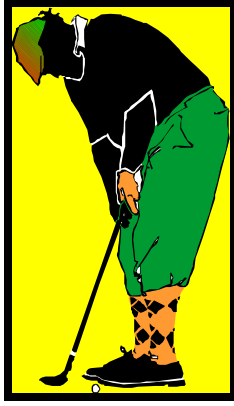


FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



By Rick Harris Sr.
President, AGO

It's hard to believe, but in two weeks we will have completed the fifth year of the new century! Five percent of the new century is already history.

At least TWO gigantic events have changed the world scene forever: the events on 9/11 and the speed of the information age through the use of computers, DVD, cell phones, tapes, etc. I'm sure you could add other events that took us through these first five years that seemed to fly by like a rocket on the way to outer space.

However, rather than make New Year's resolutions as I've done in the past, this time I'm going to make some personal predictions as to what I personally plan to do in 2006! 1) Get healthier and stronger starting BEFORE the new year of 2006 as a means of improving my life style and justifying the purchase of my new golf equipment for my Christmas gifts. 2) Start the New Year by improving my golf game to the point that I am in the winner's bracket in AGO, SAGA, and individual events beginning with January. 3) Take a group of seniors over to Melbourne on February 6-8 for a three day-two night getaway as I've done for the past five years. You're invited to come by calling me at 407-282-4883 for more detailed information. 4) Play in as many competitive tournaments this month, including my club championship at Ventura in order to get ready for...5) The AGO two-day tournament in April AND attend the LPGA tournament at the end of the month at the Reunion course in south Orlando. 6) In May I want to go to Las Vegas and play competitive golf in an amateur event played in Mesquite, Nevada, about 80 miles away, and then take in a couple of Las Vegas shows. 7) In July I'd love to go back to Lake Lure, N.C. and play the Apple Valley and Bald Mountain courses again. The back nine at Bald Mountain can stack up against ANY course in the country. 8) In August, I want to return to Myrtle Beach and see if I can win my flight for the second straight year and get a 2nd shot at going for the World Amateur Championship. (If you've never been to the World Amateur, you need to seriously consider going in 2006! It's always played during the last week in August, just before Labor Day weekend. If you go once, you will definitely want to go again. Call me for more details about this one. 9) In September I want to go to Gainesville and watch the Gators play and hopefully see Tim Tebow play a little bit. 10) In October we'll

be starting our 13th year with the Senior Amateur Golfers Association (SAGA), and we hope to start off with the Red Tail golf course again up in Lake County. If you ever get a chance to play there, you MUST go! 11) In November I hope to go back to southeast Augusta and visit my brother-in-law and get a chance to play Bartram Trails golf course again. 12) Finally, in December I hope to be around to send you another newsletter and tell you that I managed to complete most, or all, of the things that I've written about this month.

On behalf of your AGO Board, I want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

GROSS SKINS

As those of you that play in the Gross Skins game know, we try to complete the game while at the tournament site and make payoffs to those winners who opt to wait at the clubhouse. I do need some help though. We don't have any problem with the process at all, except in getting it completed on a timely basis. The only thing that we need to improve on is having ALL of the players let Terry know whether they did or did not get any birdies. We don't have a problem with those that have birdies. However, many of us that don't get any birdies fail to check in after they've finished. Currently, we have to go check the scores on the board to see if someone has finished, and if they have, we assume that they didn't get any birdies. There's nothing wrong with that except that it takes quite a bit of time. In the future just stop by the gross skins table and say whether you did or DID NOT get any birdies. Thanks for your help.

PRIZES (SURPRISES)

The AGO Board has been discussing for some time now about the drop in monthly participation that seems to have started immediately after the two-day championship in April 2005.

We have been exploring a variety of ideas of 1) rewarding active participating players, 2) encouraging passive participants to start playing again, and 3) adding new players as members of AGO. Currently we have approximately 150 paid members but only 70-80 play each month. We would like to return to 105-115 plus players participating each month.

Therefore, starting in January 2006 at the new Cypress course in Solivita, we will have at least 4-5 random drawings per month that we feel will be one factor in rewarding our loyal AGO players and possibly increasing the play of those who are, or will be, consistent AGO players. Door prizes might include golf equipment, golf getaways, dinner certificates, etc.

A few simple rules will apply: 1) you MUST be present to win, 2) the drawings will be held on the morning of the AGO event, just before tee-off time. Finally, winners will NOT be eligible to win again for at least 90 days. We have several other ideas that we will be implementing in 2006 that we feel sure that you'll like, and which we hope will increase participation in AGO. See you at the Cypress at Solivita in January.



\$\$ TREASURER'S CORNER \$\$

SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE A CREDIT COMING TO THEM AS OF DECEMBER 19TH. IF YOU HAVE A CREDIT, YOU CAN DEDUCT IT FROM YOUR NEXT TOURNAMENT APPLICATION OR APPLY IT TO YOUR ANNUAL DUES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL TREASURER JOE WINGERTER FOR ASSISTANCE AT 407-273-7798.

FRED BANDERA \$6	LARRY BRETZ \$36	STEVE CLAXTON \$14	CHARLIE DUNLAP \$39
BALBINO FARINA \$35	BOB GORDON \$1	BOB GRAHAM \$1	MIKE HALFERTY \$8
CHRIS HATCH \$38	TOM HUBBARD \$8	JOHN INGRAM \$8	RON JANTZEN \$38
WAYNE MASON \$4	T. J. MC KENZIE \$38	TOM NICONCYK \$36	D. O'ROURKE \$46
JERRY ROSE \$2	JON SCHMITT \$2	JOE WINGERTER \$30	

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

JANUARY 15TH THE NEW CYPRESS COURSE AT \$38
SOLIVITA

FEBRUARY 12TH SABAL POINT \$36

EARLY BIRD ENTRY: SABAL POINT, SUNDAY, FEB. 12TH
(NOTE: LATER START TIME)

8:15 A. M. SHOTGUN START. FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL LOW NET, 3/4 FLIGHTS. ENTRY FEE: \$36.00. (GREEN FEES, CART, PRIZE CERTIFICATES, AND HOLE-IN-ONE POT).

MY NAME _____ PAIR ME WITH _____

TELEPHONE # _____ (FOR CANCELLATION/INFO CALL AGO BOARD MEMBER OR 1-866-357-6239)

AMATEUR GOLFERS OF ORLANDO, P. O. BOX 140181, ORLANDO, FL. 32814-0181

ENTRY: CYPRESS GC AT SOLIVITA, SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH

7:45 A. M. SHOTGUN START. FORMAT: INDIVIDUAL LOW NET, 3/4 FLIGHTS. ENTRY FEE: \$38.00. (GREEN FEES, CART, PRIZE CERTIFICATES, AND HOLE-IN-ONE POT).

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES
(PLEASE SEND IN WITH YOUR TOURNAMENT APPLICATION)

We are in the continuing process of updating our personnel records. Please help us by completing the following information and returning it to us at the earliest. If you've already sent us one, there's no need to send another. Thank you!

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS:** _____

DIRECTIONS TO SABAL POINT GOLF CLUB

From Downtown Orlando. Go west (north) toward Daytona Beach to SR 434 exit (Longwood/Winter Springs). Turn left (west) on SR 434 to Wekiva Springs Road. Turn right and travel approximately 1 mile to Sabal Club Way. Turn right and follow to the clubhouse parking lot entrance.

TELEPHONE: 407-869-4653

TRAVEL TIME: APPROX. 45 MINUTES

DIRECTIONS TO CYPRESS GC AT SOLIVITA

From Downtown Orlando. Take I-4 west from downtown Orlando, for approximately 15 miles to SR 535 (Kissimmee/Lake Buena Vista). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto SR 535 and continue for approximately 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Poinciana Blvd. (Country Inn and Suites will be just ahead on the left). Continue on Poinciana Blvd. past the hotel for approximately 15 miles then turn right onto Pleasant Hill Road. Continue for approximately 2 miles to Solivita on your left. (Pleasant Hill Road becomes Cypress Parkway). Follow signs to the clubhouse.

TELEPHONE: 407-622-6660

TRAVEL TIME: APPROX 1 HOUR.

TOP FIFTEEN MONEY WINNERS, 2005-06

(THROUGH DECEMBER 2005, INCLUDES TOURNAMENT WINNINGS, CLOSEST TO THE PIN AND LOW PUTTS)

1. Tim Wilson	\$125	6. Gary Miller	\$94	11. Larry Prill	\$81
2. Dan Thompson	\$112	7. Larkin Tribou	\$93	12. Mike Bigley	\$79
3. Bill Chaffee	\$111	8. Roland Smith	\$90	T13. Jerry Fusco	\$74
4. Ken Cole	\$104	9. Jack Marshall	\$83	T13. Tom Hubbard	\$74
5. Larry Oakley	\$96	10. Joe Wingerter	\$82	15. Jeff O'Neil	\$71

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