

ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

President's Message

December is a time for holiday spirit and sharing with family and friends. It is also a time to reflect back on the year, remembering the **fun, friendship and fairways** which is what our organization is all about. This year was filled with many **fun** activities, from the Super Bowl party to indoor golf at Tark's, game nights, Happy Hours at Central Steak, pizza and wings at DeMarco's, Mousetrap and dinners at Prime at Saratoga National and Olde Shaker Inn.

It was also a year where I personally developed strong **friendships** with so many of you. When my daughter was hospitalized in November, the love and support I received was overwhelming. I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful group of people and look forward to making new friends and strengthening existing friendships in 2011.

And as for **fairways**, the 2010 local golf season started in March when a bunch of us played Stadium on one of the first nice days of spring and continued well into October. Our local chapter golfed as far north as Lake George, as far south as Copake Lake and as far west as Amsterdam, along with many other courses in be-

tween. Recently I counted the number of **different** courses I personally golfed with this group and it was over **twenty** and several we played more than once which is really impressive. Wonder how many chapters can brag about that?

As you look forward to the coming year, I ask everyone to think about why you joined ASGA in the first place. If you were like me, it was because you were single, liked to golf and had difficulty finding people to play golf with especially on the weekends. My golf game was weak due to not playing regularly and some of you may remember my scores were in the 120's. Thankfully with the support and encouragement of this group, my scores have improved. So remember we all were beginner golfers at one time or another, so when you are paired with a "newbie" be patient and encouraging. Remember our motto is "Fun, Friendship and Fairways" and like life, we should always put fun and friendship before anything else on the fairways. May the Holiday Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter. Here's to 2011!!

~Marian

Holiday Party 2010

On behalf of our chapter, I want to say a BIG thank you to **Dottie Daly** for opening up her beautiful home for our annual Holiday Party. It was a great evening of fun, laughter and great food and drink.

The evening began with cocktails and appetizers including many dips, veggies, crackers, and Greek meatballs. Thanks to everyone who brought something to share. Thanks to **Flo** for strutting her stuff and selling 50/50 raffle tickets and to **Beth, Peter** and **John M.** for separating them into the basket. Congratulations to **Beth** for winning \$70.00.



NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Wilmington's Beach Blast** - Dates: April 1-3, 2011.
Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WilmingtonBeachBlast
- **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 INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: First Tuesday of each month

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4th, 2011

Meeting Location: Central Steak, 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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Dinner included salad, bread, roasted potatoes, green beans, chicken marsala and beef tenderloin followed by many, many desserts and coffee. Thanks to everyone who brought a dessert, they were delicious.

Our "yankee swap" was filled with fun-loving competition with **Therese Shady** encouraging people to "steal" from others and keeping track of how many times something was stolen. Her witty narrative and friendly nudging kept us laughing throughout the gift exchange.

Thanks to **John Holmes** for the golf balls, your time spent in the woods and fishing balls out of ponds certainly pays off.

No matter what you took home with you that night, hopefully it was some holiday spirit and a feeling of friendship.

Happy Holidays

~ Marian





More photos can be seen at this link.
<http://picasaweb.google.com/asgaalbany/HolidayParty2010#>

Fridays at Central Steak



Golf Cartoon of the Month In the Holiday Spirit of Giving



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 - January 4th 6:30 pm

We would love to have our members, guests, friends, and prospective members participate in the monthly meetings. **This month the meeting will be at Central Steak, 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

Formal Golf Events for 2011

- **Sat. May 8 - Capital Hills** with Kentucky Derby party at Hearthstone Village.
- **Sat. June 11 - Queensbury** with dinner at the course – possible modified shotgun.
- **Sat. July 9 - Thunderhart** with dinner at the course.
- **Sat. Aug. 6 - Copake** with dinner at the course.
- **Sun. Sept. 4 - Fox Run** (modified shotgun) with dinner at the Raindancer .
- **Sun. Oct. 2 - Van Patten** with yearend banquet at the course.

~Beth and Helene

Albany ASGA Meeting Minutes 11/02/10

Meeting was called to order by President **Marian Gogola** at 6:55PM.

Present were **Don Sislowski, Kathi Vakiener, Marian Gogola, Rita Roberti, Rich Shostak, Larry Simek and Ellen Riley.**

Secretary's Report (Ellen Riley) accepted for October 5th, 2010

Treasurer's Report –

Bank balance – \$3,449.42

Register balance – \$3,355.42

Discussion on how much profit is acceptable for our non profits status and how it should be dispersed. Rich will research further.

Membership Report – (Kathi Vakiener) Renewal - Karen Babin

Social Report – (Rita Roberti)

Holiday Party – Rita confirmed Dotti Daily will Host on Saturday, December 18th. Hostess will decide to cook or cater which treasury will pay with surplus. Ballpark estimate of expenses to be submitted

For Board approval: Attendees bring appetizer or dessert. Members Free, guest cost of \$10. We will do a 50/50 raffle.

Friday Night Socials will continue weekly at Central Steak @ 6PM. (website will be updated to say Central Steak rather than Tuscan Grill)

Superbowl Party scheduled for February 6th @ Hearthstone.

Golf:-(Beth Disque & Helen Chapados)

Golf Schedule for 2011

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Hole in One recognition discussed. Decided to authorize a plaque honoring anyone making hole in one.

Chairmen for **Informal Golf and Nine & Dine** are needed for 2011. If no one steps up, individuals might take responsibility for particular weekends.

Multi Chapter Golf Outing discussed for 2011. Marian will find Out if Central

Mass. or Fairfield might host something. If not, Ellen will Chair (with Bob Mattox) committee to research options here. Possibly Saratoga Springs or Lake George in September.

New Business –

Selling of Golf Cards and calendars discussed. Decided to buy A quantity and sell to members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Next meeting on Tuesday, December 7th, Capital Steak @ 6:30PM

Albany ASGA Meeting Minutes 12/07/10

Meeting was called to order by President **Marian Gogola** at 7:14PM.

Present were **Don Sislowski, Kathi Vakiener, Marian Gogola, Gary O'Brien, Rich Shostak, Helen Chapados, Beth Disque, and Ellen Riley.**

Secretary's Report (Ellen Riley) accepted for November 2nd, 2010

Treasurer's Report – (Rick Shostak)

Bank balance – \$2,964.63

Register balance – \$3,007.60

Membership Report – (Kathi Vakiener)

Discussion as to whether we should try ASGA National's www.GroupOnWorks.com program which would eliminate the \$10 Albany ASGA would receive for a new member. **Marian** will check on whether this fee to local chapter is reinstated at renewal or not before signing up for program.

Social Report –

Holiday Party –Dotti Daily will Host on Saturday, December 18th @ 6PM. Attendees bring appetizer or dessert. Members Free, guest cost of \$10. We will do a 50/50 raffle.

SuperBowl, Feb. 6th, Party cannot be held at Hearthstone. Kathi to Check on on possible hostess for home party instead.

Discussion on whether we should NOT charge a guest fee as an incentive for potential members to actually join organization. Further discussion on this to take place at January meeting.

Golf: - (Beth Disque and Helen Chapados)
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We will offer option to play own ball (GHIN required) or scramble format for Formals in 2011. Possibly at Fox run or Queensbury.

Possibility discussed of offering senior members gold tees in 2011.

Old Business

Marian reported that Central MA., is not doing an Away outing this year.

Ellen & Bob Mattox will research options for our hosting an Away Golf Outing in mid September.

New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 4th,

2011 at Central Steak @ 6:30PM

Please note secretary will be absent on the 4th...

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Judy Axenson - 02/10

Helene Chapados - 02/12

Michael Congero - 01/08

Ellen Riley - 01/09

Rich Shostak - 01/22

Don Sislowski - 01/12

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Donald Incalcaterra - 01/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Mary Jones - Joined 12/20/2010

Our chapter currently has 50 members.

Rules and More Rules

Addressed ball in tall grass slips vertically downward

Q. Larry's ball was lying in tall grass. As he addressed the ball, the ball slipped vertically downward. Larry said, "oops," his competitor said, "that's going to cost you a penalty stroke."

What if any is the penalty?

A. Simple, No penalty. The movement downward, but directly over the the original ball position is not considered movement. As long as the ball stayed directly over its original position it is considered to have not moved, no harm / no foul / no penalty.

B. Simple, one stroke penalty. Come on, the ball at rest moved, and that's a no, no. If a golfers' ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the golfer is considered to have moved the ball and a penalty of one stroke is awarded. The ball moved from its resting position, even if vertically.

C. Simple, two stroke penalty. Come on, the ball at rest moved, and that's a no, no. If a golfers' ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the golfer is considered to have moved the ball and a penalty of one stroke is awarded. The ball moved from its resting position, even if vertically.

And the answer is.....

The correct answer: B. Rule 18/2 is the applicable rule regarding addressing a ball at play and causing it to move other than as a result of a stroke. And of course the penalty is one stroke. Rules decision 18/1 says that an addressed ball that moves vertically downward, unless the ball returns to its original position on its' own is considered to have moved. The direction of movement is immaterial. The penalty is one stroke.