

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

CELEBRATE OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT JULY 14TH MINGLE

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

Well, it's official – from January through June of this year, Chicago received the largest amount of rainfall ever recorded. Those of us who've played a lot of golf can attest to that fact. The long-range forecast for July shows below-average precipitation for the first six days, but the remaining days have a greater than 50% probability of rain. Isn't it wonderful to live in Chicago and play golf?

National has a very active list of multi-chapter events for the remainder of the year. The National website, www.singlesgolf.com, has more information, but here's a brief summary:

- ◆ Amelia Island Weekend, Jacksonville, FL area – August 21-23
- ◆ Labor Day Weekend, Santee, SC – September 4-6
- ◆ Reno Roundup, Reno, NV – September 11-13
- ◆ Mountain Fall Weekend, Asheville, NC area – October 16-18
- ◆ Myrtle Beach Weekend, Myrtle Beach, SC – November 19-22
- ◆ The Big New Year's Golf Event Somewhere South – December 29, 2009 to January 1, 2010. Hosted by the National Association. Details will be posted in August.

Our Chicago Chapter has a very aggressive golf schedule, but you need to sign up early. Some events are filling up one to two weeks prior to the listed sign-up deadline. And we not only play golf, we have great social events. Our monthly mingles have been held at Bailey's Restaurant & Bar, 330 E. Ogden Avenue in Westmont. This is a great central location for socializing, and everyone seems to be happy with the food selection. I encourage you all to come and have a great time.

INTERESTING STUFF

Did you know that you will only play to your handicap about 25% of the time? This is called your Target Score. Here's how you arrive at your Target Score: $\text{Course Rating} + \text{Course Handicap} = \text{Target Score}$ (for example, $70.2 + 12 = 82.2$, rounded to 82). $\text{Target Score} = 82$. $\text{Average Score} = 84$ to 86 .

On average, you will shoot two to four shots above your target score. The reason why you will only play to your handicap about 25% of the time is that your handicap is based on your potential ability (low 10 differentials out of last 20), not your average ability.

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago chapter:

- ◆ Larry Arnold
- ◆ Judy Haley
- ◆ Barbara Higgs
- ◆ Gayle Kolbe
- ◆ Mary Jo Metz
- ◆ Lucy Polk
- ◆ Elaine Rodriguez

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

PAST EVENTS

Village Greens of Woodridge, 5/30

This turned out to be a beautiful day, which was great because the package included burgers and brats on the patio, as well as birthday cake for **Joanne Jacobs**, **Susan Ouchterloney** (event coordinator) and **Robin Rash**. The winners for closest to the pin were: **Kathi Brown**, **Irene Jones**, **Brenda Aud**, **Susan Ouchterloney**, **Bob Almada**, **Michael Daugherty**, **John Greene** (a former Chicago Chapter member who came up to visit) and **Hank Calzaretta**. Longest putt prizes were won by **Yolanda Pope** and **Kevin Berg**. The team event was a "fantasy ball" game, and only five of the 12 foursomes brought the

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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: July 14th, 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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ball back. The winning team, with a score of 98, was **Jane Leary, John Greene, Susan Ouchterloney and Tom Ullsperger**. Village Greens treated us wonderfully, even providing everyone with colorful golf hats. Could that have been orchestrated by our very own **Lee Robertson**, who is a ranger at the course??

Foxford Hills Golf Club, 5/31

Everything went smoothly for coordinator **Carolann Klapper**, who awarded the following prizes: One-putt holes – **Art Garwin** with seven, **Brett Bradfield** and **Brian Krauss** with six; chip-in holes – **Bob Ptak, Robin Kramer** and **Brett Bradfield** all with one; and lowest team score – **Bob Almada, Yvette Mulryan** and **Dave Colbert**. Afterwards, about 20 people headed over to Wool Creek Grill & Sports Bar, where they enjoyed great food and service.

Countryside Golf Club, 6/6

In spite of the weather for this event (sunny, overcast, misty, rainy, pouring, cold, windy – everything but snow!), a total of 82 people showed up for this combined 18- and nine-hole outing hosted by **Jay Thompson** and **Kim Armatys**. Prizes were awarded to: **Lisa Pesavento, Tim Flannigan** and **Rich Cohen** (closest to the pin); **Jen Connolly, Haseena Shaheed, Larry Miller** and **Ted Zillmer** (longest drive); **Mike Colligan** and **Susan Ouchterloney** (longest putt); and **John Silius** and **Mari Lou McCann** (longest “drive,” as in miles to get there). Everyone had a great time with the putting contests and trivia games, and over 50 people continued the fun at Las Palmas, where the prizes were awarded. We missed our “Judy and Bob” but showed our affection with a special photo op!

Settler's Hill Golf Course, 6/7

JoAnn Graske and her “awesome assistants,” **Dave Colbert, Jeanne Schneeberger** and **Lou Delaney** put together a great outing on what turned out to be a beautiful day in Batavia. The group loved this course and wants to come back. At the dinner afterwards on the deck of the Country House (where some brave souls sampled the ostrich and buffalo burgers), prizes were awarded to: **Donna Wiggins, Jane Leary, Ted Zillmer, Lou Delaney**

and **Pat Porter** (closest to the pin); **Ted Zillmer** and **Kurt Kupitz** (fewest putts); **Judy Johnson** and **Sue Deisinger** (most putts); and **Lou Delaney** (best golf outfit – traditional golf knickers).

Green Garden Country Club, 6/13

Coordinator **Brian Carlin** organized a new game – Puttless – where each player subtracts total putts from his or her score, and the two men and two women with the lowest scores win. The winners were: **Mari Lou McCann, Debora Braun, Michael Daugherty** and **Ron Nelson**. Teamwork even came into play as **Bill Forcade** assisted **Margaret Muller** in reading the greens, allowing her to one-putt every green on the front nine (yet somehow poor Bill managed to three-putt a few). The winners for closest to the pin were: **Laurie Ludes, Alice Zyks, Paul Hervey** and **Bob Almada**. Special kudos to **Sue Dolder**, who hit every fairway and Par 3 green in regulation; she attributes her successful day to her new Brush Tees.

Village Links of Glen Ellyn, 6/14

Pace of play was the topic of the day, as the over-zealous ranger took his job very seriously. With 21 walkers and 15 riders, everyone finished in less than four hours and 20 minutes. Closest to the pin prizes were awarded to: **Jean White, Chris Coyne, Brian Krauss** and **Kevin Berg**. Longest putt honors went to **Debora Braun**, and the raffle winners were: **Mike Colligan, Will Hsiung, Lee Fayette** and **Marty Gangler**. Dinner afterwards was on the patio, as it was a gorgeous, sunny 75-degree day. Coordinator **Dave Allen** is happy to report that no one was injured or lost and no animals were harmed during this outing.

Mistwood Golf Club, 6/20

The course was in great shape considering the torrential downpours the night before. It was hot and muggy but, hey, this is summer in Chicago! Although the carts were restricted to the paths, play moved along at a good pace. Coordinator **Tim Dowling** awarded prizes to: **Nancy Hill** and **Paul Hervey** (closest to the pin), **Haseena Shaheed** (longest putt), and the rest of the coupons were raffled off.

Pine Meadows Golf Club, 6/21

Forty-six golfers participated on this great course on a beautiful day. Coordinator **Lisa Bishoff** awarded the following prizes: closest to the pin – **Robin Rash, Susan Ouchterloney, Tim Dowling and Brett Bradfield**; longest drive – **Lisa Bishoff and Randy Schutz**; and longest putt – **Susan Ouchterloney and Paul Ullrich**. About 15 people headed out to Mickey Finn's afterwards for dinner and drinks.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**July Mingle / July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY, ASGA
CHICAGO!**



Fun, Fellowship, Fairways 1999-2009 Celebrate July 14 at Bailey's in Westmont

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies – Where were you at the last mingle???? All those eligible guys and only two women! Wow, did we have fun!!! Come to the next mingle on July 14 at 6:30 and meet these fabulous single men. Also, did you know that ASGA Chicago is now 10 years old? Come and celebrate this milestone at the July mingle with appetizers and cake. Share golf stories old and new. Check out the slide show of ASGA golf events over the years and reunite with people you haven't seen in awhile. Bailey's is the place, conveniently located off 294 at the Ogden exit in Westmont.

Harborside International, 7/3

We will be playing the Port Course, with dinner to follow at Pegasus Restaurant in Greek Town and a view of the fireworks from the second-floor outdoor deck. First tee time is 3:30. Cost is \$62 members and \$67 guests. RSVP to **Tony Kopp** at anthony4522@att.net.

White Deer Run, 7/4

New course this year, followed by dinner at Portillo's and then fireworks at Century Park. Even those who don't golf are welcome to join in on the post-golf fun. First tee time is 2:00. Cost is \$64 members and \$69

guests. RSVP to **Kim Armatys** at kimberly.armatys@kraft.com, even if you just want to join for the fireworks.

Cog Hill Golf Club, 7/5

We will be golfing Course #3, which is different than the course we did last year. 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. Yes, that means we can both cheer and jeer those who are finishing! FYI, our very own **John Bitner** designed the menu, including Boonie himself, so be sure to come and check it out! Cost is \$59 for members and \$64 for guests. RSVP to **Robert Geeve** at rgeeve@sbcglobal.net.

Thunderhawk Golf Club, 7/12

This is a fabulous course, with dinner and awards to follow in the clubhouse. 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

This Ryder Cup-style competition takes place at George Dunne National in Oak Forest. Teams have already been chosen under captains **Debbie Brooks** (Sox) and **Jane Leary** (Cubs), but you can contact **Tom Ullsperger** at tomu7@hotmail.com to be put on the waitlist.

Balmoral Woods, 7/25

Golfing to be followed by a chili cook-off contest at **Mari Lou McCann's** house. Cost is \$56 for members and \$61 for guests, including cart. RSVP to **Mari Lou** at ml@marilousdiamonds.com.

Whitetail Ridge, 7/26

Dinner and awards to follow at clubhouse. Cost is \$57 for members and \$62 for guests, including cart. RSVP to **Robin Rash** at rash@inlandgroup.com.

The Links at Carillon, 8/1

Dinner and awards will follow at the clubhouse. Cost is \$55 for members and \$60 for guests, including cart. RSVP to **Hank Calzaretta** at calzaretta@ameritech.net.

Wilmette Golf Club, 8/8

Cost for 18 holes for members is \$68 riding / \$54 walking and for guests is \$73 riding / \$59 walking. RSVP to **Jane Leary** at jleary@kraft.com. For nine-hole golfers, cost for members is \$48 riding / \$34 walking and for guests is \$53 riding / \$39 walking. RSVP to **Stephanie Corredino** at scorredino@rcn.com.

Coyote Run Golf Course, 8/9

Dinner and awards to follow at the Northwoods Restaurant. Cost for members is \$65 riding / \$51 walking and for guests is \$70 riding / \$56 walking. RSVP to **Brian Krauss** at briankrauss@comcast.net.

Fox Bend Golf Course, 8/15

Awards and dinner to follow on the Fox Bend Restaurant patio. Cost for members is \$65 riding / \$50 walking and for guests is \$70 riding / \$55 walking. RSVP to **Deborah Braun** at windydkb@aol.com.

Fox Lake Country Club, 8/16

This outing will be about you and your partner. We will have a new couple's (team) format competition. You don't have to be a couple, but if there's someone out there you'd like to play with, contact him/her and sign up as a team. You won't be playing against the other couple (team) you are paired with, just the field. The rules will be sent to you after you sign up, and a special prize will be given to the team that wins. Cost is \$58 for members and \$63 for guests. RSVP to **Jay Thompson** at jay5otis@sbcglobal.net.

Golf and Gamble, ASGA Style, 10/4

Have you played Lost Marsh in Hammond, Indiana, the site of this year's Duramed Futures? It's the Hoosier stepsister of Harborside. Join us on Sunday, October 4, for a 666 team format: Shamble, Scramble, Magic Ball. We'll have plenty of time to "lose our shirts" at the Horseshoe Casino afterwards. Dinner starts at 6:00 with various ethnic stations. Consult the website for details, and bring plenty of golf balls!!

Scavenger Hunt/Road Rally, 10/17

Calling all Chicago ASGA Indy car drivers and shoppers alike. Meet at Portillo's in Schaumburg at 3:00 on Saturday, October 17. Foursomes will compete as a group to solve clues and "grab-and-go" different items in and around the Woodfield Mall and Schaumburg. The farthest driving point from the mall will be four miles. Each team will be required to have a digital camera (to document), a cell phone and hopefully a GPS device (and I am NOT talking Sky Caddie). This event is limited to 32 people, and the cost for dinner is \$20 for unlimited pizza, pop and salad. Dinner at 5:00 is at an undisclosed location (because it's the last clue). Gentlemen, start your engines!!! Please sign up by October 10 to enidechesler@gmail.com. Include your cell phone number, please.

End-of-Season Dinner/Dance, 11/14

Save the date . . . November 14 at Maggiano's Oak Brook for dinner, drinks and dancing, all for \$65. The first 25 people to sign up and pay for the dinner/dance will be eligible to participate in a raffle drawn that night. The prize will be a \$50 gift certificate to Maggiano's. See the website for further details.

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. 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.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Kimberly Armatys - 07/05
Linda Barbara - 07/11
Jim Coates - 07/10
Marcy Dub - 08/05
Mary Ann Figel - 07/21
Kay Gillespie - 07/30
Eileen Graziano - 08/14
Barbara Higgs - 08/13
Ken Kingsbury - 08/15
Carolann Klapper - 07/13
Robin Kramer - 07/09
Brian Krauss - 07/30
Kerry Malm - 07/04
Mari Lou McCann - 07/04
Gregg Mieczynski - 07/02
John Miller - 07/18
Mary Ann Peterson - 07/03
Renee Saban - 08/10
Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
Peggy Sodini - 07/24
Maureen Stiling - 07/13
Gregg Straley - 08/08
Terri Tegtman - 07/21
Valerie Vizgirda - 08/15
Alice Zyks - 07/17

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Debra Braun - 07/31/2009
Marie Bush - 07/31/2009
Mike Colligan - 07/31/2009

Louis Delaney III - 07/31/2009
Tim Dowling - 07/31/2009
Marcy Dub - 07/31/2009
Roxane Engel - 07/31/2009
JoAnn Graske - 07/31/2009
Charles Insko - 07/31/2009
Helena Koivisto - 07/31/2009
Karen O'Donnell - 07/31/2009
Joe O'Malley - 07/31/2009
Arne Pederson - 07/31/2009
Yolanda Pope - 07/31/2009
Patricia Porter - 07/31/2009
Roger Schoepfle - 07/31/2009
Andrew Thallemer - 07/31/2009
Tony Viola - 07/31/2009
Donna Wiggins - 07/31/2009
Alice Zyks - 07/31/2009

These members recently renewed:

Tom Cech
Allen Chester
Dave Colbert
Chris Coyne
Katie Dudley
Elaine Fotopoulos
Nancy Hill
Holly Humphreys
Jane Leary
Mari Lou McCann
Fred McEwen
Mary Jo Metz
Larry Miller
Stephen Mueller
Mary Lou Newbold
Robin Rash
Jeanne Schneeberger
Maureen Stiling
Linda Teer

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Rita Kerns - 05/31/2009
Lori McSweeney - 05/31/2009
Deborah Morphet - 05/31/2009
Paula Partipilo - 05/31/2009
Al Salgado - 05/31/2009
Sean Ward - 05/31/2009
Neddie Zadeikis - 05/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 222 members



ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JULY 2009

Results are in for Scotland Trip



Members Respond to Survey

On June 25th, the national office surveyed its membership asking

- ◆ if they'd be interested in a trip to Scotland
- ◆ how much they'd be willing to spend, and
- ◆ how long should they want to stay . . . along with a host of other questions.

Over 300 folks answered these questions using the popular SurveyMonkey.com portal. Of this number, 82% identified themselves as a member of ASGA and 11% as former members. 6% said they'd join ASGA if we did this trip.

Here are the questions and how they responded:

1. Realizing cost and other factors will need to be considered, generally speaking, would you be interested in being part of a group trip to Scotland for ASGA members in the Summer of 2010? Result: Yes=92.5%

2. Male/Female: Result: 63.7% female; 36.3% male (2 girls for every boy . . . isn't that a familiar song - and now, we know who has all the money as well! So pay attention guys . . . we need you for those cool nights in Edinburgh!)

3. Number of nights: 5-6 nights (12.7%), 7-8 nights (45.9%), 9-10 nights (34.7%) and 11-14 nights (6.6%).

4. Quality of hotel accommodations:

Scottish Version of a Motel 6	6.6%
Any 3-star hotel	47.9%
Upper-Middle Class	44.0%
Something "ritzy"	1.5%

5. Willing to stay in a local college dorm instead of hotel?
This was a surprise. **91.9%** indicated they would either do it or consider doing it once more details were made available. The dorm idea works well as it gives everyone their own private room and bathroom at a college in St. Andrews.

6. Preferred Time of Year

May, 2010 - Highs around 57 each day - \$2250 (flights are less \$)	11.2%
June, 2010 - Highs around 62 each day - \$2500	30.5%
July, 2010 - Highs around 66 each day - \$3250	13.5%
August, 2010 - Highs around 64 each day - \$3250	6.6%
September, 2010 - Highs around 60 each day - \$2500 (flights are less \$)	38.2%

7. How much golf would you like to play:

As much as possible	39.0%
Every other day	46.3%
1-2 rounds only	13.5%

8. Is playing The Old Course at St. Andrews a must-play golf course if you take this trip? Yes=60.6 No=39.4

9. What other activities would you like to do:

Taking a day to tour a town, local historical sites, etc.	71.8%
Taking a day to tour the countryside, castles, etc.	87.3%
Having a day where I can do what I want with no group-sponsored activities.	50.2%
Going shopping	30.9%
Taking a boat trip or short plane trip to another island	32.4%
Tour some of Scotland's whiskey distilleries	41.7%
Head up to the mountains, take a hike, climb or go skiing	23.2%

10. Which chapters showed the most interest:
Washington, DC - 20 members interested in attending, followed by Chicago (19), Tampa Bay (14), Southeast Michigan, Indianapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Sacramento at 10 each. Just about all of our 70 chapters nationwide had at least one individual interested in attending. Names were not collected during this survey.

Without question, **we WILL do a trip to Scotland in 2010** due to this overwhelming response. Details will be sent out soon.

- - Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
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