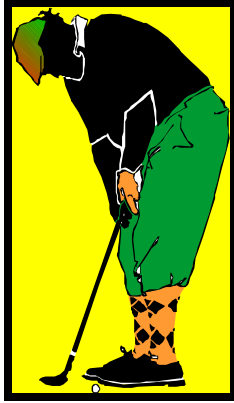


FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



By Rick Harris Sr.
President, AGO

IT'S NO SECRET, BUT DID YOU KNOW...

With the Wedgefield tournament in November, we are already HALFWAY through the AGO year...Even though we have over 140 paid memberships, we are still only generating about 70-80 players per tournament. Your AGO Board keeps trying to determine WHY? Incidentally, I started playing with AGO at Wedgefield 26 years ago. (That was 1979 for you ACC graduates).

For those of you who live south of Colonial Drive on the east side of Orlando, did you know that Edwin Watts opened up a new store very near the corner of Semoran Blvd., (SR 436) and Frontage Road, down near the airport? With the season winding down, a lot of charity tournaments using the scramble format are popping up all over Orlando...If you have every wondered why AGO doesn't generally use the scramble format (although we have done so in the past), our experience has been that our members don't care for it, and it's one less tournament where we can't use scores for handicaps...However, we will be using the two-man, best ball format early in the 2006 year as requested by some of our members...If you're in the market for some GREAT used clubs at very reasonable prices, you might want to check out the Golf Trader store up near Longwood on the east side of SR 436, near the corner of SR 434. Tell Eldon that ole Rick sent you...For those of you who like to plan ahead, the schedule for January, February, March and the April championship will be in NEXT MONTH's Newsletter. NOTE: We will probably go to Clermont for the second part of the Championship....No matter what anyone tells you, it's tough to be a high handicapper when you have to give 'em eight or more strokes. Isn't that right Jon? For those of you who are not playing particularly well right now, do NOT be discouraged...For whatever reason, you can shoot a 94-95 on one day, and a week later you can shoot at 82 on the same course. Or, on your "home or favorite" course you can shoot an 89 and a few days later you can shoot a 79. How can I say that? Because this is what exactly happened to me! Go figure....It was great to see Doug Rodeffer back on the golf course at Solivita after some scary health problems. I know that he is feeling better, because in our side bets we had an all-even wash, and he didn't have to give me any money....That AGO Board Member Rick Worel is on vacation AGAIN! He is expected to be back in time to play Wedgefield...I think...And finally, did you

hear the story about the guy that was thinking out loud about what to buy for his and his wife's birthday. "Honey, I saw a souped up, great looking Ford truck with all of the bells and whistles on it. I'm really thinking about buying it for my birthday". His wife replied. "Well, I've been looking at a snazzy, baby blue Mustang convertible that can really fly, and I want that for my birthday". The husband replied, "Listen buddy, for years you've been buying yourself expensive birthday presents. Now it's my turn. I want something that will go from zero to 190 in about eight seconds. Now, use your imagination". So they guy bought her a bathroom scale...funeral arrangements will be held this weekend. That's about it for now, so look for my Christmas wish list in next month's Newsletter.

DISQUALIFICATIONS!

Last month I said that as a group we were getting much better with our administrative responsibilities on the golf course, e.g. correct scorecards, signed scorecards, etc. At Solivita we had NO disqualifications. Nice going guys! However, there is one thing that we do need to reemphasize. Low putts! In order to be considered for the low putts prize, your putts MUST be added, and the total put on your signed scorecard. Our policy is that if the putts aren't added, and the total is not shown on the scorecard, the number of putts will not be put onto the score sheet. The reason for this is that whoever is putting the scores on the score sheets does not have the time to add your putts and put them onto the score sheet. There is too much of a rush to get the scores posted for this. However small a responsibility this is, it is STILL the player's responsibility. Help us out and total them up. NOTE: If you're unfortunate enough to have scored a triple bogey (without holing out) and are disqualified from the "low putt" game, simply put an "X" for your putts on that hole, and there won't be a need for you to total your putts.

PRIZE CERTIFICATES! (Repeat)

The following golf retail/pro shops will redeem our prize certificates. **Heritage Golf Inc.**, 1610 Rouse Rd., Orlando, FL. 407-281-4719; **Roy's Golf Shop**, 1165 E. Plant St., Winter Garden 407-877-6469; **All Special Tee Golf Shops, JD's Golf Club Repair**, 1335 Bennett Dr., Longwood, FL. 407-834-4425; **Wedgefield GC**, 20550 Maxim Pkwy, Orlando, FL. 407-568-2116; **Ventura GC**, 3201 Woodgate Bv., Orlando, FL. 407-277-2640; **Edwin Watts Golf (I Drive store only)**, 8330 I Drive, Orlando, FL. 407-351-1444; **Golf Etc. Waterford Lakes**, 705 N. Alafaya Tr., Orlando, FL. 407-381-7776. **Other shops will often accept our certificates. If they're not listed here, ask them and let us know.**

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Thanks for your response at Solivita. If you haven't sent us the information contained on page 3, please do so. We are in the process of updating our administrative records. On the 3rd page of this Newsletter, there is a form located underneath the tournament application. Please complete it and send it to us with your application to play in the next tournament. We will appreciate it.

DIRECTIONS TO THE LEGENDS GOLF CLUB AT ORANGE LAKE

From Downtown or International Drive Area. Take Interstate 4 West (toward Tampa). Continue on Interstate 4 to U.S. Hwy 192 (18 miles from Downtown, 7 miles from International Drive). Take U.S. Hwy 192 West (exit 64B, formerly 25B), towards Walt Disney World®. Merge onto U.S. Hwy 192 West and then merge to the two left-hand lanes. Continue on U.S. Hwy 192 West for 5 miles to the stoplight at Orange Lake Boulevard. Turn Right into Orange Lake and follow the signs.

TELEPHONE: 407-905-1330

TRAVEL TIME: APPROX. 1 HOUR

DIRECTIONS TO WEDGEFIELD GC

From I-4 and Colonial Dr., (SR 50), go east on SR 50 through Bithlo to SR 520. Bear to the right on SR 520 for about 2 miles. The Wedgefield entrance (use the 2nd entrance) is on the right. Proceed for about ½ mile. The Wedgefield clubhouse is on the left.

TELEPHONE: 407-586-2116

TRAVEL TIME: APPROX 45 MINUTES.

TOP FIFTEEN MONEY WINNERS, 2005-06

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

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| 1. Tim Wilson | \$125 | 6T. Jeff O'Neil | \$71 | 11. Mike Rice | \$66 |
| 2. Ken Cole | \$92 | 6T. Larkin Tribou | \$71 | 12. Jack Marshall | \$65 |
| 3. Bill Chaffee | \$83 | 8. Robert Czechowski | \$70 | 13. Roland Smith | \$60 |
| 4. Mike Bigley | \$79 | 9. Larry Prill | \$69 | 14. Marcus Hogan | \$56 |
| 5. Tom Hubbard | \$74 | 10. Dan Thompson | \$67 | 15. Larry Oakley | \$54 |

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