you prefer. Please do not list yourself as someone else's roommate without their permission. **IMPORTANT:** If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.) I am requesting a room with () One King Bed () Two Double Beds *Note: Room preferences and hotels are first come, first served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.*

During one golf event, please pair me with _____. Both parties must indicate they want to play with each other, otherwise you will **NOT** be paired together. (Golf partner **MUST REQUEST** to play with you on their registration form as well AND must play same format as you're playing!)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$ ___ single / \$ ___ dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before or after) of add'l. nights: _____
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thurs., 11:00am approx. starting time (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ Mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of first 2 days of golf. Mullies not avail. on opt. rounds.)
 + \$ _____ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space if you want twenty-five (25) 50/50 raffle tickets. (20 for \$20 @ event)
 + \$ _____ Renew my dues for () \$70 for one year or () \$140 for two years (ASGA logo'd shirt included)
 = \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC.")

Date your check for August 10th if you wish us to hold your check until then.

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

CREDIT CARD USERS: FAX THIS FORM TO 704-889-4607

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is a 4% credit card processing fee if you use your card for this event. **Card to be charged on or after August 8, 2011.**

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* A shamble format calls for all team members to drive their own ball, then select best ball placement and play your own ball until holed out on each hole. A scramble is also known as a captain's choice.

** There is a 4% svc. chg. for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See www.SinglesGolf.com for complete details of policy and events.

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