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# ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — February 2009

## 2009 GOLF CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

### President's Message

Last month when I wrote, the temperature was near zero. Today it was in the low 50s. Don't you just love the weather in the Capitol District! But with the warmth and the longer days, golf cannot be that far off. Of course, we still have a lot of snow to melt. But this precipitation will make for luscious fairways for those of us who spend any time on them!

The Super Bowl party was a great success. Thanks to **Don** for hosting us and to all of you for contributing to make it so festive. 25 of us were present, even the game was exciting! Special congratulations to **Karen Bishop** who was the biggest winner of the evening. (Always smart to be nice to a winner!) Tom Bourke was close, but he won last year even when his Patriots didn't! It was nice to spread the winnings around.

Our golf meeting went well. You will be receiving the schedule in the coming weeks as we confirm the dates with the various courses. We are planning the monthly formals and beginning to work on the weekly informals. We are also looking at different venues for a golf away weekend. Lake Placid looked like a good possibility. There will be more on all of this in the weeks ahead.

We have a few gatherings ahead that you might want to put on your calendars. There is a dinner at Buca di Beppo on February 28th. Also, our annual "Meet & Greet" will be on April 24th at the Blu Stone Bistro. **Ann** and **Don** have been working hard on this event and will need our assistance as we prepare to make this event a success. We hope to have an ad in the Times Union in their annual Golf supplement which comes out the week of the Masters.

On a sad note, one of our members, **Milt Mitchell**, died on January 31st. He was surrounded by his loving family and by our dear **Flo**. She mentioned how grateful Milt was for all the notes of encouragement that he received from us. May he rest in peace! To Flo, we offer the support of our friendship and prayers. We love you!

Spring is in the air! Have a wonderful month! Peace, ~Gary

### Note from Jay

01/20/2009

Sure, y'all find a cool hang-out AFTER I leave!! Blu Stone Bistro sounds like a great place, and I wish I could stop over... except for slogging



through the 4' snowdrifts in 10-below weather!

I attended the Tampa Bay ASGA meeting last week. They don't do the every Friday night "Gathering" because this is such a big and dispersed area (2.5 million people in an area the size of Rhode Island), and chapter (160 members). Their monthly meeting (mostly a big happy hour in a "Tiki bar") had about 60 people. They look just like us... except a bit older and much more tan. Seems like a nice group. I gave them a "shout out" from Albany Chapter.

I signed up for their scramble next weekend, and will go to the Super Bowl party, if Garmin can get me to the site. Oh, one big difference. It's traditional that Tampa ASGA plays golf before the Super Bowl party. Can't do THAT in Albany!!

Miss you guys, but not the hideous weather!

~Jay Bird

### New Website

We lost our website host last August when the Times Union stopped offering the service to its community organizations. We're happy to say that we now have a new web host. Our site can be found at

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

**NEXT BIG NATIONAL EVENT:** Memorial Day Weekend at The Homestead, May 22 to May 25  
Details at [www.singlesgolf.com/events](http://www.singlesgolf.com/events)

**National Website:** [www.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.SinglesGolf.com)

**E-Mail:** [ASGANational@aol.com](mailto:ASGANational@aol.com)

**New Office Hours:** 8:00am to 4:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

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

To join ASGA or renew your dues, contact the National Office at above number or go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Regular Meeting Date:** First Tuesday of each month

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3rd

**Meeting Location:** The Tuscan Grill

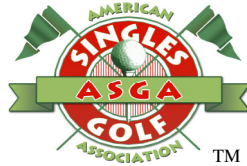
**Our Website:** <http://www.albanyasga.com/>

**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.

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## 2009 Golf Calendars

The 2009 Golf Calendars are now available. The high quality wall calendars feature beautiful photos of local courses as well as descriptive narratives and full contact information. The best part about the calendars is the Discount GOLF CARD, which comes packaged on the back cover of the calendars. The card entitles the cardholder to the best golf specials available at the courses featured in the calendar, as well as discounts at local golf stores and driving ranges. The Calendar Golf Card is cut right out of the back cover!

We try to schedule many of our informal golf events at courses that honor the card so it's a good idea to have one. The cost is \$25.00, less than what you'd pay in a store, plus the club earns a profit on each one sold. Feel free to sell them to your friends and co-workers.

We'll be bringing the calendars to the Friday Night gatherings and have them available for purchase at our other events. Or you can send an e-mail to Mike at [mcongero48@aim.com](mailto:mcongero48@aim.com) and ask him to reserve one for you.



## Super Bowl Party 2009

Super Bowl Sunday was a great ASGA social event! We had a great turnout and the Hearthstone Community Room is a wonderful facility for a party and the big screen TV certainly added to this event! There was a lot of great food and congratulations to those big winners--**Mike Congero, Diane Eichel, Carol Daly** and Me. We ate, played pool, watched TV, laughed and chatted. Even for those of us who are not big football fans it was a lot of fun. Big thanks to **Don Sislowski** for hosting the event at the Hearthstone. Great job to everyone! ~Karen



To see rest of the Super Bowl photos along with those of other events go to our new website <http://www.albanyasga.com/> and click on the Photo tab.

## Upcoming Events

### Friday Night Social Gatherings

Each Friday of the month, beginning about 7 p.m., you will find us gathered at The Blu Stone Bistro located at 661 Albany Shaker Road in Albany. Please come and join us for an informal social hour for everyone, members and friends. During the golf season we make plans for weekend golf (where, when, and how many tee times do we need). During the rest of the year, we socialize, talk about GOLF, and make plans for other events. Many of us often have a bite to eat, as well.

### Saturday, February 28 - Dinner at Buca di Beppo

Please come and join us on **Saturday evening, February 28** for a group **dinner at Buca di Beppo** on Wolf Road. (Directions and the menu can be found under the Links tab on our **NEW website**. Check it out and plan on being at the restaurant by **7 PM**. Early birds can gather in the bar area.

If you've never been to Buca di Beppo, you're in for a treat. The service is family style, the decor is Italian kitsch (you'll laugh), prices are not cheap, but reasonable, the food is good, and of course, you'll have a great time in the company of ASGA friends.

We need to make reservations for Saturday night. Please RSVP to [AlbanyAS-GA2002@yahoo.com](mailto:AlbanyAS-GA2002@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, February 25 if you can make it.

### Monthly Meeting - March 3 - 6:30 p.m.

We would love to have our members, guests, friends, and prospective members participate in the monthly meetings. Just stop by **Tuscan's Grill**, 1760 Route 9, Clifton Park, NY (PH 518-371-5672). We socialize and order dinner at 6:30. The meeting starts at 7. 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!



### 2009 Open House Meet and Greet - April 24

Save the date. The location will be the Blu Stone Bistro. More details to follow.

### First formal golf event of 2009 - Saturday, May 2

We will be golfing at Brookhaven in Greenfield Center (pending course availability) and will adjourn to Karen's house in Saratoga after golf for our annual Kentucky Derby party. More details to follow.

## Albany ASGA Meeting Minutes

2/08/09

The meeting was called to order by Gary at 2:10 at the Hearthstone Village Community Center.

Present: **Gary O'Brien, Mike Congero, Ellen Riley, John Holmes, Don Sislowksi, Beth Disque, Helene Chapados, Rita Roberti, Karen Babin, Karen Bishop**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Beth Disque  
Minutes from 1/6/08 were approved

TREASURE'S REPORT: Mike Congero

- Available Balance = \$ 3,702.01
- Sources of Income for 2008
- \$1300 carry over balance from 07,
- Golf (Mulligans and nonmember fees)- \$100,
- Labor Day - \$1700,
- House Parties- \$200
- Dues - \$500,
- Calendars - \$100
- We are not doing the Labor Day weekend event this year, so we won't have that as a source of income for 2009
- Don gave the money for the Super Bowl party and 9 calendars to Mike

MEMBERSHIP:

- Meet and greet...April 24 at the Blu Stone Bistro
- No Room charge
- Don will call TU about getting an ad in their golf magazine – due March 1
- Cost \$1100 for a 3x5 ad
- Don met with the owners of the Blu Stone Bisto about sharing the cost for the ad
- Ann is working on the ad and logo – We will use Mike's phone number for a

contact

E2 Everyone should look for items to donate for the raffle or ask restaurants, golf courses, etc. to donate an item

- Will look for other ways to spread the word about the group
- Booth at the Futures (ASGA will provide signs) - Fred will investigate
- John will see if we can set something up at Northway 8
- Mike will contact a friend at Times Union

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

- We will continue at the Blu Stone Bistro
- Super Bowl Party – was fantastic
- Dinner at Buca Di Beppo on Saturday, Feb. 28 - Time – 7 p.m.
- There is a band at Saratoga National on Friday and Saturday nights.

GOLF:

- See separate minutes from the golf meeting

Other :

- Calendars: Mike has the calendars. Sold 10, 30 left
- Ann and John will offer golf lessons.
- Ann and John still need to look for items to sell to the group...i.e. Windshirts, towels, etc.
- Next meeting date – Tuesday, March 3 at the Tuscan Grill. The time is 6:30 to order and 7:00 to begin the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:05

Respectfully submitted,

~Beth Disque

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Judith Axenson - 02/10

Helene Chapados - 02/12

Beth Disque - 02/16

Wally Gordon-Tennant - 02/27

Sandra LoPresto - 02/28

Gary O'Brien - 02/20

**These members are up for renewal:**

(date shown is last day of membership)

Helene Chapados - 02/28/2009

Joe White - 02/28/2009

**Our chapter currently has 56 members.**