

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - September 2022

BARTLETT HILLS - SEPTEMBER 17TH



President's Corner

September has some of the best golf weather we get here in Chicago and there are plenty of opportunities to play with ASGA, including playing some of the best golf courses in our area.

I have been thinking about all the friends that I have made over the years playing golf with the ASGA group. Fortunately, I still play golf with a number of them on a regular basis.

If you have friends who are former members and you think that they would enjoy golfing and reacquainting with some old friends in our current ASGA group, why not suggest that they consider rejoining? The annual Challenge and the Countryside outing are perfect opportunities for alums to come back - and be reminded of the camaraderie they had with our group!

~Wayne Thompson



Golf Chair's Message

This is our last month of scheduled outings, so don't miss these last chances to play this season at our local ASGA events. Take advantage of the cooler temps and get out there!

For those who might not be aware, we will have elections soon for next year's elected board positions, and appointments by next year's president for non-elected positions. Please consider giving back to this great organization by volunteering to be on the board in some capacity. We can't keep it running without involvement by the members. Elected board positions include President, Golf Chair, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, and Social chair. Appointed positions include Treasurer, Secretary, Legal Counsel, Newsletter Editor and Web Page Manager.

I have served as Golf Chair since January of 2019, setting up all the outings and recruiting event coordinators for 2019 and 2020, and after setting up all the outings for 2021, handed off my duties to **Susan Herman**. She recruited the remaining coordinators for 2021, and set up all the outings for 2022. I then took the reins back for the remainder of 2022 in May, since no one else stepped up to take over.

We need to find someone who can take on the role of Golf Chair for 2023.

If you have any interest in taking over this position, please reach out to me. I can fill you in on what's involved.

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com

Outing Summaries

Deerpath, August 7 - When it Rains

Unfortunately, our Deerpath golf outing slated for August 7th was cancelled due to rain. Out of curiosity, I asked people what they did that day. I found their responses both interesting and insightful. I think you will, too.

Andrea Donovan, "I practiced my harp and rehearsed two dance numbers for a show I am in Tuesday night. Then, I went to the gym to swim laps."

Marie Bush, "I got to read my Sunday paper on Sunday, instead of later in the week, and watched the end of the AIG Women's Open."

Tim Dowling, "On Sunday I was afforded the opportunity to get my laundry washed, fluffed and folded. The highlight was watching the AIG Championship from Muirfield GC. What an exciting finish."

Sharon Meyer, "Watched the 2022 AIG Women's Open being played at Muirfield in

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website: www.ASGAChicago.org

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

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

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Scotland. A bit chilly there but no rain ☺."

Karen Blocker, "I ended up going to church then watched the AIG ladies tournament, what a finish! Then I drove to visit my grand babies."

Susan Herman, "Packed my bags for CO trip which includes ASGA Denver multi chapter event."

Kurt Kupitz, "I went swimming, then to the grocery store, ate lunch at home, watched the movie "Licorice Pizza" on TV since it was convenient and now I am going to the driving range since the rain has stopped."

Marie DiVirgilio, "I practiced my guitar and my putting, then I went for a walk after the rain stopped. It was a very relaxing day, and I didn't lose any golf balls!"

Looking forward to the dryer, cooler weather of fall golf!

~Coordinator: Marie DiVirgilio

Club Championship, Highlands of Elgin, August 13-14

Saturday and Sunday the 20th Club Championship was contested over 36 holes of the scenic yet challenging Highlands of Elgin.

The Women's pitted defending champion, **Diane Martinez** against 4-time champion, **Alice Zyks**. The competition was fierce as Alice was up by 2 after 9 and stretched her lead to 5 by the end of the day. Paired together on the 2nd day, Diane cut into the lead, trailing by 4 at the turn and cutting Alice's advantage to 1 by the 15th hole. They traded holes on 16 and 17 and stood on the 18th a mere one shot apart. Alice became the Champion when she held on and finished with a two-shot advantage.

The Men's Championship was no less exciting. **Dave Halper** opened up a two-shot lead over **Tom Golbach** on the front nine. Tom came roaring back to go one up after 18. Riding together for the final round, they traded holes and at the end of 27 they were tied. Dave went up 2 on hole #12 and Tom cut into it down by a one-stroke lead after 15. Tom tied Dave on 17 and at the 18th tee box, both players striped their drives. Dave hitting first put his shot on the green and Tom left his a little short on the left. Tom then pitched to within 12 inches for his par. Dave had a chance to win with a birdie but it slid by, leaving a tap-in for par.

For the first time, the Championship went into sudden victory. Tom and Dave returned to play the 18th hole where they tied again. So it was off to the first hole where **Dave**

prevailed with a par to win his first Club Championship. **Diane Martinez** and **Tim Dowling** won the 2nd Low Net awards.

Marie DiVirgilio was the Women's Net Champion with a 2 over par while **Tom Golbach** won the Men's Net Championship at even par. **Marie Bush** won the 2nd Low Net award.

Proximity Winners were **Marie DiVirgilio** (2), **Alice Zyks**, **Diane Martinez**, **Kurt Kupitz**, **Tim Dowling**, **Tom Golbach** and **Dave Halper**. Longest put winners were **Marie Bush** and **Rob Lewandowski**.

~Coordinator: Tim Dowling



Naperbrook, August 20

Eleven, no 9, no 7 people braved the rainy day at Naperbrook and got to play 10-12 holes. We started with 11 and as the rains came even before teeing off, the fair-weather golfers dropped out. As predicted by former FSU college weather woman, **Cathy Hill**, the rains did part about an hour after teeing off and stayed away for about another 90 minutes until lightning struck and we all came in. As we didn't get to the contest holes, the only

winners were those who decided to enjoy an afternoon of storytelling, laughs and camaraderie under cover on the Grill patio as the rains came and went. Thank you to all for coming and/or playing!

~Coordinator: Cathy Hill



Lake Bluff, August 21

We had a great time playing Lake Bluff and for those who showed up to play, the weather turned out to be beautiful! Contest Hole #2 was designated for longest drive Male and Female. Our winner was guest **Ken Masonick**. Hole #16 was closest to the pin; congratulations to **Marie DiVirgilio**! We did a hat raffle and my name was pulled, so thank you! Next stop was Silo Restaurant where all dined on the beautiful patio enjoying libations and famous Silo Pizza. See ya next time!

~Coordinator: Laura Jolcover

Bloomington, August 27

We had perfect weather for the Bloomington golf outing on Saturday August 27th. The following are the results of the five Closest to the Pin contests:
 Hole 6 Unisex: No one got on. **Marie DiVirgilio's** name was selected as the winner.
 Hole 9 Unisex: **John Edmonson** beat **Marie Bush** who beat **Marie DiVirgilio**
 Hole 11: **Kurt Kupitz** beat **Diane Martinez** who beat **Marie DiVirgilio**
 Hole 13 Women: **Diane Martinez**
 Hole 16 Men: **Tom Golbach** beat **Matt Kogan**

Many of the golfers enjoyed post-golf dinner and adult beverages at Rooster's Barn.

~Coordinator: Kurt Kupitz

Whisper Creek, August 28

The forecast was calling for a big storm front to roll in about the middle of our scheduled round, but all 13 people who signed up showed up, and we had great weather until about holes 15 and 16. The skies had started to darken, the wind had picked up, and then the lightning started in the distance, so time to call it a round. Most of us stowed our clubs in our cars and made it to the clubhouse before the rain started. Some hit the road without stopping in the clubhouse for awards, so missed out on opportunities for winnings (it was in my email - must be present to win). **Tom Goldbach** won closest to the pin on one hole, and **Kurt Kupitz** would have won on the other, but he left, so **Dave Halper** won that one. Most lost balls went to **Mike Madden** (although rumor had it that Warner might have won that one had he stuck around). We had a random draw for the longest putt on 18 we never got to play, and **Alice Zyks** won that one. We had a great dinner at the clubhouse while the storm raged outside and finished up with some desserts to celebrate my birthday compliments of **Tim Dowling**. Thanks Tim! By the time we finished, the weather had cleared, and it was safe to head out for the drive home.

~Coordinator: Marie Bush

Wilmette, September 4

16 golfers came out to play on a cloudy but dry day this Labor Day weekend. The last group came in at 4:20 hours, so pace of play was good. Nine people went on to dine at Hackney's on Lake and a fun time was had by all! Contest winners were:
 Closest to the pin Women: **Kathi Brown**;
 Closest to the pin Men: **Gopal K.**;
 Most Fairways: An amazing 10 by **Diane Perini**
 and Longest Putt (by a draw) **Terri Morgan**.

~Coordinator: Kathi Brown



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to clpausic@aol.com.

Next month please send on by October 5 for October's newsletter.



ASGA Chicago website:
<http://asgachicago.org/>



ASGA calendar:
<http://asgachicago.org/index.php/events/>

Wishing you all leaf-free greens as you enjoy fall golf!



About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 09/07/2022)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Martine Derom - 10/15
 Van Feller - 10/10
 David Halper - 09/06
 Paul Hervey - 10/02
 Michael Madden - 09/17
 Diane Martinez - 10/05
 Terri Morgan - 09/22
 Karol Stirneman - 09/18

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
 Kathleen Burns - 09/30/2022
 Judy Johnson - 09/30/2022
 James Poplett - 09/30/2022

Welcome newest members:

Karen Blocker - Joined 07/19/2022
 Brett Bradfield - Joined 08/08/2022
 Warner Dundas - Joined 08/05/2022
 Maria Jurt - Joined 08/22/2022
 Gopal Kasichainula - Joined 07/20/2022
 Kenneth Masonick - Joined 08/22/2022

These members recently renewed:

Martine Derom
 Marie Di Virgilio
 Susan Herman
 Laura Jolcover
 Ken Kusumoto

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
 Michael Colligan - 07/31/2022
 Richard Conte - 08/31/2022
 Chris Heim - 07/31/2022
 Tom Lynch - 07/31/2022

Our chapter currently has 86 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.

Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



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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 or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - Tom Alsop
President and Founder
American Singles Golf Association**

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 two lines for "ASGA Member" and "Call / Text". Below these lines, it says "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



GET READY TO TEE OFF

FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

4 WAYS TO JOIN:

- ◆ Call Us at 1-980-833-6450
- ◆ Fax This Form to Us
- ◆ Email/Mail This Form To Us
- ◆ Online (SinglesGolf.com/join)

APPLICATION TO JOIN ASGA RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

Note: Meeting locations may vary. Upon joining, you will receive a monthly newsletter telling you about monthly meetings, outings, etc. If you have any questions, contact your local chapter leader or call 1-888-GOLFMATE or 980-833-6450. Please complete information box at right.

MONTH & DAY BORN _____
YOUR USGA HANDICAP® _____ or
AVERAGE GOLF SCORE _____

Dues are **\$89.00** for 12 months) OR **\$178.00** for 24 months (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!). Best rate per year is **\$267** with our "buy 3 years, get 4th free + shirt" plan. Credit card users: JOIN BY PHONE: **980-833-6450** or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO **980-225-0231**. Your membership kit will be mailed upon receipt of payment. **Free shipping if ASGA shirt is ordered with application.**

PRINT CLEARLY - THE INFO BELOW SHOWS HOW IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR CHAPTER'S ROSTER. (*SEE OPT-OUT CLAUSE BELOW)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____ CHAPTER YOU ARE JOINING OR RENEWING IN: _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDR: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME (_____) _____ WORK/CELL (_____) _____ EMPL. BY _____

POSITION _____ () AVAILABLE FOR WEEKDAY GOLF () WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR CHAPTER

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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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- DUES - 24 Months - \$178** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)
- DUES (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$267)** (incl. free shirt - best value)
- DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$119** (includes shipping)
- DUES - 12 Months - \$89**

If a shirt is included, indicate () Male () Female Size: _____

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Signature **X** _____ Date _____

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Join By Fax: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to Info@SinglesGolf.com

Mail: ASGA, 1122 Industrial Dr. #107, Matthews, NC 28105

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