

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

TOP GOLF EVENT - SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

It's March Madness time . . . no, not college basketball. I'm talking about golfers who become psychotic because they can't wait for the weather to improve so they can play golf. We do have plans, both nationally and locally, for a great start to the season. National is planning a Memorial Day weekend event at The Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia from May 22 to 25 – a "timeless treasure among historic Virginia resorts." The standard package is \$539, which includes two rounds of golf (cart, green fees, range balls and prizes), three nights lodging at The Homestead and many extras. Notably, the National website advertising for the event includes photos of three Chicagoans: **Lee Fayette**, **Terry Ready** and **Marie Di Virgilio**.

Chicago is moving quickly towards the 2009 season. Our Tee-Off Dinner is at Maggiano's in Oak Brook on Saturday, April 4, and then four days later, we have the coordinators' meeting on April 8 at Aurelio's Pizza in Addison. The coordinators' meeting will be combined with the April Mingle, so you can socialize and sign up to assist in coordinating an event. We

have over 40 events planned for this season, probably our biggest year ever! Don't miss out on all the fun!

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago chapter:

- ◆ Carole Reichart
- ◆ Laurie Wessels
- ◆ Bob O'Connell

We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our events!!

PAST EVENTS

Eat Someone's Homework Kendall College Dining Room

A small but mighty group dined on Monday, February 2 at Kendall College. The food was divine, the conversation lively and the wine and Mexican beer was plentiful. As an added bonus, the cityscape was breathtaking on a clear night. We dined on sumptuous chicken sopas, posole soup, mixed greens and cactus, pork and flavorful mole. We finished with a chipotle brownie and mango ice cream topped with Mexican coffee and chocolate. Olé! We decided to do it again on **March 2** at 6:30, but this time

we will visit another Chicago neighborhood – Greek Town. Opa! Join us for a unique dining experience prepared by the student chefs at Kendall. The cost is \$44, and you are welcome to BYOB. See the website for additional details.

February Mingle Giordano's, Oak Brook

We had a terrific turnout of about 32 attendees at Giordano's Oak Brook, including one of our newest members, **Dede Simon**, along with five guests. Golf Chair **Tim Dowling** was promoting next month's TopGolf event, taking sign-ups on the spot. He also encouraged attendees to consider serving as a coordinator or assistant for an outing, while Social Chair **Enid Chesler** was promoting both next month's Kendall Collage dinner and the Tee-Off Dinner. Raffle winners were **Pam Schau**, another relatively new member, and repeat winner **Mike Colligan**.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March Mingle
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Binny's South Loop Winebar, Chicago

We will be mingling at the Winebar at the new Binny's South Loop, located at 1132

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: March 10th, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Mingle Location: Binny's South Loop Winebar, Chicago

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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S. Jefferson across from Manny's Deli. Binny's is excited about welcoming our group, as they are organizing some interesting events, including a golf outing this summer. Come and reunite with golf buddies from the summer past and, who knows, maybe you'll find a new favorite wine or beer! We will start at 6:00; parking is available. **Per the Board of Directors, there is now a \$10 (cash) charge for assorted appetizers and gratuity. Drinks are on your own.**

Checks for the Tee-Off Dinner will be accepted. Bring a friend or potential member and **enjoy a free glass of wine/beer.**

Prepare for the Summer Links & Tees Golf Dome, Addison

Bill Forcade is hosting practice sessions at the Links & Tees Golf Dome, 880-950 W. Lake Street, on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. until the golf season starts, and we usually have dinner nearby afterwards. Come one, come all, no reservations needed. Check the e-mail blast each week to see if the event is cancelled for any reason.

TopGolf Event Saturday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Wood Dale

Bring a guest to TopGolf for the same price as members! The fee, which is \$40 for both members and guests, includes a one-year membership and two free games, plus hot appetizers and soft drinks. TopGolf is located at 699 W. Thorndale Avenue, next to the Salt Creek Golf Club in Wood Dale. To learn more, check out www.topgolfusa.com. RSVP to **Tim Dowling** at timdowling00@yahoo.com as soon as possible!

California Night Friday, March 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm Binny's South Loop, Chicago

Join your ASGA friends at Binny's South Loop after work on Friday, March 20 from 5:30 to 8:00 for an evening of California wine sampling with appetizers. This will be a great opportunity to mingle and sample 75 different wines, including Chardonnays, Viogniers, Zinfandels, Cabernets, Pinot Noirs, Petite Sirahs and more. This is a pre-pay event, so please have your payment of \$20 in by Tues-

day, March 17. Checks payable to ASGA Chicago should be sent to **Enid Chesler**, 555 Cornelia, Apt. 206, Chicago, IL 60657. Binny's South Loop is located at 1132 S. Jefferson off Roosevelt Road, just across from Manny's Deli. Complimentary valet parking is available. And . . . rumor has it that at 8:00, Senor Frog is sponsoring a tequila tasting with margaritas and DJ – no charge. Don't miss out on the fun!

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

It's been a long winter; however, it's time to start dreaming of the 30 plus beautiful golf courses our Golf Chair has chosen to challenge our skills. Celebrate the beginning of golf season by dancing the night away at Maggiano's, 240 Oakbrook Center, on Saturday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner includes two appetizers, two salads, two pastas, two entrees, desserts, coffee and three drink tickets! Our favorite DJ will rock the house! Checks for \$65 are due by March 27 and will be collected at the March Mingle. Checks should be payable to ASGA and can also be mailed to **Joanne Jacobs**, 1729 Brookwood Road, Lisle, IL 60532. For more information, contact Joanne at jojac0604@yahoo.com.

Ladies' Night Tuesday, April 7 Golf Galaxy

Attention Lady Golfers – Golf Galaxy is opening its doors to ladies only on Tuesday, April 7. Visit your nearest Golf Galaxy for snacks, goodie bags, demonstrations, raffles and maybe even a discount. Grab your gal pals and stop in and check out the latest woman-specific technology and fashion currently gracing the links. Sorry, guys, you will be turned away at the door. Co-ed Nike and Callaway events will be scheduled later in April.

Golf Coordinators' Meeting & Mingle Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Aurelio's Pizza, Addison

The golf committee is looking for volunteers to run and assist at many of the scheduled golf events this season. Come out and learn how easy it is to run the event and help your organization grow. Everything you need to know will be discussed. There will be pizza, salad and

soft drinks provided at no charge. Just e-mail **Tim Dowling** at timdowling00@yahoo.com to let him know you are coming. The address is 1455 W. Lake Street in Addison.

WEEKLY E-MAILS

If you are not receiving the weekly e-mail blasts from our Communications Chair, **Will Hsiung**, you may need to add his e-mail address (whsiung@comcast.net) to your address book or safe list. Apparently some members have not been receiving the e-mails, which were being routed to their spam folder. For help on this, go to images.ed4.net/images/htdocs/addressbook/. If you don't have an email address, call any of the Board Members listed in this newsletter for more information on any event.

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.

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
Deborah Brice - 04/15
Tom Cech - 03/24
Douglas Cmiel - 03/13
Tracy Fioretti - 04/01
Tim Flannigan - 03/01
Marty Gangler - 03/09
Charles Insko - 03/30
Patrice Jordan - 04/04
Joanne Klumpp - 03/22
John Lapinski - 03/19
David Moretti - 03/31
Deborah Morphet - 03/30
Stephen Mueller - 03/02
Laura Niforatos - 04/11
Bob O'Donnell - 03/11
Nancy Pierz - 03/03
Carol Reichart - 03/26
Sandra Rubin - 03/12
John Silius - 03/18
Jay Thompson - 03/07
Laurie Wessels - 03/10
Neddie Zadekis - 03/23

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Heather Aeschleman - 03/31/2009
Kevin Berg - 03/31/2009
Lisa Bishoff - 03/31/2009
John Bitner - 03/31/2009
Deborah Brice - 03/31/2009
Hank Calzaretta - 03/31/2009
Armond Cozzi - 03/31/2009
Susan Deisinger - 03/31/2009
Kim Denkwalter - 03/31/2009

Candace Fates - 03/31/2009
Paul Hervey - 03/31/2009
Diane Jedlinski - 03/31/2009
Ray Kalal - 03/31/2009
Lynn Keel - 03/31/2009
Celeste Lambert - 03/31/2009
John Lapinski - 03/31/2009
Walter Reczek - 03/31/2009
Sally Sengpiel - 03/31/2009
Arnold Stanger - 03/31/2009
Bob Wier - 03/31/2009

These members recently renewed:

Dennis Cowhey
Paul Gentile
William Hsiung
Ken Kusumoto
Kerry Malm
Margaret Quinn

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Paul Bryer - 01/31/2009
Dale Cadwalader - 01/31/2009
Melanie Davis - 01/31/2009
Dee Giese - 01/31/2009
Karen Graham - 02/28/2009
Peter Hague - 01/31/2009
Rosalie Licavoli - 02/28/2009
Margie McCartney - 02/28/2009
Ken Mital - 02/28/2009
Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2009
Barrie Swanson - 02/28/2009
Bill Tygielski - 02/28/2009
Kathi Zadak - 02/28/2009

Our chapter currently has 187 members.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — MARCH, 2009

Memorial Day Weekend at The Homestead

Event Dates: May 22-25, 2009

Just Announced — Over 60 Signed-Up Already!

In 2005, 300+ ASGA members attended our annual Memorial Day Reunion at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. We haven't been back since. After three great years at Pinehurst, members felt it was time for a change. (Isn't this the "year of change?")



Choosing a location for this many golfers always presents its issues. We can't simply take any hotel in any city and move 300 folks from golf course to golf course. But once you're in Hot Springs, you've got everything within arms reach: a beautiful hotel with a bunch of your friends, food, fun, fellowship and fairways.

The Homestead is a unique venue in itself. It's difficult to think of a president of the United States who has not visited or stayed there. Calvin Coolidge and his wife celebrated their honeymoon there. It's history goes back ten years prior to when our nation was founded (1766). The Old Course, on property, has the longest continuous operating first tee box in the country. If you like history, this place is historical. If you like hanging out for 3-4 days with fellow members and having more fun than you can imagine, you need to look at what we have to offer.

All details are on the website: SinglesGolf.com/homestead and you can certainly review the enclosed registration form. We announced this via a national email broadcast recently, and within two weeks of the announcement, 60 people had already signed-up. There's no need to wait. You can register now and the hotel will not charge the package price until April 22.

We have many other events scheduled for you this year as well. All events are posted at SinglesGolf.com/events

Want to Go to the Homestead Free?

Well, as you know, nothing in life is really free. But this is pretty close to free. Here's the deal: you know people. We know that. Simply get a friend, relative business associate to start a new chapter in a new city and if at least ten folks join the new chapter by May 20th, your registration for the Memorial Day event at the homestead, a \$539 value, will be paid. Simply refer them to our "start-up" page at SinglesGolf.com/start and let's get it rolling. For more info, contact Tom Alsop at GolfASGA@aol.com.

How's Your New Year?

We're not talking resolutions here, but your chapter. Hopefully by now, your new Board of Directors is operating in full fashion and all positions are filled and your chapter management folks are fully trained. In late January, we held training webinars for incoming chapter presidents and each of your four committee head positions (golf, social, membership and communication) so everyone ought to know their duties and responsibilities. The first job, of course, is to have fun. If you missed any of the leadership webinars, just go to the Chapter Management section of SinglesGolf.com and there's plenty of information there to help you do your job a little better. If at anytime you believe your chapter needs a little advice or you're just concerned about anything, you're welcome to use the CONTACT US form on the website and we'll be back in touch usually same day. Never hesitate to contact ASGA about anything!

Is Your Website Updated?

Golf season is officially open by declaration of Mother Nature. She's also asked that you update your website with a lot of new and exciting information. Why? Because those new folks checking us out want to see a whole-lot-of-things-goin'-on and if you've only got one event planned for the Spring, well . . . think about it . . . would you join? Your golf and social committees should be hard at work putting together an agenda, so get that stuff posted right away. In February, the national website got 621 unique visitors EACH DAY. And just like "all politics is local," people join SinglesGolf to see what's going on locally. So give your website a run-thru and see it "for the first time" through the eyes of a new person visiting your organization for the first time. Make sure all the links work and that there is ample contact information and your chapter looks EXCITING!

Did you know your chapter can get a free website? If you're paying \$200-300 per year for your site, you can have your own as a sub-site of the national site. Your new chapter website would be www.ChapterName.SinglesGolf.com. Think about it!

Two New Chapters Forming

We're happy to announce ASGA has two new chapters being created. **David Greiner** and **Robin Sutton** are forming the Fredericksburg, VA chapter. **Juanita Crawford** is getting the Winter Haven, FL chapter off the ground.

-- Tom Alsop, President/Founder, ASGA
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