

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - July 2024

UPCOMING GOLF AT BALMORAL WOODS, NAPERVILLE & CANTIGNY G.C.

Silver Lake Country Club

Perfect summer weather greeted our group of 16 golfers at beautiful Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, where we played the longer north course on Sat. June 15. We welcomed **Mary Shur** to her first chapter outing, where she made a great first impression by hitting the longest drive for women on the 15th hole. **Kurt Kupitz** drove furthest for men and **Diane Martinez** and **Bob Davidson** won 4th hole closest to the pin honors. Most of the group socialized after the round enjoying tasty pizza and cold beverages at the Silver Lake bar and grill. Thanks to **Paul Gentile** for the extra treat.

Arrowhead

15 golfers played Arrowhead on June 23. It was a beautiful day on a beautiful course! **Kurt Kupitz** won men's closest to the pin contest, **Diane Perini** and **Ruth Browne** tied for most fairways hit off the tee (11) and **Sue Herman** made a magnificent shot to win longest putt. These were impressive accomplishments given the "Sunday pin placements" and many narrow fairways. Coordinator was **Kate Dudley**.

Old Oak Country Club

12 golfers played at the beautiful Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen. Deer and 2 fawns were spotted on this lovely course. Unfortunately, one of our golfers developed car trouble, which resulted in a last minute guest, Kelly, who had a delayed tee time with her group. She was a nice addition to the foursome and was encouraged to join ASGA for future events. **Kurt Kupitz** won the least amount of putts on Par 3 holes, while **Paul Housey** took the prize for Closest to the pin on Hole #12. There was a three-way tie for most fairways hit today, with **Sheila Ramucci**, **Paul Gentile**, and **Jay Thompson** sharing the honors. A rain shower developed during the final half hour of play, resulting in a quick ride to the clubhouse for their tasty pizza.



About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 07/12/2024)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Linda Blinks - 07/23
 Patti Kalal - 07/07
 Diane Meister - 07/01
 Greg Mieczynski - 07/02
 Colleen Nelms - 07/26
 Peggy Sodini - 07/24
 Gregg Straley - 08/07
 Alice Zyks - 07/17

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
 Karen Blocker - 07/31/2024
 Jeanne Glass - 07/31/2024
 Susanna Menn - 07/31/2024
 Joshua Neft - 07/31/2024
 Margaret Onken - 07/31/2024
 Robin Rash - 07/31/2024
 Carol Stewart - 07/31/2024

Welcome newest members:

Chris Dillman - Joined 06/27/2024
 Minh Luu - Joined 06/02/2024
 Azra Wagner - Joined 05/22/2024

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

Interested in a Trip to Portugal?

Tentative Time Period: March or April, 2025 — Open to all ASGA Members

It's possible this trip will happen. However, we need to hear from you soon. Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/Portugal and look at where we are in terms of planning this trip. If it appeals to you, all we need is just a quick response as shown at the bottom of the website. The greater the interest, the faster we'll get to working on it!

-- Hosted by the National Office of the American Singles Golf Association



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.)

National Office

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

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www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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These members recently renewed:

Brett Bradfield
David Halper
Susan Herman
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Greg Mieczynski
Colleen Nelms
Cynthia Pausic
Diane Perini
Sheila Ramacci
Ruth Wiechmann Browne

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Darrel Anderson - 05/31/2024
Robert Davidson - 05/31/2024
Cheryl Farruggia - 06/30/2024
Laura Jolcover - 06/30/2024
Robert Lewandowski - 06/30/2024
Michaelene Nichols - 05/31/2024
Lori Rigby - 06/30/2024
Mary Schur - 05/31/2024

To renew your dues today, go to
SinglesGolf.com/renew If you wish to renew
over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2
Eastern Time.

Our chapter currently has 79 members.



**Make this club selection
change when you have to chip
over a greenside bunker**

By Keely Levins, GolfDigest.com

You've been here before: In the rough, with a greenside bunker between you and the green. If you're like a lot of people, you've popped this chip up, left it short and landed in the bunker too many times. Molly Braid, a Golf Digest Best Young Teacher out of Westmoor Golf Club in Wisconsin, says club choice is likely your problem.

She sees a lot of her students look at this shot and grab a sand wedge or lob wedge, with the goal of hoisting the ball up over the bunker. This thinking, Braid says, isn't quite right. Grabbing a high-lofted club is what makes it so easy to pop it up and leave it short. You can use slightly less loft, because bunkers that you have to fly a ball over aren't actually as intimidating as they look.

"Bunkers are down in the ground. You don't need it to go way up in the air," Braid says. "Instead of taking a great big swing with a lob wedge or sand wedge and trying to hit it high over the sand -- which we see a lot of times coming up short -- grab your pitching wedge or gap wedge and do a pitching stroke and setup."

When you're staring at a bunker that you need to fly a shot over, it's easy to think, I need to get this up in the air. And you do -- but not in the same way you'd need to loft one up over a tree. The loft in your gap or pitching wedge is usually enough. Just make sure you have a bit of green between you and the flag, because this will release more than a sand wedge would.

"It'll roll out nicely, with a lot of forgiveness," Braid says.

A 'gimme' is an agreement
between two golfers,
neither of whom can putt
worth a damn.



your  cards
someecards.com

Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .

ASGA Annual Dues are \$99.00. 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 (2) 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!

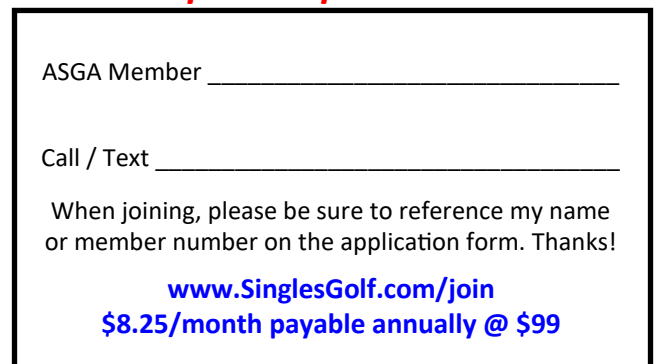
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

- - Tom Alsop
President and Founder
American Singles Golf Association

25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!



Front side of business card



Back side of business card



GET READY TO TEE OFF

FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

4 WAYS TO JOIN / PAY

- ◆ Call / Zelle: 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.**

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

Dues are **\$99.00** for 12 months) or **\$198.00** for 24 months (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!). Best rate per year is **\$297** 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 this 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

NOTE: ASGA DOES NOT CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP NOR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. Golf can be a dangerous sport. Accidents can occur by you or another party striking a golf ball, by a golf cart turning over, or simply falling down steps. PLEASE TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTION when playing in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals running golf tournaments are not professionals but are volunteers, and therefore, you must assume additional responsibility for your own safety. Please abide by the safety rules posted inside your golf cart, at the golf course, as well as the official website of the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, you must immediately bring it to the attention of the person(s) running an event, your chapter president or golf course management personnel.

LEGAL STUFF: Read this section in a larger font at 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., db/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 observation 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 observation 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 observation 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.

**** OPT-OUT CLAUSE:** I understand that I may, at any time, request any information on me not to be reprinted, reproduced or distributed, such as home phone, address, etc. in or on any newsletter, roster, website, etc. Such request to be noted below in "Notes by Applicant" section or emailed to info@SinglesGolf.com. ASGA may not be held liable for inadvertent publishing of opt-out information.

PRIVACY: See our privacy policy at www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy

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 as well as ASGA bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

See above Legal Stuff in larger font online at www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff

NOTES BY APPLICANT: _____

JOIN FOR 2 YEARS - GET A FREE GOLF SHIRT!

JOIN FOR 3 YEARS - GET 4TH YEAR + SHIRT FREE!

* Note: Credit/Debit cards carry a 3% processing fee. Zelle now accepted, no fee.

DUES - 24 Months - \$198 (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)

DUES (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$297 (incl. free shirt - best value)

DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$129 (includes shipping)

DUES - 12 Months - \$99

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

REFERRED BY: _____

Check Paid To "ASGA, Inc." Enclosed** **TOTAL \$** _____

* Please charge my major credit/debit card indicated below:

No. _____ Exp. _____ 3/4 digit _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED! By signing below, I agree to the Terms, Condition and Release ("Legal Stuff") as set forth at left and, if appropriate, authorize payment by my credit/debit card shown above.

Signature **X** _____ Date _____

Pay by Credit Card: Call 980-833-6450 9-2 Eastern Time, M-F

To Pay by ZELLE (no fee), use Zelle ID: 980-833-6450

Or Fax App Form to: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to Info@SinglesGolf.com

Or mail application to ASGA, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134

** There is a \$25 charge for any check returned from your bank.

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