

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - August 2022

## 2022 CHICAGO CHALLENGE ENDS IN A TIE!!



### President's Corner

Thanks to **Tim Dowling** for putting together this year's Challenge at George Dunne. This has always been a "highlight event" and Tim did a great job of matching up the opponents from each team so that the event was very competitive. Never before in the history of the Challenge has there ever been a tie.

**Tim** has also put together the Club Championship event. While the number of players is down from previous years there are still some members who enjoy the competition. Good Luck to all the competitors.

~Wayne Thompson



### Golf Chair's Message

Here we are, in the dog days of summer, seeking out the shade as we make our way around the course. We've had some challenges with rain, but as we enter August hopefully the drenching downpours will subside and we'll get all our scheduled rounds in. But in this heat, if it rains a little while we're out there, it will likely bring some welcome cooling relief.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our annual ASGA

Chicago Championship is coming up the middle of this month – August 13 and 14. Hopefully you signed up to play, either as a competitor or just to play and enjoy the course. This year's venue is the beautiful Highlands of Elgin. Hope to see you out there. A big thank you to **Tim Dowling** who has run this event for 12 consecutive years!

We have outings scheduled through the end of September, and now have coordinators for all but **Glendale Lakes on Sunday, Sept 11**. If you can run this one, please send me a note. I would greatly appreciate getting this last event covered. Thanks to all the members who have volunteered to run events this season. We can't do it without you!

Looking forward to seeing you at this month's events.

~Marie Bush, [Shrub8@hotmail.com](mailto:Shrub8@hotmail.com)



### Makray July 3

Fifteen members pre-celebrated Independence Day by taking on Makray Memorial Golf Club on July 3. Makray is a challenging course and a top notch facility with a large driving range, nice short

game practice area, challenging greens, and great restaurant. Most stayed to enjoy a delicious dinner at the Oak Terrace Grille after golf. Proximity prize winners: **Tim Dowling** men's closest to the pin on #13, **Kurt Kupitz** the longest putt (unisex) on #18 (at least a 20 footer), and **Sharon Meyer** women's closest to the pin on #7. Yes, I was the coordinator and in the last group, but I have 3 witnesses to corroborate my shot on #7!

~Sharon Meyer



### Stonewall Orchard July 10

Stonewall Orchard, with its beauty and challenges, attracted 24 players to our July 10th golf event. With 19 people participating in the skills contest, we had a nice size prize pot which was shared by: **Cathy Hill** (hole #6, unisex longest putt); **Anita Lester** (hole #17, women's closest to pin); **Kathi Brown** (fewest putts with 28); **Tom Golbach** (most lost balls with 6); and since none of the men hit the green on hole #9, **Rob Lewandowski** was the random draw winner.

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

### Next Meeting

TBD

### Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: [www.ASGAChicago.org](http://www.ASGAChicago.org)

Meetup Website: <https://www.meetup.com/ASGAChicago/>

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

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Following golf, nine players met at Lindy's Landing Restaurant & Marina in Wauconda for dinner. It rained briefly which resulted in a beautiful rainbow and cooler temperatures. Cool enough that **Susan Herman** innovatively wore her golf seat cover as a cape. Not sure anyone else would look elegant in a seat cover, but she managed to pull it off.

~Coordinator: Marie DiVirgilio



**ASGA Chicago Challenge 2022 – July 16**

 This year's Challenge was held at George Dunne National on July 16th. There were 27 competitors who were divided into two teams who competed in the Ryder Cup format of two-person Scramble, two-person Alternate shot and finally, Match Play in 14 two player matches. The Captain's for this were **Wayne Thompson** and **Jay Thompson**.

On course individual contests were also held. The proximity winners were **Alice Zyks** (3), **Wayne Thompson** (3), **Sheila Ramacci** (13), **Joe Torcivia** (13) and Longest First Putt was won by **Robin Rash** on the 18th hole.

In the Scramble format the teams ended up in a 3 ½ points each tie. Moving on the Alternate shot **Jay's** team moved out to a

one-point lead by going 4 and 3. Going into the final matches **Wayne's** Team started to open it up with the eight matches going 6-2 in his favor. They were led by the Team of **Marie Bush** and **Kathi Brown** who won all four of the points available.

But **Jay's** Team was not ready to throw in the towel. In the final six matches the rallied for a 4.5 to 1.5 advantage to bring the final score to 14-14.

This is the first tie in ASGA Chicago Challenge history. Unlike the "real" Ryder Cup, the previous winner retains the cup in case of a tie. In the true spirit of sportsmanship, it was decided to split the "massive" winnings evenly.

Following the event, we all went Louisa's for pizza and pasta and to recount the great shots of the day.

The 2023 Challenge Captions were named. **Alice Zyks** and **Marie DiVirgilio** will lead their team's next year.

~Tim Dowling

**The Arboretum July 17**

 A group of 11 gathered to enjoy the sunny day and take on the challenge of target golf at The Arboretum in Buffalo Grove, including one guest who had found us on Meetup. We must have made a good impression, as **Gopal** subsequently joined as a member (but maybe it was the cash he won in a closest to the pin prize). The other winner of the closest to the pin was **Tom Golbach**, and longest putt was originally claimed by **Diane Martinez**. However, when it was determined it wasn't her first putt, we resorted to a random draw of those present, and Diane claimed the prize. It must have been meant to be!

~Marie Bush

**Thunderhawk- July 23**



The Friday night storms dropped 5-6 inches of rain on our northern suburbs including our Saturday destination, Thunderhawk. After calling the course early in the morning and putting out an email to the members signed up, only 5 responded by the time course asked me to release t-times. **Mike Madden** was the 5th and was gracious about dropping out so we could just go with a 4some of gals: **Kathi Brown**, **Robin Rash**, **Marie DiVirgilio** and **Sue Herman**. Apologies to **Lori Rigby** who

responded after 4 times where dropped. The course was cart path only with some damp spots on the fairways and Marie lost a ball in a bunker lake. But we finished the 18th holes very thirsty and in need of salt. We bought 4 bags of chips and the bartender gave us a free one, so we replenished our salt along with a some alcoholic beverages..

~Susan Herman



### Cantigny July 24

14 intrepid golfers showed up to play a wet carts only course. Following a heavy rain the night before, the sun finally came out and we had a beautiful day to play this fabulous course. Contest winners were: Unisex closest-to-pin **Kathi Brown**, longest putt **Diane Perini**, closest to pin women **Marie Bush**, closest to pin men **Tom Golbach**. Everyone had a delicious dinner in the clubhouse to end a great golf day!

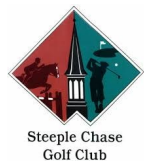
~Kathi Brown



### Palatine Hills July 27

Coordinated by **Deb Backman**, the Wednesday July 27th outing started out looking like we were going to have great weather. But the tide turned very quickly, and by only the second hole the skies opened up and we were looking for shelter. After waiting about twenty minutes, a couple groups returned to play. After one more hole one more downpour chased all but the intrepid threesome of **Marie Bush**, **Kathi Brown** and **Laura Jolcover** off the course. **Marie**, armed with her brand new clubs, was determined to try them out! The sun finally came out and it turned into a beautiful day to play. We ended the day with a delicious dinner on the patio at Makray.

~Kathi Brown



### Steeplechase – July 31

The Steeplechase outing was held on Sunday, July 31 with 19 players enjoying a picture perfect day.

**D'Wayne Bates**, **Gopal Kasichainula**, **Mike Madden**, **Sharon Meyer** and **Marie Bush** were among the contest winners. Some of the group stayed for a delicious dinner and drinks at the outdoor patio at Lazy Dog In Mundelein.

~Ronna Leibach



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ASGA calendar:  
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## Want to break 80?

### A Top 100 teacher says to work on this specific part of your game

BY: **JESSICA MARKSBURY**, *Golf.com*

Breaking 80 is one of the most significant scoring thresholds in the world of golf. If you can do it consistently, it likely means you're a single-digit handicapper — or close! — and capable of making enough birdies to counteract occasional mistakes. It also means you're likely limiting your blow-ups, which is an important step on any improvement journey.

But if you aren't quite there yet and are straddling the cusp — maybe hanging around the mid-to-low 80s and itching to make the jump into the 70s — GOLF Top 100 teacher Tina Tombs has a suggestion for what to work on: short game. And not just general chipping and putting. Instead, she recommends focusing on a very specific yardage.

"The best tip I have for someone to break 80 would be to work from 20-30 yards and in," Tombs told me at GOLF's Top 100 Teacher Summit at Pinehurst. "And if they haven't had wedges or a putter fitted for them, I'd recommend that they go and have that done, because you want to be able to feel the bounce of the wedge through the turf."

A custom-fitted putter is also hugely beneficial, Tombs said, because off-the-rack models, with a standard length of 35 or 36 inches, may be too long, too short, or too upright for some players.

"The most important thing about getting a putter properly fit is that, visually, you can see that the putter looks good to your eye so you can aim that putter to that spot, and get the putter started online," Tombs said. "If we can't aim the putter where we want to, and be comfortable that the ball is going to roll over the spot we're expecting,

how are we going to make putts?"

The most important key to breaking 80 is learning to get the ball up and down, Tombs says, because you're going to miss shots.

"The three clubs in your bag that are really important for someone trying to break 80 are your driver, your wedge and your putter," Tombs said. "Get really, really good with those three clubs."

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 08/18/2022)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Darrel Anderson - 08/30  
Karen Blocker - 08/23  
Marie Bush - 08/28  
Paul Gentile - 08/17  
David Halper - 09/06  
Christina Landgraf - 08/23  
Robert Lewandowski - 08/08  
Carol Passalacqua - 08/08  
Margaret Quinn - 08/21  
Ruth Wiechmann Browne - 08/17

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)  
Richard Conte - 08/31/2022  
Ken Kusumoto - 08/31/2022

### Welcome newest members:

DWayne Bates - Joined 07/01/2022  
Karen Blocker - Joined 07/19/2022  
Gopal Kasichainula - Joined 07/20/2022  
Christina Landgraf - Joined 06/22/2022  
Diane Perini - Joined 06/07/2022  
Lori Rigby - Joined 06/14/2022

### These members recently renewed:

Linda Blinks  
Laura Jolcover  
Eugene Keefe  
Robert Lewandowski  
Colleen Nelms  
Robin Rash

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Karen Boguslawski - 06/30/2022  
Michael Colligan - 07/31/2022  
Chris Heim - 07/31/2022  
Mike Junior - 06/30/2022  
Russell King - 06/30/2022  
Tom Lynch - 07/31/2022  
Jeanne Schneeberger - 06/30/2022  
Joe Torcivia - 06/30/2022  
Scott Yonover - 06/30/2022

**Our chapter currently has 85 members.**

*Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .*

**ASGA Annual Dues are \$89.00. Do you want LOWER DUES?**

# **HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ONE YEAR OF FREE DUES?**

You likely joined the American Singles Golf Association because you wanted to meet more singles and play more golf. We can't help you with your golf swing, however, we're on a mission to grow your chapter's membership. ***Golf season is upon us . . . are you onboard to grow your chapter or are you satisfied with your current membership level?***

## ***Here's the plan:***

- 1) on the following page, you'll see a revised "***Single? Play Golf?***" sign. It now has five (5) tear-off tabs instead of eight (8).
- 2) You write-in your identification (either your member number or first initial + last name) on each of the tabs. Use scissors to cut the tabs apart.
- 3) You print as many signs as you wish, keep them in the front seat of your car along with some push pins and post them ***anywhere you're permitted*** to post, e.g. golf shop bulletin boards, golf shop restrooms, driving ranges, stores, etc. ***If you would like ASGA National to print five (5) yellow signs for you, please let us know by emailing Irene@SinglesGolf.com or calling 980-833-6450 from 9am-1:45pm, M-F, Eastern.***
- 4) For every three (3) people who join using your name or ID on the yellow sign, you'll receive 12-months of ASGA membership. Note: your name or member number, as the referrer, must be submitted **with** the new member's application. No exceptions. No retroactivity. Please do not add your own name to an application form. It must be completed only the by the member currently joining and completing the application.
- 5) New members can join over the phone, at our website (SinglesGolf.com/join), fax, etc., however, **they MUST use your member number or name at the time of joining as the person who referred the new member. Again, no exceptions to this policy.**
- 6) ASGA National will keep track of how many new members you get credit for and will automatically add 12-months to your membership. Please, no slanting of these rules

**Be a Hero in Your Chapter.  
Get the signs printed and get them hanging!  
*(and remind others to participate)***

# SINGLE? PLAY GOLF?



## The Chicago Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association WANTS YOU!

We're 2,500 members in 50 cities and we're ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN! So if you're single (*i.e. divorced, widowed, legally separated or never married*) and enjoy meeting others through the game of golf, you're invited to inquire about joining by calling the American Singles Golf Association at 1-888-465-3628 (*1-TRIPLE-EIGHT-GOLFMATE*) or visit [SinglesGolf.com](http://SinglesGolf.com).

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# IN ADDITION, WE CAN SEND YOU FREE BUSINESS CARDS!

As you have seen from the previous two pages of this newsletter, ASGA National is committed to seeing your chapter grow. We believe by asking each individual member for help, your chapter will grow its membership.

Besides using just the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards as shown below. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you 25 business cards that you can give to anyone you believe might be a potential member. Are you out and about and see someone wearing a golf shirt or hat? **Start a conversation:** tell them you're a part of a local club for singles who play golf and simply ask **"are you single?"** Even if they aren't, chances are they know a golfer who is. Give them a card that's pre-filled with you name (or member #) and contact info.

**Remember, you get free dues for referring 3 new folks who join!**

Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail [Irene@SinglesGolf](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf) or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - Tom Alsop  
President and Founder  
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**25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!**



Front side of business card

The back side of the business card is a form with the following fields: "ASGA Member" followed by a blank line, "Call / Text" followed by a blank line, and "When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!". At the bottom, it provides the website "www.SinglesGolf.com/join" and the price "\$7.42/month payable annually".

Back side of business card

## COVID-19 Rules and Handicapping FAQs

The guidance below supplements a memo released by the USGA as to how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply in response to questions received from golf course owners, administrators, tournament organizers and golfers. As was noted in that memo, it is not the intended purpose of the below guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, in our governance role, to help golf course operators, committees and golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to the various questions we have received.

The questions received fit into four main topics. In each of the four topics below, the guidance provided serves both to directly answer the questions asked as well as cover additional considerations that might also serve useful.

### FLAGSTICK

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**May a course remove all flagsticks to minimize the possibility of exposing players to coronavirus?**

**May a committee introduce a code of conduct that does not allow players to remove (or even touch) the flagstick?**

- The flagstick serves an important purpose in the game of golf – that is as an indicator to a player as to where the hole is located on the putting green or a target for shots.
- If a Committee decides to set-up a golf course without flagsticks, consideration should be given as to how best to support such a decision by providing players the location of each hole on the green. Whether this is general guidance (such as in the right front portion) or through a detailed hole-location sheet.
- As another means of minimizing exposure to players, a Committee might decide to introduce a code of conduct that prohibits players from touching or removing the flagstick. As is authorized under Rule 1.2b, such a code could also include penalties (such as one penalty stroke or the general penalty) if a player is in breach of its standards.
- Before a Committee decides to introduce such a restriction, it is recommended that consideration be given to the fact that removing the flagstick is an instinctual, even automated, act for many players. Drafting such a code of conduct to restrict only deliberate acts to affect the outcome of the hole would be reflective of that reality and would mean that a player who instinctually removes the flagstick would not get a penalty in doing so.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

### BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

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**We have removed all bunker rakes from our course to help stop the spread of coronavirus. What options do we have for players who end up in unraked areas?**

- By removing rakes from the course, the Committee has various options as to how best to address the likely possibility of a player's ball coming to rest in an unmaintained area of sand and should consider which is the best approach under your unique circumstances.
- If you have limited play and most players at your course use a golf cart, the best approach might be to ask that each player takes a rake with them.
- If it is decided that no additional Rules will be put into effect to deal with these areas, it would be advisable to strongly encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.
- Additional options could include changing the status of bunkers to be part of the general area. This would give players additional options under multiple relief rules (Rules 16 and 19) and would remove the restrictions normally in effect under Rule 12.
- Ground under repair could be used in two different manners. The first being to declare all bunkers to be ground under repair and treat them as part of the general area. This would allow players the option to take free relief outside the bunker under Rule 16.1. The second is to treat disturbed areas only as ground under repair. This would still allow a player free relief from such areas, but would require such relief to be taken elsewhere within the bunker.
- As a last resort, we have fielded questions as to whether a Committee may add a preferred local rule that would allow a player to place the ball elsewhere in a bunker without penalty (such as within one club length of where the ball came to rest). While that may seem like a good option in that it requires players to play from the bunker, there will be times when no effective relief would be available to a player, such as when a bunker is frequently played from and large areas are unraked. It would be recommended that the other options, such as those listed above are considered first, noting that using

the ground under repair options above ensure a player will get full relief and when dropping from knee height, balls very rarely plug.

- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **SCORECARDS AND SCORING**

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**We are holding a competition, but want to limit how scorecards are exchanged both between players and after the round to the Committee. Do you have any recommendations?**

- The Rules already allow numerous options to address these concerns noting that certifying a score does not require a physical signature, nor does it require a physical scorecard.
- If a Committee wishes to run a competition using a form of electronic scoring, this could come in many forms, such as asking that each marker send an email to the Committee and the player he or she is marking for, including the player's hole-by-hole scores. The player can then reply to verify the accuracy of the card.
- When electronic methods are used, such as the email example above or similar methods that involve text messaging, the Committee should decide when a scorecard would be considered to have been returned. For example, this could be when the player responds certifying that the scores are correct or some other action that the Committee might consider more appropriate.
- A Committee might also wish to employ the above method but also combine these with a physical scorecard by having the marker take a picture of the completed scorecard and either email or text it to the Committee using the same process described above.
- If physical scorecards are the preferred method, a Committee may wish to have the player and marker not exchange cards but rather verbally communicate the hole-by-hole scores to the Committee verbally in the scoring area. Additionally, verbal confirmation could be a substitute for the physical signature. As with the electronic scoring methods described above, the Committee should be diligent to clearly define when a scorecard has been returned, such as when a player leaves the golf shop if that is where the process takes place.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT**

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A number of questions have been received that relate to modifying the hole so that players no longer need to reach into the hole to remove a ball to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to coronavirus.

These have included some courses setting holes so that the hole liner remains an inch or two above the surface of the green while others have placed various objects into the hole or around the flagstick (such as foam pool noodles or plastic piping) so that a ball is unable to fall to the bottom.

While in all of these instances, the ball is not holed per the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3c), a round played under these conditions will result in an acceptable score for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (see Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping).

While the most likely score procedure is intended to support certain formats of play where the player is not required to hole out (such as in match play when the player's next stroke is conceded or in fourball stroke play when a partner picks up), it is also temporarily in effect where the above described safety measures are being used.

When using most likely score, the player should consider the number of strokes most likely required to complete the hole, and determine whether the ball would have been holed or not. Most likely score is at the player's best judgment and should not be used to gain an unfair advantage.

This measure is temporary and in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.

The above guidance will continue to be updated. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping departments by going to [www.USGA.org](http://www.USGA.org).





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**LEGAL STUFF:** Read this section in a larger font at [SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff](http://SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff)

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I, the undersigned Applicant (hereinafter referred to as "Releasor"), in consideration of being permitted to participate in golf activities organized or sponsored by ASGA, Inc., d/b/a American Singles Golf Association, a Delaware Corporation, or its affiliate chapters in the United States and Canada, (the "Releasees") and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency is hereby acknowledged, hereby on behalf of myself and my heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives agree to fully indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and not to sue Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates from and on account of any and all past, present, and future claims, debts, causes of action, damages, personal injuries, wrongful deaths, property loss, and property damage (including attorney's fees and costs relative thereto), whether due or not, direct or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, latent or patent, known or unknown, which in any way concern or relate to any act or omission of Releasees. Except in the event of any gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against Releasees for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me in relation to the premises and operations of the golf course, including riding on golf carts or playing the game of golf. I am aware that participation in and/or observance of the golf activities and/or other activities sponsored by Releasees is or may be an inherently dangerous activity and may have health-related risks, and agree that I am voluntarily participating in and/or observing such activities with full knowledge of all dangers and risks involved. In addition, I hereby expressly assume all risks of injury, death, property loss, property damage, and other loss and damage which may occur relative to my participation in and/or observance of such activities. I understand and agree that this Release includes any and all claims based on the past, present and future ordinary negligence, action, and/or inaction of Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates. I acknowledge that I have read this Release, have been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental and inherent to the participation in and/or observance of the activities organized and/or sponsored by Releasees, and am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the Application Form acknowledging this Release. I agree that this Release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of my residency, and that if any portion of this Release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full force and effect.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Membership in the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) becomes effective upon receipt of dues and is valid for the period of time requested as indicated on the application form, subject to these Terms and Conditions. I am 21 years or older, single (i.e. never married OR divorced OR legally separated OR widowed), and have read and accepted, as a condition of joining, the Release from Liability and Express Assumption of Risk shown above.

I understand that dues are non-refundable and are subject to change. I agree that all rosters, membership lists, e-mail addresses, or any other information provided to him/her as a result of their membership in ASGA are the property of ASGA and shall not be used for any purpose other than ASGA. I understand that the information provided on the Application for Membership may be reproduced on the chapter's roster and distributed to other ASGA members and published on www.SinglesGolf.com, otherwise, I will note at the bottom of this form if I wish certain information not to be published.

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**DISPUTES:** In the event of any dispute of any matter or concerning the terms and/or conditions of membership, those matters and/or the interpretation of the terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the parties agree to submit disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement to courts of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

**AGREEMENT TO POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (ASGA) AND LOCAL CHAPTER:** By submitting this form and payment, I agree to abide by the "ASGA Policies" as outlined in the Policy section of [www.SinglesGolf.com/policy](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/policy) as well as ASGA bylaws ([www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws)) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

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