

TAMPA BAY SINGLES GOLF

Tampa Bay Chapter- American Singles Golf Association — December 2011

Golf Committee

December—Championship!

Bloomington Golfers Club

4113 Great Golfers Place, Valrico, FL
33596, (813) 685-4105

Saturday December 10, 2011

12:00 Noon Shotgun Start

Welcome to the ASGA Tampa Club Championship with golf trophies for the best low gross and low net scores for both men and women – be sure to send your handicaps to Edie when registering as we will need your handicaps to score the low net winners. The format will be play your own ball and the cost will be \$27.00.

Four rounds of golf will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin on the four par 3s— two for women and two for men. Be sure to arrive at least 30 minutes before tee time and check in at the registration table. After golf dinner arrangements have been made by the ASGA Social Committee.

President Linda Floyd has graciously agreed to put out the welcome mat for the after golf social and dinner. The Social Committee will host a lasagna dinner which includes salad, dessert, garlic bread, coffee, and soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages are BYOB. Add to our dinner

menu by bringing an appetizer or a dessert to the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Julie Miller will be at the registration table to transport food items to Linda's home. Linda's address is: **1014 Greenbriar Dr., Brandon, FL 33511, 813-956-0113**. Directions will be provided at the registration table and by email.

Whether playing in the ASGA Tampa Club Championship or joining us afterwards for the lasagna dinner, follow our plans via Evite and email. Participate in the fun.

November Outing

If you missed our November outing at Heritage Harbor, you missed a perfect golf day and an enjoyable time for all. Seven holes were designated for prizes and though hard-fought by all forty-two players the winners were:

Longest Drive – Ron Johnson

Shortest Drive – Deb Smith

Closest to Line – Ron Johnson

Women's Closest to Pin – Diane Jennings

Men's Closest to Pin – Mark Little

Longest Putt – Cynthia Martell & Terry

Legate

We gathered at Macaroni Grill for the after-golf dining, drinks, and stories.

The Oaks in Sarasota Outing

On October 29, Patricia Morris invited ASGA to play at The Oaks, which is a beautiful private club in Sarasota.

The group consisted of seven women, which included at least one guest, and a gentleman from the Southwest chapter. We played the Eagle, which is a beautiful course, though the greens are mean. But life is full of challenges, and we all enjoyed this one, even if some of us lost a few (or more) golf balls in the process.

After golf, we joined Patricia in the grill room for some wonderful food and conversation. The ambience and the service were great. We'd like to thank Patricia again for offering us this opportunity.

Kathleen Critchett

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012 - December 29, 2011 -January 1, 2012. Two Locations - Palm Springs & Florida
Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears
- Golf Cruise to the Caribbean - Details at
www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise - February 25, 2012 for 7 nights

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Monthly Meeting: January 10th, 2012

Meeting Location: Crabby Bill's

7700 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway

Happy Hour: 6 p.m. Meeting: 7 p.m.

www.tampabayinglesgolf.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

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of the
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2011 Golf Outing Summary

Below is a list of the golf outings coordinated by the golf committee this year. Thanks to the members who arranged for outings at their courses throughout the year.

Date	Day	Club	# Players	Comments
01.09.11	Sun	Fox Hollow Golf Club	48	Makeup, Dec . rain out
01.23.11	Sun	East Lake Woodlands	25	
02.20.11	Sun	Cheval Golf & Country Club	35	
03.20.11	Sun	Buckhorn Springs Golf Club	34	
04.17.11	Sun	Dunedin Golf & Country Club	40	Golf Extravaganza
05.14.11	Sat	Chi Chi Rodriquez Golf Course	18	
06.11.11	Sat	Plantation Palms Golf Club15		
07.17.11	Sun	Westchase Golf & Country Club	28	
08.21.11	Sun	River Strand Golf & Country Club	28	
09.18.11	Sun	Wentworth Golf Club	22	
10.16.11	Sun	Northdale Golf & Tennis Club	38	League Championship
11.20.11	Sun	Heritage Harbor	40	
12.10.11	Sat	Bloomingdale Golfers Clubn/a		Club Championship

Off Week Outings by Members

06.04.11	Sat	Isla Del Sol	28	Gail Kutay
10.08.11	Sat	Tara Golf & Country Club	27	Kathleen Critchett
10.29.11	Sat	The Oaks Club of Osprey	8	Patricia Morris

Other outings coordinated by Dick Patton

Golf Events for January

Two golf outings are already scheduled for January 2012, so mark your calendar and submit your reservation either by the attached Reservation Sheet or at the Tampa Bay ASGA website. Outings are:

Saturday, January 14,
East Lake Woodlands
1:00 p.m. Shotgun start-individual
stroke play, Cost: \$40 for members.

Sunday, January 22,
Summerfield Crossings
12:30 p.m. tee times start (shotgun if
enough register) Scramble Format
Cost: \$40 for members.

We hope you will join us to kick off
the new golfing year in 2012!

Social Committee



Holiday Party Reminder

Tampa Bay ASGA's Christmas Party
at beautiful East Lake Woodlands
Country Club.

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011

Time: 6:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Happy Hour begins at 6:30 P.M. A
cash bar includes house wines, im-
ported and domestic beers, specialty
liquors, and soft drinks. The Pasta
Buffet begins at 7:30 P.M. The buffet
includes a gourmet and Caesar salad

station and cheesecake topped with strawberry sauce for dessert

Gene Cannon, who entertained us so well last year, is returning to create music to dance the night away. We are planning to hold the white elephant gift exchange. Participation is voluntary, but so much fun. In addition, a representative from the Marine Corps will join us as we collect Toys for Tots on this special evening.

Cost: \$20 for members / \$30 for guests
Dress: Holiday attire

We Love Pasta—Lasagna Dinner and Social Event, December 10

Mark your calendars for the closing social event of Tampa Bay ASGA, 2011. On December 10, the Social Committee is hosting a lasagna dinner at retiring president Linda Floyd's home. The menu includes salad and garlic bread.

You can add to the fun and help mix up the taste buds by bringing an appetizer or a dessert to Bloomingdale Golfers Club on the day of the club championship. Julie Miller will be at the registration table to receive food items and to distribute directions from the golf course to Linda's home.

Whether you are playing in the Club Championship or not, join us. Happy Hour begins after our golf game, around 4:30 P.M. It is BYOB for cocktails. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

Sign up via the Bloomingdale Evite you received. Follow the plans on the ASGA website (under Social) and email. Call Julie Miller, 813-288-1538, or email her at julesandra@msn.com for any questions.

Year End Golf and Social Dates

The holiday season is upon us. Calendar dates fill in quickly.
The [ASGA Social Committee](#) doesn't want

you to miss a moment of the fun. Print our reminder sheet and visit Tampa Bay ASGA on-line for further details for each event.

<http://www.tampabaysga.com>

December
Saturday, 12/3 Christmas Party at East Lake Woodlands Country Club Cocktails, Dinner, White Elephant Gift Exchange, and Dancing 6:30 to 11:00 P.M.

Saturday, 12/10 Bloomingdale Golfers Club Championship, open to all Shotgun Start at 12: 00 P.M.

Same Day, 12/10 After-Golf Social and Lasagna Dinner at Linda Floyd's home
Bring an appetizer, dessert, or donation to the golf club to be transported to Linda's house from Bloomingdale.
Dinner is open to all, whether playing or not. After-golf fun begins around 4:30 P.M.

***** Logo Contest *****

Throughout the month of December:
Our chapter is sponsoring a Tampa Bay ASGA Logo contest. Design a chapter logo to be used on letterheads, golf towels, and business cards.
A winner will be selected at the January 2012 Board meeting.
Send your design to:
Elizabeth Schwartz
Imperial Cove, 19029 US Highway 19 N., #5-2
Clearwater, FL 33764.



From the President

As we get ready to bring in the New Year with our annual Christmas Party, and the Club Championship which will be followed by a social gathering at my house in December, I'd like to reflect back on the year 2011.

One of our prime focuses this year was to increase membership and we addressed this by teaming up with the local Meetup group and by sponsoring a membership drive earlier in the year. While we are very happy with the number of new members who have joined our club, we did not attain as many additional members as we had hoped.

We had combined golf and social events at our Memorial Day weekend golf outing at Orange Lake Resort in Orlando and Labor Day weekend at Mission Inn in Howey-In-The-Hills. We invited the Orlando ASGA Chapter to both of these events and forged a friendship with them resulting in future plans to combine more of our events together.

We had a successful Summer League of Nine and Dine thanks to our Team Captains, Sharon Leavitt for the East Team and Larry Klotz for the West Team. The West Team took the trophy away from the East Team this year giving the West Team a year of bragging rights.

This year, we had three Guest Speakers at our General Meeting:

- 1) Mike Stevens, 2010 National Hickory Stick Golf Professional Champion;
- 2) Linzey Clark, PGA Professional; and
- 3) Vicki Goetze-Ackerman, LPGA Tour Professional and Golf Instructor.

All speakers gave excellent presentations and were an asset to the meetings at which they spoke.

I'd like to recognize and thank the entire

2011 Board Members for their time and dedication in the well planned and executed events they were involved with throughout the year.

The Golf Committee, Donna Douglass and Hunter Dixon, did a fabulous job of planning, organizing and implementing golf outings throughout the year on the North, South, East and West sides of town. They also assisted in outings set up by other members at various courses.

I could always count on Donna and Hunter to do their job well, right down to the last detail.

The Social events throughout the year included a Super Bowl Party, night at the theater; dancing, Tampa Bay Downs horse racing, kayaking at Ft. DeSoto Park, annual Battle of the Sexes bowling tournament and after golf gatherings. Thanks to Sharon Leavitt, Julie Miller, and Cindy Simon for making these fun events happen.

Rob Brauns was very instrumental in heading up the development of our new Tampa Bay Chapter Golf Outings "Guidelines" with the intent of making our outings more fair and fun for all. Also, he sent out a survey to members asking for their opinion on the direction of the club and from the survey results we made adjustments according to membership response. And, Rob had new chapter business cards made up to pass out to potential members. He was my greatest supporter and assistant as VP throughout the year. I'm going to miss him calling me "Boss".

Fun on the Fairways

The AARP has negotiated with the PGA to modify the Rules of Golf for seniors:

Rule 1.a.5 A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B) A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is Simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior Player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had Not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G) There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or Near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone Else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by Charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have Dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may Be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k) There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf Course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur.. The senior Golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7..G.15(z) There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should Float. Senior golfers should not be penalized for manufacturers' Shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9(S) Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new Golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior Golfers, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old Equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes.!!

New Communication Source

Our 2012 President, Rob Brauns, has established a new source for communication between ASGA members and the Board. Our goal is for the Tampa Bay Chapter of ASGA to be the best there is, so please give us your input.

If you have a comment, compliment or suggestion, please submit it to ASGAComments@aol.com.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Robert Brauns - 12/30
Robert Carroll - 01/05
Gayle Cheatham - 12/18
Linda Floyd - 12/20
William Ketchersid - 01/03
Susan Mason - 12/05
Anne Phillips - 12/01
Edythe Senensky - 12/02
Cindy Simon - 12/11

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Walter Glaze - 12/31/2011
Janet Ann Mangham - 12/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Ken Considine - Joined 10/18/2011
Linda Davis - Joined 11/23/2011
Richard Grefe - Joined 10/12/2011
Geoffrey Leyland - Joined 11/21/2011
John Nygren - Joined 11/14/2011
Manus O'Donnell - Joined 10/11/2011
Stanley Robbins - Joined 11/14/2011
Diane Weber - Joined 11/18/2011

These members recently renewed:

Hunter Dixon
John Greene
Sherry Lapine
Sandy Lindberg
Mark Little
Susan Mason
Tom Patka
Kerry Pomroy
Cheryl Russell

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Else Friborg - 10/31/2011
Donna Hall - 10/31/2011
Gulsun Kutay - 10/31/2011
Tommy Redderson - 10/31/2011

Our chapter currently has 105 members.



ASGA TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 2012 EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

351 Steeplechase Lane, Palm Harbor, FL 34684
EMAIL: ediesen@aol.com Phone # 727-787-9688 Cell 727-515-8356

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please check if new address phone or email and **notify ASGA National** to process changes

HANDICAP or AVERAGE SCORE: _____ (MUST INCLUDE HANDICAP OR AVERAGE SCORE)

MEMBER NON-MEMBER (Check one)

REFUND POLICY: DEADLINE FOR CANCELLING AN EVENT REGISTRATION IS 2 DAYS (48 HOURS) PRIOR TO THE EVENT. TO CANCEL, MEMBERS MUST CONTACT THE TREASURER. WHEN CONCERNED ABOUT WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE DAY OF OUTINGS, MEMBERS MUST CALL THE GOLF COURSE TO FIND OUT IF IT IS OPEN FOR PLAY. IF OPEN, WE WILL PLAY. REFUND FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHICH OCCUR AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE TREASURER ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

ADDITIONALLY, FOR ANYONE NOT PAYING IN ADVANCE, A \$10.00 CHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO THE COST OF A MAJOR EVENT (GOLF OUTINGS, CHRISTMAS PARTY, ETC...).

DATE	EVENT	CLOSED DATE	MEMBER COST	NON-MEMBER COST & AFTER CLOSED DATE	AMOUNT DUE
SATURDAY, DEC 10TH SHOTGUN START 12:00 PLAY YOUR OWN BALL ASGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	BLOOMINGDALE GOLFERS CLUB 4113 GREAT GOLFERS PLACE VALRICO, FL 33596 813-685-4105	12/7/11	\$27 GOLF ONLY	\$37 GOLF ONLY	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH SHOTGUN START 1PM PLAY YOUR OWN BALL	EASTLAKE WOODLANDS CC 1055 EASTLAKE WOODLANDS PKWY OLDSMAR, FL 34677 727-784-7291	0/11/12	\$40.00 INCLUDES PRIZE MONEY	\$50.00 INCLUDES PRIZE MONEY	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND TEE TIMES STARTING AT 12:30 SCRAMBLE	SUMMERFIELD CROSSINGS 13050 SUMMERFIELD BLVD. RIVERVIEW, FL 33579 813-671-3311	01/18/12	\$40.00 INCLUDES PRIZE MONEY	\$50.00 INCLUDES PRIZE MONEY	

CASH: _____ CHECK#: _____ DATE RECEIVED BY ASGA: _____

By submitting this registration form to attend an event which is sponsored by the Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association, Inc. (ASGA), the above-named person understands that he/she participates at his/her own risk and assumes responsibility for damages, loss or injuries that result from direct or indirect participation in ASGA or this event. Furthermore, participants understand that there are certain inherent dangers associated with the sport of golf and/or this particular event, including, but not limited to, driving or riding as a passenger in an automobile to and from this event, being injured in play.