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CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - February 2009

FEBRUARY MEETING AT GIORDANO'S IN OAK BROOK

**February Mingle / Tuesday,
February 10 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Giordano's, 17W280 West 22nd Street,
Oak Brook**

Location, location, location . . . this month, in order to accommodate our diverse locations, our mingle will be held at Giordano's in Oak Brook, two blocks west of Oakbrook Mall across from Costco. Join us at 6:30 to share stories, dream about the new schedule and see golf friends! Please note that this is a change in location – we will NOT be meeting at the Reel Club in Oakbrook Mall, as originally planned. Next month's mingle on March 10 will be back at Giordano's in Greentown. Then the following mingle, on April 14, will be back at Giordano's in Oak Brook.

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago chapter:

- Yvette Mulryan
- Patrice Jordan
- Dolores (Dede) Simon

Welcome to our newest members!!

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

Is it snowy and cold enough for you? It's hard to believe that it has only been winter for slightly over 30 days, with an additional two months before it ends. Yet Chicago has already had 43 inches of snow, compared to an average of about 20 inches. And the temperature is averaging far below normal. We can't wait for spring and the golf season to begin! While we are hibernating, however, there are a few things to keep in mind. First, we have an active social calendar filled with mingles, sporting events, golf dome activities, Super Bowl parties, etc. Second, we are planning some great National events for the spring. National has posted a questionnaire asking members where they would like to spend the Memorial Day weekend: 1) Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia; 2) Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina; or 3) Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Cast your votes early. And, third, our chapter is planning a very active golf

season this year with plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer as a coordinator or assistant. Beat the winter doldrums by socializing and helping us plan the upcoming season.

UPDATE YOUR NATIONAL MEMBER PROFILE

If you want to update your membership information on the national website, get your ASGA membership number from your membership card or your copy of the monthly newsletter and go to the national website at <http://www.singlesgolf.com/roster.php>. If you don't have a password, you can request one from national. Enter your membership ID and password, and you can edit your membership information to include your cell phone number.

PAST EVENTS

City Mingle a Success!

On January 13, 22 brave souls ventured out on a frigid but clear night to Giordano's in Greentown for our first city mingle in

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V A L E N T I N E S D A Y

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

NEXT BIG NATIONAL EVENT: Memorial Day Weekend at The Homestead, May 22 to May 25

Details at www.singlesgolf.com/events

Other Multi-Chapter Events: SinglesGolf.com/events

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

E-Mail: ASGANational@aol.com

New Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

National Office: 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

To join ASGA or renew your dues, contact the National Office at above number or go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND TUESDAY of each month

Next Mingle: February 10th, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Mingle Location: Giordano's, 17W280 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook

Our Website: www.ASGAChicago.org

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

To join, renew dues, make a change of address, phone, etc., call National Hotline at left.

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many years. We had several new and potential members. **Arne Pederson** came to celebrate his divorce, finalized the morning of the mingle – we guess he's officially single! Stories of Florida and winter were shared by one and all. It was great to see old golf friends from last summer. Maybe you can remember what course last summer **Stephanie Corredino** played with **Tim Flannigan**? **Tim Dowling**, proud as a peacock, passed around his very impressive golf outing schedule for '09 (check out the website). People were enthusiastic about attending the skating party, and several non-skaters planned on bringing their scoring cards to rate the ASGA skaters from the comfort of the cozy Park Grill. The raffle was won by **Mike Colligan** and **Enid Chesler**! Thanks for mingling in the windy city; see you back at Giordano's in Greektown in March!

Millennium Park Ice Skating Rink on Michigan Avenue in Downtown Chicago

Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 p.m.

The brave souls who signed up to weather the Chicago elements "wimped out" on the ice skating event. Hopefully, Mother Nature and the ground hog will cooperate and we can reschedule this event soon. Can golf season be far away???

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Prepare for the Summer

Links & Tees Golf Dome, 880-950 W. Lake Street, Addison (630) 458-2660

Haven't swung a club in a long time? Worried about that first tee this spring? Now is your chance to polish your swing. **Bill Forcade** will be hosting practice sessions at the Links & Tees Golf Dome on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. until the golf season starts. The dome has been spiffed up – new fake grass, new tees,

new fake putting surface, etc. We usually have dinner nearby afterwards. Come one, come all, no reservations needed. No golf dome event on February 1 due to the Super Bowl party. Check the e-mail blast each week to see if the event is cancelled for any reason.

Eat Someone's Homework / Monday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. Kendall College Dining Room, 900 N. Branch Street, Chicago

What the heck, football season is officially over. This Monday night series focuses on Chicago's diverse neighborhoods, and on February 2, we will visit Pilsen with a Mexican full five-course meal. If you haven't experienced The Dining Room, you have missed a wonderful treat, including great service and presentations, not to mention the beautiful venues of the city. The cost of this event is \$44 (cash), including gratuity. BYOB or bar service available. RSVP to **Enid** at echesler@rcn.com before Friday, January 30. Space is limited; parking is available. Consult the website for the full menu at <http://culinary.kendall.edu/news-and-events/the-dining-room/monday-night-dining-series/>.

March Mingle / Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Giordano's, 815 W. Van Buren in Greek Town

Stay connected through the winter with your ASGA pals at our monthly mingles. There is no charge or sign-up necessary; you just pay for your food/drinks. Guests are always welcome. Cash bar, prize drawings, chapter activity update.

TopGolf Event

Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

TopGolf is located at 699 W. Thorndale Avenue in Wood Dale next to the Salt Creek Golf Club. The fee, which is \$40 for members and \$45 for guests, includes a

ROSTER UPDATES → **Do It Yourself!**

Do you want to update your personal information on our chapter's roster? You can now do this yourself. Simply click on the **MY ACCOUNT** link at the national website (SinglesGolf.com). You can update your address, phone, add your cell phone, change handicap, etc. Doing it yourself takes the burden off of your chapter leaders so they can spend more time on the golf course and less time on the computer!

one-year membership and two free games, plus hot appetizers and soft drinks. To learn more about TopGolf, check out www.topgolfusa.com. RSVP to **Tim Dowling** at timdowling00@yahoo.com by March 1.

ASGA Chicago 3rd Annual Alabama Trip Friday, March 20 to Monday, March 23

If you have signed up for this event, please note that your final payment is due to **Tom Ullsperger**, 16045 Forest Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452 by Tuesday, February 17.

Tee-off Dinner / Maggiano's, 240 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

The Divas of the Social Committee and the "Godfather of Golf," **Tim Dowling**, have been hard at work making this the biggest and best year for ASGA Chicago . . . ever! Celebrate with the "mob" Italian-style; after all, this is Chicago! Mark the date – April 4 – at Maggiano's in Oak Brook. This is a pre-pay event, so send your check pronto! You will not be able to pay at the door. Seating is limited, and final numbers must be submitted by March 28. Consult the website for full details.

Golf Coordinators Meeting / Wednesday, April 8

Aurelio's Pizza, 1455 W. Lake Street in Addison

Pizza, salads and soda will be provided as **Tim Dowling** explains the ins and outs of putting together a perfectly run golf outing. All coordinators and assistant coordinators are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Please RSVP to Tim at timdowling00@yahoo.com by April 4.

REMINDER

If you don't have an email address, call any of the Board Members listed in this newsletter for more information on any event. If you are not receiving e-mails, please contact **Will Hsiung** at whsiung@comcast.net. Please feel free to send (clean) golf jokes to Will, and he will include them in his e-mails.

PHOTOS

Anyone who takes photos at the events may send them to **Robert Geeve** (rgeeve@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion on the website. Please be sure to zip the file before sending; contact Robert if you need help with zipping the file.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Debora Braun - 03/12
Kathy Braun - 02/17
Dale Cadwalader - 02/16
Reeny Caveney - 02/20
Douglas Cmiel - 03/13
Jennifer Connolly - 02/12
Armond Cozzi - 02/26
Julie Dana - 02/02
Judy Diekmann - 02/18
Tim Dowling - 02/08
Gloria Emalfarb - 02/08
Tim Flannigan - 03/01
Marty Gangler - 03/09
Arthur Garwin - 03/01
Beth Gemmill - 02/13
Susan Herman - 02/28
Penny Link - 02/12
Fred McEwen - 02/09
Stephen Mueller - 03/02
Margaret Muller - 02/12
Yvette Mulryan - 03/01

Nancy Pierz - 03/03
Sandra Rubin - 03/12
Madelon Silgalis - 03/02
Delores Simon - 03/01
Jay Thompson - 03/07
Tom Ullsperger - 02/20

These members are up for renewal: (date shown is last day of membership)

Paul Gentile - 02/28/2009
Karen Graham - 02/28/2009
Ken Kusumoto - 02/28/2009
Rosalie Licavoli - 02/28/2009
Margie McCartney - 02/28/2009
Ken Mital - 02/28/2009
Margaret Quinn - 02/28/2009
Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2009
Barrie Swanson - 02/28/2009
Bill Tygielski - 02/28/2009
Kathi Zadak - 02/28/2009

Welcome newest members:

Patrice Jordan - Joined 01/21/2009
Yvette Mulryan - Joined 01/12/2009
Pamela Schau - Joined 12/18/2008
Delores Simon - Joined 01/22/2009

These members recently renewed:

Deborah Bradel
Linda Ewing
Arthur Garwin
Carolann Klapper
Joanne Klumpp
Laurence Nelligan
Gretchen Oie
Ted Zillmer

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Margaret Bellock - 12/31/2008

Our chapter currently has 196 members

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

