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ANOTHER HOLE-IN-ONE!!!

It looks like lightning really does strike twice, as **Paul Gentile** finessed his second hole-in-one, this time at the ASGA Ruffled Feathers outing on September 13. It was the 11th hole, a 104-yard Par 3 with an island green, which also happened to be a "Closest to the Pin" contest hole. Paul whipped his 52-degree gap wedge out of his bag and nailed the shot, dropping the ball 12 feet in front of the pin where it rolled straight into the cup, earning him not only the \$250 cash prize from ASGA but also the \$15 coupon for Closest to the Pin. The irony in this story is that it is the second time he has beat out **Kevin Berg** for Closest to the Pin with a hole-in-one! The first time was at an ASGA outing in 2002. Rumor has it that Kevin now officially hates Paul.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

Sadly, the end of the year approaches, with only a couple scheduled golf outings remaining in October. However, we have a variety of social events planned to carry us through to next spring.

The nomination process for the 2010 ASGA President closed at midnight on Sunday, September 20. No one nominated himself/herself. Two people were nominated but declined to run. Bill Forcade was nominated and agreed to run. Pursuant to Article VII Section 3 of our Bylaws, no election is required when there is only one person running for that office. Since there was only one person agreeing to run for the office of President, there will be no election, and **Bill Forcade** will be the President in 2010. The nomination process for Golf Chair, Social Chair, Membership Chair and Communications Chair will begin shortly.

ASGA National will host the New Year's event at ChampionsGate in Orlando again this year. We expect a large Chicago turnout for the event, as always. Please watch the weekly e-mail blasts to get information on possible separate golf outings organized for the Chicago group. National is also organizing a trip to Scotland, departing the U.S. on Friday, July 30, 2010 and arriving in Edinburgh on Saturday, July 31. The stay is planned for eight nights and nine days to play Carnoustie, Gleneagles and more. Check the National website for more information.

Make sure to mark Saturday, November 14, 2009 on your calendar. Our annual season-ending dinner at Maggiano's in Oak Brook will take place then, and reservations fill up early. I hope to see you all there!

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago Chapter:

- ◆ Beverly Fisher
- ◆ Dorothy Connolly

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our events!!

PAST EVENTS

Oak Brook Golf Club, 8/29

Over 60 golfers, many of whom opted to walk the course, played this combined 18- and 9-hole outing. It was a cool day, more like late September than August, but things got heated on the course, as most of the foursomes participated in the skins game and kicked their competitive spirit into high gear. After all, we were playing for big bucks! This course is beautiful, challenging and in great shape, and everyone had a fabulous time. Afterwards, about 35 people headed over to dinner at Capri, where coordinator **Bob Almada** awarded the following prizes for the 18-holers: Closest to the Pin – **Elaine Rodriguez, Judy Johnson, Dave Colbert** and **Joe Torcivia**; Longest Drive – **Gayle Kolb** and **Steve Mueller**; Longest Putt – **Penny Link** and **Michael Daugherty**; Best Dressed – **Donna Ellis** and **Bill Forcade**. And **Mary Ann Figel**

awarded the following prizes to the nine-holers: **Meridel Wesely** (first to sign up); **Ken Kingsbury** and **Wally Raczek** (for putting up with 13 women); and **Margaret Muller** (best funny story). After dinner, quite a few of the die-hard partiers headed into the lounge, where they danced all night long to live entertainment. What a fun night it was!

Cary Country Club, 8/30

It's a long-standing feeling among ASGA members that they are always thrilled to play Cary Country Club, overlooking the majestic Fox River with scenic views from high atop the hills created by glaciers centuries ago. Prizes were won by: **Carolann Klapper**, **Chris Coyne**, **Ted Zillmer** and **Kurt Kupitz** (closest to the pin); and **Mary Jo Metz** and **Brian Krauss** (longest drive). Dinner afterwards was at the Kelsey Road House in Lake Barrington. When asked for any highlights of the day, the best that coordinator **Dave Colbert** could come up with was, "An unnamed couple spent the day making out in the cart, much like another unnamed couple always does at these outings." Hmmm.

Willow Crest Golf Club, 9/5

Beautiful weather prevailed the entire Labor Day weekend, starting with Saturday at Willow Crest in Oak Brook. Forty-six golfers enjoyed this course loaded with willow trees and gathered around the 18th hole Par 3 after they finished to watch the groups behind them come in. This was a tricky hole, with both water and sand coming into play, and one anonymous golfer hooked a drive that almost nailed a bride who was posing for photos just a stone's throw from the green. The groom could have been a potential new ASGA member . . . Coordinator **Bill Forcade** awarded prizes to: **Steve Mueller**, **Haseena Shaheed** (twice) and **Larry Arnold** (closest to the pin); **John Silius**, **Mari Lou McCann**, **Brett Bradfield** and **Margaret Muller** (longest putt); **Paul Sapata** and **Haseena Shaheed** (straightest drive); and **Brett Bradfield** and **Sue Herman** (farthest from the pin on a Par 3). Afterwards, about half the group headed over to Bailey's in Westmont for dinner and some good laughs.

Palmira Golf Club, 9/6

This was another fabulous day weather-wise, although more humid than the day before. Palmira is a gorgeous course in St. John, Indiana, and you don't even need a passport to get there! It is quite hilly, providing a great workout for the walkers in the crowd. Not all the walkers appreciated the physical exertion, though, as Kevin could be heard asking Judy, "Do you know CPR?" after glancing at Robert around the 16th hole (we almost thought we were going to lose him . . .). A highlight of the day was **Kevin Berg's** surprise eagle on a Par 5 on the back nine. After hitting a shot with his five-wood from about 192 yards out, no one ever saw it hit the green. After the group searched in vain for his ball, he played a new one. Then when another member of the foursome pulled the pin from the cup, he commented, "Oh, look, someone left a dirty ball in the cup." When Kevin asked, "Is it a Titleist?" and stepped up to take a closer look, that's when the whooping and hollering started. At the dinner at Dick's Restaurant afterwards, prizes were awarded to: **Enid Chesler** and **Bob Almada** (closest to the pin); **Gayle Kolb** and **Allen Chester** (longest drive); and **Judy Johnson** and **Steve Kehr** (longest putt). The "Best Dressed for Labor Day" awards went to **Kevin Berg** and **Sue Barton**. On another note, coordinator **Melanie Jones** would like to extend congratulations to the newly married couple who golfed with us, **Lisa Pesavento** and **Don Stoub**, another ASGA success story. They were reportedly calling each other "Honey" and being supportive on the course – who says marriage ends great friendships???

Stonewall Orchard Golf Club, 9/12

It was a perfect day all around, as 44 golfers played this particularly difficult course in Grayslake. The golf course treated us well, with bag tags and range balls included in the price. The pace of play was wonderful in spite of the level of difficulty. Dinner afterwards was held at Las Palmas in Mundelein, where coordinator **Tim Dowling** awarded the following prizes: closest to the pin – **Lisa Pesavento** and **Art Garwin**; men's

low net – **Bill Forcade** and **Mike Colligan** (tied for first) and **Michael Daugherty** (third); women's low net – **Beth Amkin** (first), **Holly Humphreys** (second) and **Cindy Oliver** (third); men's low gross – **Ted Zillmer** and **Tim Dowling** (tied for first) and **Dave Colbert** (third); and women's low gross – **Kathi Brown** (first), **Susan Ouchterloney** (second) and **Mari Lou McCann** (third). Congrats to all these fabulous golfers!

Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, 9/13

Gorgeous day, gorgeous course and a lot of excitement as Paul Gentile scored his second hole-in-one, witnessed by **Margaret Muller** and coordinator **John Silius**. Other prizes were won by: **Lois Porebski**, **Chris Coyne**, **John Silius** and **Jeff Dolan** (closest to the pin); and **Kathi Maraffino** and **Tom Ullsperger** (longest putt). John also coordinated a high/low game, where three holes were chosen by a roll of the dice, and the two golfers with the combined highest and lowest scores on those three holes won. This contest was won by **Mari Lou McCann** and **Judy Johnson**. Any guesses as to who won which??

Lisa Pesavento Women's Champ!!

Ted Zillmer Back-to-Back Men's Champ!!

Bears Beat the Champs!!

What a weekend! What a Sunday! **Lisa Pesavento** and **Ted Zillmer** beat a strong field of competitors and became the 2009 Chicago Chapter ASGA Women's and Men's Golf Champions at St. Andrews Golf Club in West Chicago. And did we mention that the Chicago Bears beat Super Bowl champs, the Pittsburgh Steelers? (Sorry, Fred.) The trophies will be engraved and presented to the winners at the end-of-the-season dinner.

We had a great group of folks come out to compete this year, but due to a scheduling conflict with the LPGA and Anika's retirement, our women's group was a bit sparse. Regardless, we all had a great time, in spite of getting a bit wet on Sunday, and the weekend was a tremendous success.

Everything went extremely well – the staff was gracious and cooperative. We gathered for food and drink in the 19th Hole each day to go over results and award prizes. Event coordinator **Ray Kalal** even led the group in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday in celebration of **Robert Geeve's** special day. It's unfortunate, though, that he was a bit off-key . . .

WOMEN'S FLIGHT

1st Place and Champion: **Lisa Pesavento**

1st Place Net: **Patsy Albrecht**

MEN'S A FLIGHT

1st Place and Champion: **Ted Zillmer**

2nd Place Gross: **Lou Delaney**

3rd Place Gross: **Tim Dowling**

1st Place Net: **Ray Vogel**

2nd Place Net: **Tom Cech**

3rd Place Net: **Tom Ullsperger**

MEN'S B FLIGHT

1ST Place Gross: **Jay Thompson**

2nd Place Gross: **Brian Carlin**

3rd Place Gross: **Ray Kalal**

1st Place Net: **Arthur Rubalcaba**

2nd Place Net: **Marty Gangler**

3rd Place Net: **John Silius**

There was also a great group of non-competitors who participated, some even on both days. The skills winners were: **Jean White, Karen Renzi, Pat Porter** and **Joe Torcivia**, all for closest to the pin. Congrats to you folks as well. Many thanks to all who participated, and we look forward to next year.

Glencoe Glow Ball Scramble, 9/25

Team ASGA Chicago represented our chapter at the Glencoe Glow Ball Scramble the evening of September 25. After a Mexican fiesta complete with margaritas, we tried in vain, competing with 50 glow ball golfers using headlamps, lanterns, blinky lights and illuminated jewelry. For several hours, we charged our way around the nine-hole challenging course in the "light" mist without garnering a prize – only frizzy hair. It was a fun evening, and we learned a few things: it's difficult to keep your eye on the ball in the dark, glow balls have NO distance and, most importantly, prior course knowledge is an important factor in a glow ball tournament! There were lots of laughs and giggles on this fun, unique evening.

Chalet Hills Golf Club, 9/26

On what turned out to be a perfect day weather-wise, 24 golfers headed to Chalet Hills, a great course in excellent shape up in Cary where the management treated us very well. Coordinator **Tim Dowling** awarded the following prizes: closest to the pin – **Dawn Duquaine, Mary Lou Newbold, John Silius** and **Kevin Berg**; and longest putt – **Peggy Sodini** and **Kurt Kupitz**. Dinner afterwards was at the Broken Oar, a five-star biker bar, where the ASGA folks were the highlight of the evening. To the best of our knowledge, everyone is accounted for . . .

Water's Edge Golf Club, 9/27

Fallen leaves and thick sedge lining the waterways gobbled up quite a few balls on this course along the Cal-Sag Channel. No one cared, though, as we were just happy to be out playing golf on a beautiful, mid-70s day in late September. Prizes were awarded to: **Nancy Hill** and **Don Stoub** (closest to the pin); **Susan Barton** and **Tim Dowling** (longest drive); and **Debbie Bradel** (longest putt). Would you believe not one man placed his name on the card for longest putt? Did they all chip in on that hole?? Most of the players stayed after the round to enjoy the "Bears Buffet," where the Buffalo wings were as hot as Jay Cutler, who helped the Bears snag a victory over Seattle. In keeping with the themes of the day, coordinator extraordinaire **Susan Barton** also awarded prizes (through the use of the official "Applause-O-Meter") for the best Bears-themed and aquatic-themed outfits. **Hank Calzaretta** won handily in the (ever-so-bright) orange and navy division, and **Judy Johnson** went "overboard" with the water theme and came decked out in cutouts of fish taped to her teal outfit, winning the prize for that category fins down!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Old Oak Country Club, 10/3

With tee times beginning at 12:30, we will be starting on both holes 1 and 10 in order to finish before dark. Cost for members is \$56 riding / \$46 walking and for guests is \$61 riding / \$51 walking. E-mail Debbie Koenig at dkoenig@lumc.edu to get on the waiting list.

Golf & Gamble, ASGA Style, 10/4

Increase your odds of winning by competing as a team at the Golf & Gamble on Sunday the 4th at Lost Marsh Golf Course and Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. We will be playing a team 666 format: Scramble, Shamle and Best-Ball. The links-style course has lots of water, wind and fescue that provide

many interesting scenarios to challenge you. There is a driving range and practice area to sharpen your skills beforehand, and the beautiful new clubhouse and decks are a great place to relax after the round (with outside TVs to keep tabs on the Bears vs. Detroit game). We are hoping for an 11:00 tee time, and dinner is at 6:00, so you will have an opportunity to hit the casino before the dinner buffet. The cost is only \$60 and includes dinner. Hammond is just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago, so it's closer than you think! See the website for further details.

October Mingle, 10/13

We didn't mingle last month due to the Labor Day holiday, so we have a lot of catching up to do. Don't miss the October Mingle on Tuesday the 13th at Bailey's Restaurant & Bar, 330 East Ogden Avenue in Westmont. Bailey's is conveniently located off I-294 at the Ogden Avenue exit. We'll meet in the back room at 6:30 to discuss this year's golf season and plans for the fall and winter. Checks for the dinner/dance will also be collected that evening. There is no cost to attend other than what you consume. We look forward to seeing all our ASGA friends!

Arrowhead Golf Club, 10/17

New course for ASGA, recently added. Cost for members is \$82 riding / \$65 walking and for guests is \$87 riding / \$70 walking. Contact **Laura Niforatos** at lniforatos@hotmail.com to sign up.

Scavenger Hunt / Road Rally, 10/17

Calling all Chicago ASGA Indy car drivers and shoppers alike. Meet at Portillo's in Schaumburg at 2:45 on Saturday, October 17. Foursomes will compete as a group to solve 12 clues and "grab-and-go" different items in and around the Woodfield Mall. Each team will be required to have a digital camera, a cell phone and hopefully a GPS device. This event is limited to 24 people, and the cost for dinner is \$20 (guests are \$25) for unlimited pizza, pop and salad. Dinner at 5:00 is at an undisclosed location (because it's the last clue). Gentlemen (and ladies), start your engines!!! Please sign up by October 12 to enidechesler@gmail.com, and include your cell phone number, please.

End-of-Season Dinner/Dance, 11/14

Join us to officially close the 2009 golf season at Maggiano's in Oak Brook on Saturday, November 14. Celebrate with your friends and make new ones while enjoying a wonderful Italian feast served family style. The cost is \$65 for both members and guests, and the maximum number we can have is 80 people, so get your reservation in now. The deadline for payment is October 30. See the website for full details.

WEEKLY E-MAILS

If you are not receiving the weekly e-mail blasts from our Communications Chair, **Will Hsiung**, you may need to add his e-mail address (whsiung@comcast.net) to your address book or safe list. For help on this, go to images.ed4.net/images/htdocs/addressbook/. If you don't have an email address, call any of the Board Members listed in this newsletter for more information on any event.

UPDATE YOUR NATIONAL MEMBER PROFILE

If you want to update your membership information on the National website, get your ASGA membership number from your membership card or your copy of the monthly newsletter and go to the National website at <http://www.singlesgolf.com/roster.php>. If you don't have a password, you can request one from National. Enter your membership ID and password, and you can edit your membership information to include your cell phone number.

PHOTOS

Anyone who takes photos at the events may send them to **Robert Geeve** (rgeeve@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion on the website. A zip file of the photos is preferred, but individual photo attachments will also be acceptable. Or if you prefer to copy your photos to a CD and send it to Robert, that's okay too. Just please send them as soon as possible after the outing. Robert has changed the format on the website in which the photos are displayed, so please take a look and let him know of any comments you may have.