

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

VILLAGE LINKS OF GLEN ELLYN: JUNE 14TH

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

We are now well into our golf season, and things are proceeding very well. Events are filling up faster than before, so remember to sign up early if you want to play.

The Board has also been active. We filed our annual tax return by the May 15th deadline applicable to us. No taxes are due, since we qualify as a not-for-profit corporation under Illinois law and a Section 501(c)(7) social club under the IRS rules.

Currently, the Board is evaluating our financial reserves (the cash on hand we keep to meet expenses such as deposits for outings and social events) to make sure they are at an appropriate level. Once the Board sets a suitable reserve level, it may make minor adjustments to the future costs (or the proportion of costs returned to the organization) for the outings and social events. We have built up our reserves over the last couple years to make sure we have adequate funding for potential outing losses and deposits for future events.

If you have input on where the organization should be headed, please drop me an e-mail. We are all trying to make ASGA as "member friendly" as possible.

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIR DOWLING

Nine-hole golfers: By the time you read this, the Chicago ASGA Chapter will have sponsored four nine-hole events. That is already more than twice as many as last year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Green Garden nine-hole outing due to lack of participation. The life of the remaining outings depends on your interest. The next two upcoming outings are Village Links of Glen Ellyn on June 14 and Wilmette Golf Club on August 8. If the interest increases, I will work to add additional outings. But either way, don't wait – sign up now.

USGA GOLF HANDICAPS

(by TIM DOWLING)

Why keep a USGA golf handicap? There are at least three good reasons for keeping a United States Golf Association (USGA) handicap. It provides you with an accurate assessment of your skill level, helps you track your improvement and allows you to compete on an equitable basis with golfers of all skill levels. This means you can compete in events like the ASGA Chicago Challenge, Michigan Challenge and Club Championship and have a decent chance of winning!

What's the cost? The USGA authorizes local golf associations such as the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) to provide their members with a golf handicap index. ASGA Chicago has been authorized by the CDGA as a "member club" to provide this service to its members. As ASGA Chicago Golf Chair, the CDGA has given me the authority to set up new as well as renew existing handicap registrations for our members at the lowest rate possible. While most golf courses charge between \$25 and \$30 for this service, ASGA Chicago members are charged only \$20 for renewals and new applications.

Your \$20 buys you even more. You'll get the opportunity to play private courses in support of the CDGA's charity, Sunshine through Golf Foundation. Through this charity, you can play courses such as Cantigny, Kemper Lakes and Bull Valley for \$75 (with lunch and cart) – about a \$125 value. You also get the Chicago District Golfer magazine and the bi-monthly Chicago District Golf magazine.

How do I sign up? At every golf outing, the Event Coordinator will have Handicap Registration Forms that you can take home, fill out and mail to me (along with a check for the \$20 fee). If you can't wait for

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

Play golf with singles from other chapters - - for a complete list, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/events

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND TUESDAY of each month

Next Mingle: June 9th, 2009

Mingle Location: Bailey's Restaurant & Bar, Westmont

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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the next outing, go to the ASGA Chicago website and click on "Forms, etc." to download the Handicap Registration Form. You can fill in the fields directly on your computer, print it and send it to me (along with a check for the \$20 fee) via U.S. mail. Please keep in mind that if you sign up or renew through the CDGA website and not through me, the CDGA will charge you a \$2.50 internet processing fee.

If getting all this for \$20 doesn't sound like enough of a bargain, I'll also be your technical support if you need help signing in, posting your scores or updating your profile. Now that's a deal!

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago chapter:

- ◆ Susan Bemis
- ◆ Lee Ann Hedeon
- ◆ Kathy Joyce
- ◆ Michelle Lehnen
- ◆ Greg Mieczynski
- ◆ Knoxie Overton
- ◆ Mike Shain
- ◆ Jo-Ann Sisti
- ◆ Patricia Thompson
- ◆ Meridel Wesely
- ◆ Jean White

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

PAST EVENTS

Naperbrook, 5/2

Due to the wet conditions at Springbrook, we were switched to Naperbrook at the last minute for both the 18- and 9-hole events. The weather turned out great and the staff was very accommodating. **Fred McEwen** played in the same foursome as **Bill Forcade**, who said he likes to see orange golf balls make water landings – Bill didn't disappoint! And everyone wants to know what kind of putter **Mari Lou McCann** uses, since she cleaned up on both longest putt holes! Other winners for the 18-hole event were: **Joanne Jacobs** and **Robin Kramer** (women's closest to the pin), **Roger Schoepfle** and **Tim Dowling** (men's closest to the pin), and **Paul Gentile** and **Mike Colligan** (longest putt). On the nine-hole event, the winners were: **Karen DeMars** (closest to the

pin), **John Bitner** (closest to the pin) and **Debbie Brooks** (longest putt). After golfing, about 40 members headed over to Traverso's for a great pizza buffet – even from a critic as tough as **Bob Geeve**! A special thanks goes out to **Fred McEwen** and **Suzanne Lewis** and their assistants for a great event.

Fox Run Golf Links, 5/3

The weather for Fox Run was the best we've had so far this season – 70 and sunny – although the course was cart path only due to heavy rain the week before. The staff was very accommodating and even donated \$200 worth of merchandise gift cards, which were won by **Marie Bush**, **Bob Almada**, **Karen Renzi** and **Charles Rowe**. The contest winners were: **Tom Ullsperger** (closest to the pin and shortest drive), **Kathi Brown** (longest drive), **Joe Torcivia** (longest drive), **Bob Almada** (longest putt), **Robert Geeve** (longest putt) and **Mary Tobin** (shortest drive). The baseball caps were won by **Flo Slisz**, **Mary Tobin**, **Brian Krauss** and **Enid Chesler**. Dinner was at the course and was a refreshing break from the expensive dinners we've had at some of the outings. **Will Hsiung**, **Donna Ellis** and their assistants did a great job on this outing!

Deerfield Golf Club, 5/9

It was a hearty group of walkers and riders that braved the chilly weather, but at least it was dry! The facility was great and the staff was well-organized and helpful. Closest to the pin prizes were won by **Robin Kramer**, **Kathi Brown** (coordinator for this outing), **Jay Thompson**, and **Kurt Kupitz**. Longest drive honors go to **Robin Kramer** and **Brian Krauss**, and longest putts were made by **Robin Rash** and **Bill Forcade**. Most of the golfers stayed for dinner at the clubhouse restaurant, and a good time was had by all!

Monthly Mingle, 5/12

Our May Mingle was held at Bailey's Restaurant & Bar in Westmont, where the staff was exceptionally gracious and accommodating. The conversations were spirited, and everyone seemed to have a good time, including some of our newer members. A big "thank you" goes to **Melanie Jones**, who took charge in hosting this event.

Odyssey Country Club, 5/16

The weather was cool, and so were the Odyssey staff members, who not only did not charge us for the no-shows but also donated two gift certificates for a round of golf with cart for two people. Golf coordinator **Tony Kopp** raffled off these prizes, along with the ASGA gift certificates. Afterwards, a group of about 20 headed to dinner at Traverso's Pizza in Tinley Park, where they enjoyed excellent food and service.

Buffalo Grove Golf Club, 5/17

Almost 60 golfers attended the combined 18- and 9-hole outing at Buffalo Grove, including two guests who joined the club based on their positive experiences! The 18-hole players were treated to a team contest, where every player played their own ball, yet the team score for the hole changed each hole (first hole: best score; second hole: two best scores; third hole: three best scores; and fourth hole: all scores counted; and so on). "Par" for the course was 171, and when handicaps were subtracted, the winners were as follows: 175 for the team of **Kevin Berg, Rosalie Licavoli, Ken Kusumoto and Tim Dowling**; 176 for **Marie Bush, Larry Miller, Allen Chester and Greg Staley**; and 180 for the team of **Deb Brice, Mike Colligan, Stephanie Corredino and Tim Flannigan**. The nine-hole players had a game of their own, which included elements of a scramble, a bramble and individual play and was won by the team of **Jane Leary, Peggy Sodini and Will Hsiung**. **Kim Denkwalter** won the longest putt prize. The course was in perfect shape, enabling **Peggy Sodini** to sink a 45-foot putt on the first hole! Almost the entire group stayed for dinner at the Village Tavern at the course and told "fish stories" about their game, none of which can be repeated in print. Many thanks to **Tim Dowling, Marie Di Virgilio** and their assistants for an outstanding event! P.S. Any guesses as to who the mystery person is whose tee shot on the 8th hole ended up on the bridge?



Oak Meadows Golf Club, 5/23

Nancy Murray did a great job of handling this event without the help of assistants and was pleased with what a good-natured group she had. Both the course and the staff were wonderful. It was a gorgeous day and a fun outing, and all the prizes were raffled off, giving the beginner golfers an equal shot at winning.

Sanctuary Golf Course, 5/24

The golfers all enjoyed beautiful weather at The Sanctuary in New Lenox, although the narrow fairways on this course led to much ball searching (particularly by **Bob O'Donnell**, who claims to have lost eight balls). The big winners for closest to the pin were: **Nancy Hill** (who came within 12 inches of making a hole-in-one!), **Bob O'Donnell, Madelon Silgalis and Bob Almada**. **Charlene Larson** won longest putt honors. Over half the participants stayed for sandwiches and conversation at the golf course, nicely capping off a fun-filled afternoon. Coordinator **Nancy Hill** would like to thank her assistants, **Melanie Jones and Paul Gentile**, for their help.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June Mingle / June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Bailey's Restaurant & Bar, Westmont

Join us and mingle with your fellow ASGA members and their guests at Bailey's, 330 E. Ogden Avenue in Westmont, on Tuesday, June 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. There is no cover charge for this event. Bring a friend or potential member and enjoy a free glass of wine/beer.

Countryside Golf Club, 6/6

For 18 holes, members \$62 riding / \$53 walking and guests \$67 riding / \$58 walking. For nine holes, members \$39 riding / \$29 walking and guests \$44 riding / \$34 walking. RSVP to **Jay Thompson** at jay5otis@sbcglobal.net for 18 holes and **Kim Armatys** at kimberly.armatys@kraft.com for nine holes.

Settler's Hill Golf Course, 6/7

New course for ASGA this year, with dinner at the Country House, which has a nice deck to sit outside after the round. Cart only, members \$57 and guests \$62.

RSVP to **JoAnn Graska** at graske3141@comcast.net.

Green Garden Country Club, 6/13

Great course to shoot a low score and have fun with friends. Restaurant at clubhouse is excellent. Cart only, members \$62 and guests \$67. RSVP to **Brian Carlin** at bmc55@comcast.net.

Village Links of Glen Ellyn, 6/14

Course used for several qualifiers, including the 2009 U.S. Senior Open qualifier to be held on June 29. Dinner afterwards at The Grill, located at the course. For 18 holes, members \$71 riding / \$54 walking and guests \$76 riding / \$59 walking. For nine holes, members \$38 riding / \$29 walking and guests \$43 riding / \$34 walking. RSVP to **Dave Allen** at tee-times@comcast.net for 18 holes and **Gretchen Oie** at gretchen@edsc.org for nine holes.

Mistwood Golf Club, 6/20

One of the premiere courses in the Metro South Region, this is a "must play." Walking has been added as an option this year. Cost for members is \$74 riding / \$56 walking and guests \$79 riding / \$61 walking. RSVP to **Tim Dowling** at timdowling00@yahoo.com.

Pine Meadows Golf Club, 6/21

Ranked #6 in 2009 Golfweek's Best Courses You Can Play in Illinois. Dinner and awards to follow at Pine Meadows. Cost for members is \$65 riding / \$55 walking and guests \$70 riding / \$60 walking. RSVP to **Lisa Bishoff** at lhb11@att.net.

Scramble at Mill Creek Golf Club, 6/27

Maximum of 100 golfers with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$90 members and \$95 guests, which includes golf with cart, buffet dinner, prizes and DJ with dancing. There is also a non-golfing option if you want to attend just the dinner and dance. Cash bar is available, of course! This is a prepaid event and space is limited, so RSVP now to **Michael Daugherty** at mداugherty@hotmail.com.

Poplar Creek Country Club, 6/28

Cart golf only. Cost is \$50 members and \$55 guests. RSVP to **Tom Cech** at tcechdad@sbcglobal.net.

Harborside International, 7/3

Cart golf only. Cost is \$62 members and \$67 guests. RSVP to **Tony Kopp** at anthon4522@att.net.

White Deer Run, 7/4

Cart golf only. Cost is \$64 members and \$69 guests. RSVP to **Kim Armatys** at kimberly.armatys@kraft.com.

Cog Hill Golf Club, 7/5

We will be golfing Course #3. Cost for members is \$66 riding / \$50 walking and guests \$71 riding / \$55 walking. RSVP to **Lee Fayette** at leefayette@sbcglobal.net.

Tanna Farms Golf Club, 7/11

Dinner and awards follow at Boonie's Saloon & Grill, where we have reserved patio seating adjacent to the 18th hole. Cost is \$59 for members and \$64 for guests. RSVP to **Robert Geeve** at rgeeve@sbcglobal.net.

Thunderhawk Golf Club, 7/12

Price for this outing, which is \$90 for members and \$95 for guests, includes cart and range balls. Contact **Mary Lou Newbold** at mlnewbold@comcast.net to sign up.

6th Annual Chicago Challenge, 7/18-19

Coordinator **Tom Ullsperger** has already lined up the theme and captains for this year's Chicago Challenge on July 18 & 19 at George Dunne National in Oak Forest. The theme is the Cubs vs. the Sox, and team captains are **Debbie Brooks** and **Jane Leary**. To enter, you must have a verifiable USGA handicap and must play both days. Those without a handicap or who don't want to compete can still play the course either day or both. Check the website for details; teams will be chosen on July 1.

PHOTOS

Anyone who takes photos at the events may send them to **Robert Geeve** (rgeeve@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion on the website. A zip file of the photos is preferred, but individual photo attachments will also work. Or if you prefer to copy your photos to a CD and send it to Robert, that's okay also. Just please send them as soon as possible after the outing.

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.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Kimberly Armatys - 07/05
Linda Barbara - 07/11
Susan Barton - 06/04
Lisa Bishoff - 06/04
John Bitner - 06/04
Jim Coates - 07/10
Chris Coyne - 06/07
Marie Di Virgilio - 06/24
Candace Fates - 06/24
George Frerichs - 06/23
John Hanzel - 06/03
Sharon Hillman - 06/10
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04
Carolan Klapper - 07/13
Robin Kramer - 07/09
Kerry Malm - 07/04
Greg Mieczynski - 07/02
Yvette Mulryan - 06/01
Mary Ann Peterson - 07/03
Flo Slisz - 06/18
Maureen Stiling - 07/13

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Linda Barbara - 06/30/2009
Tom Cech - 06/30/2009
Jim Coates - 06/30/2009
Dave Colbert - 06/30/2009
Chris Coyne - 06/30/2009

Beth Gemmill - 06/30/2009
Anna Hudak - 06/30/2009
Holly Humphreys - 06/30/2009
Ken Kingsbury - 06/30/2009
Jane Leary - 06/30/2009
Penny Link - 06/30/2009
Fred McEwen - 06/30/2009
Larry Miller - 06/30/2009
Stephen Mueller - 06/30/2009
Mary Lou Newbold - 06/30/2009
Nancy Pierz - 06/30/2009
James Poplette - 06/30/2009
Jeanne Schneeberger - 06/30/2009
Joe Sineni - 06/30/2009
Maureen Stiling - 06/30/2009

These members recently renewed:

Susan Barton
Susan Bemis
Kathy Braun
Brian Carlin
Stephanie Corredino
Mary Ann Figel
Irene Jones
Melanie Jones
Rebecca Marquardt
Carol Mayer
John Miller
Margaret Muller
Dan Noel
Haseena Shaheed
Donald Stading
William Terpstra

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Allen Chester - 05/31/2009
Douglas Cmiel - 04/30/2009
Sue Dolder - 04/30/2009
Elaine Fotopoulos - 04/30/2009
Nancy Hill - 05/31/2009
Rita Kerns - 05/31/2009
Debbie Koenig - 04/30/2009
Carolyn Mack - 04/30/2009
Mari Lou McCann - 05/31/2009
Lori McSweeney - 05/31/2009
Deborah Morphet - 05/31/2009
Paula Partipilo - 05/31/2009
Karen Ramagnano - 04/30/2009
Robin Rash - 04/30/2009
Al Salgado - 05/31/2009
Linda Teer - 05/31/2009
Sean Ward - 05/31/2009
Elizabeth Weardahl - 04/30/2009
Ron Wojdyla - 04/30/2009
Neddie Zadeikis - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 205 members

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JUNE 2009

Scotland Trip Being Planned!

Show of Hands Convinced Us

We've had a few members ask "when will we do a trip to Scotland again?"

Well, at our final dinner at The Homestead / Memorial Day Weekend Event with 212 members present, we did a show of hands to determine if there was anyone else interested. Without question, at least half of the audience raised their hands.

So now we're at work preparing for such a trip which will most likely be during July or August, 2010. We are working through an association of tour operators which will help us prepare an agenda. From that, a request for proposal (RFP) will go out to a number of the association's member-tour operators.

We're not looking for the internet special of the week. ASGA will only work with tour operators who'll take care of our members and provide what we want.

So stay tuned. We'll send out a national survey soon to determine your thoughts and wishes and will develop a web page to keep you updated: SinglesGolf.com/scotland

Meet More Singles at Multi-Chapter Events

ASGA, through its member chapters, offer other events which allow you to meet singles from other chapters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these Multi-Chapter Events.

There's nothing like meeting up with a bunch of other singles for a weekend of golf. Each package is basically the same but there are differences, so we suggest you visit the website for the event.

And, if you're chapter's interested in hosting one of these events, prepared to put a lot of work into it. But the reward of having singles play in your city and play your favorite courses is a life experience, well, hopefully! Contact ASGA to clear the date and then get your Board of Directors to give local approval. Then, start putting it together!

The website for all events is really, really simple:

www.SinglesGolf.com/events

Here are our multi-chapter events for the rest of the year:

- ◆ **Tampa Bay Invitational** - Palm Harbor, Florida (Innisbrook Resort) - June 26-28, 2009. Hosted by the Tampa Bay chapter. Click here for website and registration form. For more info, contact Manus O'Donnell at ManusOD@aol.com.
- ◆ **Amelia Island Weekend** - Jacksonville, FL (area) - August 21-23, 2009. Hosted by the Jacksonville chapter. For information go to www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com and scroll down to Amelia Island link. For the registration form, click on <http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com/jaxreg2.doc> Sign up now as space is limited. For further info, contact Dorothy at darn@bellsouth.net
- ◆ **Labor Day Weekend** - Santee, SC - September 4-6, 2009. Hosted by the Upstate, SC chapter. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/laborday
- ◆ **Reno Roundup** - Reno, NV - September 11-13, 2009. Hosted by the Sacramento

chapter. Details posted at www.SinglesGolf.com/renoroundup

- ◆ **Mountain Fall Weekend** - Asheville, NC (area) - October 16-18, 2009. Hosted by the Asheville chapter. For complete details, registration form and contact info, go to www.MountainFallWeekend.com This event sold out last year so please sign-up early as space is limited.
- ◆ **Myrtle Beach Weekend** - Myrtle Beach, SC - November 19-22, 2009. Hosted by the Myrtle Beach chapter. Details to be posted soon.
- ◆ **The Big New Year's Golf Event** Somewhere South - We will again head to a warm spot down South to celebrate New Years. Details will be posted in August. Save the dates: December 29, 2009 - January 1, 2010.

You Can Update Your Listing on Your Roster

For about a year now, you've had the ability to update your information on the roster yourself. This updates the national database. Got an address or phone change? Want to add your cell number, change your handicap? Go to the **MY ACCOUNT** button at our website, SinglesGolf.com and log-in. Forgot your log-in? It's real easy; just follow the simple instructions and we'll send to you your log-in information.

A Mid-Year Report

As we reach the middle of our calendar year, we look behind and we look forward. For chapter presidents, your job is halfway done! For most members, it's simply time for more golf.

We value our membership in ASGA. We're all single and if we haven't done so already, we look forward to the potential of a great relationship. Many members have said they're not interested in meeting anyone, they just want to play more golf. But as the saying goes, we all have the word "SINGLE" on our foreheads. When you show up for a meeting, people know you're single. If you don't show-up for your membership meeting, think of your potential loss. Just about every member who's become "attached" with another member didn't expect it to happen that way, or right away. But unless you show-up in life, life won't show-up for you.

In spite of the economy, we've grown this past year primarily because you, our member, have taken a little time to spread the word about our organization. Our display stands have been a big reason for our growth, but they don't do us any good sitting in a closet. You have to request one and if you do, we're happy to ship one to you. So let us know simply by calling or e-mailing us.

In October of each year, each chapter elects a new president for the term beginning January 1. So be thinking about who might best fill that position down the road.

-- **Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA**
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