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CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

AUGUST 23RD: BIG RUN GOLF CLUB

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

We are now well into the golf season, with warm, dry weather and plenty of opportunities to play. Life is good. Our events fill up quickly, so sign up early.

The Board of Directors has proposed some changes to the election process, which were submitted to the membership for approval. The old rule had term limits for elected officers: one year for the President and Treasurer and two years for all other officers. Term limits are a good idea where there are many qualified candidates willing to run. The Board's historical problem has not been that we have too many candidates for office, but that we have too few. Asking an existing officer who has done the job well to leave when we have no one willing to replace him or her seems unreasonable. You should have received an e-mail explaining the changes. If not, contact me at bforcade@jenner.com. If you did receive the e-mail, please vote by return e-mail. The deadline for voting is Friday, August 7, 2009.

The election process for 2010 will start shortly and will have several distinct steps. First, the membership will be sent an e-mail asking for nominations of any individual for the elected offices (you can nominate yourself or anyone else, but the per-

son being nominated must agree to run for that office). All nominated individuals will then be asked to provide a short statement of their qualifications and why they seek that office. When the election starts, I will e-mail every member a ballot that lists every person nominated for each office and include that person's statement. Reply e-mails will be sent to me, and I will tally the results and announce the winners. Anyone can run, and the membership can elect anyone they choose.

In addition, the Board recently addressed whether ASGA should run raffles or similar games of chance in awarding prizes. While these games have great appeal, Illinois law requires organizations to register and pay fees to run a raffle or similar game of chance. The fees are higher than the amount we could reasonably pay, and failing to register is against the law. In an effort to eliminate any risk to the organization, the Board adopted a resolution prohibiting raffles or games of chance. At the same time, our illustrious Golf Chair, Tim Dowling, has developed a series of games of skill that will even the chances for everyone to win. You can expect some very interesting new skill games at our golf outings.

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIR DOWLING

It is hard to believe that we are already into August and have less than two months to go before the golf season ends. The season will total 44 outings with 56 opportunities for you to play for fun (Scramble), friendly competition (Chicago Challenge), serious competition (Michigan Challenge) and, of course, the ASGA Chicago Club Championship (bragging rights for a year). It's still not too late to sign up for the remaining events. Check out our website to see what events are still available.

I would like to thank all the Event Coordinators who have stepped up and volunteered to run an outing. Without their efforts, the season would not be the great success that it has become. I soon will be asking if you would be willing to run your outing again next year and whether the date of your event was a good one or if it should be moved or replaced with another golf course. I will also be asking this year's coordinators for names of assistants that they feel are ready to step up and coordinate an event next year. It only takes a couple hours over a two-week time period to organize and run a very successful outing. Everyone who regularly runs events

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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: August 11th, 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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started out running their "first one."

Hit them straight, hit them long and, remember, you are not Tiger Woods. Enjoy the round, the company and, most of all, the game.

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago chapter:

- ◆ Patrice Al-Saden
- ◆ Ronald Benson
- ◆ Jeff Dolan
- ◆ Susan Reynolds
- ◆ Paul Sapata
- ◆ Peggy Sodini
- ◆ Catherine Tomasik

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

PAST EVENTS

Annual Scramble, 6/27

The Annual Scramble at Mill Creek was a smashing success thanks to coordinator **Michael Daugherty** and his assistants, **Lou Delaney, Robert Geeve, JoAnn Graske, Joanne Jacobs, Judy Johnson, Melanie Jones, Margaret Muller** and **Karen O'Donnell**. A total of 99 people participated on this hot, sunny day, and the beverage carts did a great job of keeping up with our thirsty group. The first-place team of **George Damer, Mari Lou McCann, Carolan Klapper** and **Karen Renzi** scored an eight under par. In second place was the team of **Marty Gangler, Debora Braun, Kevin Berg** and **Mary O'Brien** with seven under (won in playoff), and a close third was the team of **Dave Colbert, Yvette Mulryan, Anna Mae Holland** (visiting from the Southeast Michigan Chapter) and **Pat Porter**, also with seven under (but lost in playoff). Individ-

ual prizes were awarded to **Mary Lou Newbold, Lee Fayette, Debora Braun, Robin Kramer** and **John Silius** (closest to the pin) and **John Miller** and **Mari Lou McCann** (longest putt). The event was kicked off with a 1:30 shotgun start, followed by a buffet dinner in the tent adjacent to the clubhouse, complete with chicken, ribs and all the trimmings. No one wasted any time jumping onto the dance floor the minute the music started, and everyone was having so much fun that the evening was over before we knew it. Many thanks for the hard work of all those involved to make this, once again, a fabulous event!!

Poplar Creek Country Club, 6/28

This is a difficult course, as water comes into play on most of the holes. But the carts with their excellent GPS systems gave detailed info about each shot and also allowed the golfers to keep scores (which some did, although their scores seemed suspiciously bogus – in fact, **Bill Forcade** was very disappointed when he lost the lead he held when **Peggy Sodini** passed him on the 18th hole to claim victory – the final score was Peggy with 30 under par and Bill with 28 under, and the rest of the group was well behind . . .) A large number of balls were lost due to all the hazards, but it is believed that **Will Hsiung** may have contributed the most to the water hazard gods. That contest was, however, unofficial. The official contests were won by: **Maureen Stiling** and **Lee Fayette** (closest to the pin); **Tom Cech**, the event coordinator, and **Alice Zyks** (longest drive); and **Jean White, Lee Fayette** and **Marie Di Virgilio** (longest putt). Afterwards, most of the group stayed at the clubhouse restaurant for the awards presentation and dinner.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for the Chicago, IL chapter of the American Singles Golf Association are \$70.00 per 12 month period. Payment can be made by check or credit card. Mail with application to: ASGA Inc. P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134.

JOIN BY PHONE, FAX OR WEB

You can join the Chicago, IL chapter over the phone by calling toll-free 1-888-GOLFMATE (465-3628), faxing the application with credit card information to our toll-free fax at 1-888-465-3295, or go on-line at www.singlesgolf.com and submit your application with credit card information. Our office hours are 8:30-5 ET (M-F).

Harborside International, 7/3

We played the Portside course, which was in excellent shape and measured 6,589 yards from the blue tees and 5,164 from the forward tees. In order to score well on this challenging course, you must hit the fairway on your drive. Coordinator **Tony Kopp** awarded the following prizes: closest to the pin – **Robin Kramer, Karen Johnson, Hank Calzaretta** and **Paul Hervey** and longest drive – **Debora Braun** and **Bill Forcade**. Due to the late tee times, only a handful of people made it to the dinner at Pegasus afterwards, where they arrived too late for the fireworks display.

White Deer Run, 7/4

Although this 4th of July started out rainy, it ended up being a nice day up in Vernon Hills, much to the relief of coordinator **Kim Armatys**. The skills contest winners were **Chris Coyne** and **Brett Bradfield** (closest to the pin), **Stephanie Corredino** and **Dave Colbert** (longest drive) and **Mike Colligan** (longest putt). And the course contributed two 18-hole certificates, which were won by **Sharon Hillman** and **Jay Thompson**. Afterwards, about half the group headed over to a great dinner at Portillo's, followed by the Vernon Hills fireworks display.

Cog Hill #3, 7/5

Coordinator **Lee Fayette** provided us with gorgeous summer weather for the 48 golfers who enjoyed an awesome afternoon of golf. After the round, over 30 players dined on salad, pizza and beverages at nearby Aurelio's. It was a really fabulous day for all, especially the skills contest

winner: **Kathi Maraffino, Jeff Dolan** (twice), and **Chris Coyne** (closest to the pin); **Elaine Rodriguez** and **Steve Mueller** (longest drive); and **Yvette Mulryan** and **Dave Colbert** (longest putt).

Tanna Farms, 7/11

Although rain was predicted, it turned out to be an absolutely gorgeous day for this outing of 44 golfers, run by **Robert Geeve**. We tried out a different format on Par 3's, where anyone whose drive landed on the green had a shot at winning a certificate. We also had a contest for most fairways hit from a tee shot, which was a fun change of pace. The winners were: **Jean White, Robin Kramer** (twice), **Ray Kalal, Carl Wagner** and **Michael Daugherty** (greens on Par 3's); **Kurt Kupitz** and **Elaine Rodriguez** (fairways hit); and **Marie Bush** (longest putt). Additional gift certificates were won by **John Silius, Joanne Jacobs** and **Peggy Sodini**. Almost everyone hung out afterwards on the patio of Boonie's Saloon and Grill overlooking the 18th green, where the awards presentation and dinner took place. It was a fabulous day of golfing and socializing with friends!

Thunderhawk Golf Club, 7/12

This beautiful Lake County golf course was in great shape, and the facilities were wonderful. Dinner afterwards was right at the Clubhouse Grill, where coordinator **Mary Lou Newbold** awarded prizes for the following skills contests: closest to the pin (**Robin Kramer** and **Brian Krauss**); longest drive (**Robin Kramer** and **Dave Colbert**); and longest

putt (**Ken Kusumoto**). The team event was "best score by a foursome on an undisclosed hole," which resulted in a tie between the foursome of **Tim Dowling, Marie Di Virgilio, Robin Kramer** and **John Edmonson** and the foursome of **Tim Flannigan, Kathi Brown, Paul Gentile** and **Ken Kusumoto**. A different hole was selected for the tiebreaker, resulting in a win by the team of **Tim Dowling, Marie Di Virgilio, Robin Kramer** and **John Edmonson**. The "incredible incident" honors go to **Tim Flannigan**, who hit a wayward shot into a tree that actually stuck between some v-shaped branches and had to be knocked down with a club. Unfortunately, though, this amazing feat did not win him an ASGA coupon . . .

July Mingle, 7/14

Over 40 ASGA'ers packed Bailey's Restaurant to celebrate the Chicago Chapter's 10-year anniversary. Members enjoyed appetizers, cocktails and cake in celebration of this great milestone. A slide show with over 200 old photos reminded us of friendship, fairways and fun from 1999 to 2009. And since no party is complete without some fun party games, hostess **Enid Chesler** organized games of chipping wiffle balls into shopping bags and putting while blindfolded. The winners of the Golfsmith and Golf Galaxy gift certificates were: **Tony Wilbert** (guest) and **Mari Lou McCann** for chipping, and **Lee Robertson** and **Paulette Dittrich** for putting. Thanks to all the participants for providing us with a lot of laughs!!!

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



SOX WIN!!! SOX WIN!!! SOX WIN!!!

This year's Chicago Challenge took on a more spirited and enthusiastic feeling than in recent years with a theme of Cubs vs. Sox. Captained by **Debbie Brooks**, the Sox prevailed over **Jane Leary's** Cubs 27½ to 22½ in the 6th annual competition held at George Dunne National in Oak Forest. Through the passionate efforts of both captains, players were greeted with decorated carts, pennants, balloons and gift bags. Players, decked out in their team's colors, talked more than a little "trash." It was as if everyone was going to the ballpark, not the golf course.

The first day, with weather more like mid-May than mid-July, teams competed in two different formats. The Team Match Play gave the Cubs an early 5½ to 4½ lead, with five of the matches going to the final hole. In the Two-Person Scramble, the Cubs threatened to run off with a large halfway lead by winning their first four matches. However, solid play by the Sox, with decisive wins in five of the last six matches, evened up the back nine. As has happened every year of the event, the first day resulted in a close competition, with the Cubs ahead 10½ to 9½.

Day Two began with another early surge by the Cubs in the Alternate Shot portion of the competition. Much like the day before, that momentum could not be maintained. The Sox rallied again, and when the front nine was completed, the match was even at 15 apiece. Individual Match Play on the back nine brought out strong play by the Sox, with nine of their eleven winners wrapping up their matches by the 17th hole. This time, the Sox seized early control and finished strongly to build on the final margin of victory.

This event has always been designed to provide players with a unique chance to compete in a manner different than they may ever have. What is most important is that it is intended to be a fun and friendly competition. This year, through the efforts of **Debbie and Jane**, it was again a very successful event.



TEAM MATCH PLAY

Michael Daugherty / Chris Coyne(Sox) 3 & 2 over Elaine Rodriguez /Robin Kramer(Cubs)
Bob Almada / Madelon Silgalis (Cubs) 5 & 4 over John Bitner / Mary Lou Newbold (Sox)
Brian Krauss / Terry Ready (Cubs) 1-up over John Silius / John Edmonson (Sox)
Joe Torcivia / Nancy Hill (Sox) 4 & 2 over Marty Gangler / Debora Braun (Cubs)
Brian Carlin / Sue Dolder (Cubs) 1-up over Bill Forcade / Bob Wier (Sox)
Ray Kalal / Kathi Maraffino (Cubs) 3 & 2 over Bob Ptak / Susan Ouchterloney (Sox)
Lou Delaney / Karen Renzi (Sox) halved Larry Arnold / Kathi Brown (Cubs)
Jay Thompson / Alice Zyks (Cubs) 1-up over Tom Cech / Marie Bush (Sox)
Dave Colbert / Yvette Mulryan (Sox) 1-up over Tim Dowling / Marie Di Virgilio (Cubs)
Tom Ullsperger / Debbie Brooks (Sox) 5 & 4 over Paul Ullrich / Jane Leary (Cubs)

TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE

Elaine Rodriguez / Robin Kramer(Cubs) 3 & 2 over Michael Daugherty/Chris Coyne (Sox)
Bob Almada / Madelon Silgalis (Cubs) 2 & 1 over John Bitner / Mary Lou Newbold (Sox)
Brian Krauss / Terry Ready (Cubs) 1-up over John Silius / John Edmonson (Sox)
Marty Gangler / Debora Braun (Cubs) 3 & 1 over Joe Torcivia / Nancy Hill (Sox)
Bill Forcade / Bob Wier (Sox) 3 & 1 over Brian Carlin / Sue Dolder (Cubs)
Bob Ptak / Susan Ouchterloney (Sox) 2-up over Ray Kalal / Kathi Maraffino (Cubs)
Lou Delaney / Karen Renzi (Sox) 4 & 3 over Larry Arnold / Kathi Brown (Cubs)
Tom Cech / Marie Bush (Sox) 2-up over Jay Thompson / Alice Zyks (Cubs)
Tim Dowling / Marie Di Virgilio (Cubs) 1-up over Dave Colbert / Yvette Mulryan (Sox)
Tom Ullsperger / Debbie Brooks (Sox) 4 & 3 over Paul Ullrich / Jane Leary (Cubs)

ALTERNATE SHOT

Tom Cech / John Silius (Sox) halved Jay Thompson / Alice Zyks (Cubs)
Lou Delaney / Susan Ouchterloney (Sox) halved Marty Gangler / Debora Braun (Cubs)
Tim Dowling / Marie Di Virgilio (Cubs) 2 & 1 over John Bitner / Debbie Brooks (Sox)
Ray Kalal / Kathi Maraffino (Cubs) 2-up over Bob Ptak / Bob Wier (Sox)
John Edmonson / Marie Bush (Sox) 2 & 1 over Jane Leary / Elaine Rodriguez (Cubs)
Joe Torcivia / Nancy Hill (Sox) 5 & 3 over Larry Arnold / Kathi Brown (Cubs)
Paul Ullrich / Robin Kramer (Cubs) 2-up over Dave Colbert / Yvette Mulryan (Sox)
Bill Forcade / Mary Lou Newbold (Sox) halved Brian Carlin / Sue Dolder (Cubs)
Michael Daugherty / Chris Coyne (Sox) 2 & 1 over Bob Almada / Madelon Silgalis (Cubs)
Tom Ullsperger / Karen Renzi (Sox) 3 & 2 over Brian Krauss / Terry Ready (Cubs)

INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY

Tom Cech (Sox) halved Jay Thompson (Cubs)
John Silius (Sox) 2 & 1 over Alice Zyks (Cubs)
Lou Delaney (Sox) halved Marty Gangler (Cubs)
Susan Ouchterloney (Sox) 2-up over Debora Braun (Cubs)
John Bitner (Sox) 1-up over Tim Dowling (Cubs)
Debbie Brooks (Sox) 2 & 1 over Marie Di Virgilio (Cubs)
Kathi Maraffino (Cubs) 3 & 2 over Bob Wier (Sox)
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Tom Ullsperger (Sox) 2 & 1 over Brian Krauss (Cubs)
Karen Renzi (Sox) 3 & 1 over Terry Ready (Cubs)

Balmoral Woods, 7/25

Forty golfers enjoyed the challenge of the beautiful Balmoral Woods Golf Course on this warm, sunny day. The course was so accommodating that even with three inches of rain the night before, they cancelled the cart path rule just as our first group teed off. Afterwards, 27 of the golfers headed to coordinator **Mari Lou McCann's** house for a BBQ and chili cook-off contest and awards ceremony. Closest to the pin winners were **Nancy Hill, Michael Daugherty, Jane Leary** and **Brian Krauss**, longest drives were achieved by **Robin Kramer** and **Tim Dowling**, and longest putts were won by **Paul Ullrich** and **Jane Leary**. Seven of our gourmet cooks entered the chili contest with some of the greatest chili you ever tasted. The first-place prize (gift certificate to Balmoral Woods for four) went to **Tim Dowling**, and second place (golf for two at Tuckaway Golf Course in Crete) went to **John Bitner**. Mari Lou would like to thank the other chili contest participants – **Robert Geeve, Jane Leary, Robin Kramer, Kathi Marafino** and **Marty Gangler** – for making the voting so difficult, as all the chili was outstanding. Mari Lou wants to thank **Madelon Silgalis** and **George Dammer** for all their help in making the day so successful.

Whitetail Ridge, 7/26

Thirty-three enthusiastic golfers made their way west (way, way west) to beautiful Whitetail Ridge Golf Club in Yorkville for a fantastic day of golf and friendship. Coordinator **Robin Rash** was ably assisted by **Donna Ellis, Bob Almada** and **Art Garwin** (although Bob might have had a little too much fun the night before, as evidenced by his comment on the first hole as he stood over his tee shot, "I'm trying to decide which ball to hit"). The breeze added to the links-style flavor of this course. The group played a relatively new format, where everyone whose tee shot on each of the Par 3's was dancing on the green was entered into a drawing to win an ASGA certificate. The winners were: **Judy Johnson, Kamal Dagher, Haseena Shaheed, Bob Ptak** and **Dee Giese**. The prizes for most fairways hit went to **Tim Dowling** (12 of 13) and **Nancy Bernhardt** (11 of 13). Honorable mention goes to **Kurt Kupitz**, who almost won this prize for

the second consecutive week with an 11 of 13 effort. Longest putt honors went to **Art Garwin** on hole #9 and **Jeanne Schneeberger** on #18. Both were amazingly long and difficult putts. Another honorable mention goes to **Kamal Dagher**, who tried to make the tee shot on the difficult 17th hole Par 3 even harder by teeing off from the 13th tee! Almost everyone stayed for dinner at the restaurant in the clubhouse, where the food is tasty and the beers are frosty.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Jazzin' at The Shedd, 8/6

Join your fellow ASGA'ers on Thursday, August 6, for an evening of music with the fish at the Shedd Aquarium, and experience an exciting evening of live music, light refreshments and a breathtaking skyline on the Shedd's north terrace. The event is \$12 and runs from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Music can be enjoyed at two venues in the aquarium, and be sure to check out the reimagined Oceanarium. Contact **Enid Chesler** at enidchesler@gmail.com to sign up.

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 to be put on the waitlist. 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.

August Mingle, 8/11

Last month's mingle was so much fun that we decided to do it again! Join your ASGA friends at 6:30 at Bailey's Restaurant in Westmont for a fun-filled evening. Feel free to bring a friend and, remember, there is no need to sign up – just show up!

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 **Debra Braun** at windydkb@aol.com.

Fox Lake Country Club, 8/16

This outing will have a new couple's (team) format competition. 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.

Big Run Golf Club, 8/23

The cost to golf this beautiful course is \$66 for members and \$71 for guests (carts only). Contact **Lee Fayette** at leefayette@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

Oak Brook Golf Club, 8/29

This is another beautifully landscaped course with the option to golf nine holes. Dinner afterwards will be at the nearby York Tavern, and you have the opportunity to play an optional "skins game" for an additional \$5 (you must have an established handicap). The cost for 18 holes for members is \$74 riding / \$58 walking and for guests is \$79 riding / \$63 walking. Contact **Bob Almada** at balmaday@yahoo.com to sign up. For nine holes, the cost for members is \$48 riding / \$38 walking and for guests is \$53 riding / \$43 walking. Contact **Mary Ann Figel** at drmoma@wowway.com to sign up.

Cary Country Club, 8/30

Walking is not an option at this outing. Cost is \$55 for members and \$60 for guests. Contact **Dave Colbert** at davec@gmt-inc.com to sign up.

Willow Crest Golf Club, 9/5

The cost is \$80 for members and \$85 for guests, carts only. Contact **Bill Forcade** at bforcade@jenner.com to sign up.

Palmira Golf Club, 9/6

This outing also has a nine-hole option. The cost for 18 holes for members is \$50 riding / \$36 walking and for guests is \$55 riding / \$41 walking. Contact **Melanie Jones** at griffisjones@msn.com to sign up. For those who wish to play only nine

holes, the cost for members is \$30 riding / \$21 walking and for guests is \$35 riding / \$26 walking. E-mail **Karen O'Donnell** at drkarenodonnell@sbcglobal.net to register.

Stonewall Orchard Golf Club, 9/12

Cost is \$80 for members and \$85 for guests, golf carts only. E-mail **Tim Dowling** at timdowling00@yahoo.com to sign up.

Ruffled Feathers Golf Club, 9/13

Cost is \$75 for members and \$80 for guests, golf carts only. Contact **John Silius** at johnsilius@hotmail.com to register.

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. 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 we are 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, and 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. 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. 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 be acceptable. Or if you prefer to copy your photos to a CD and send it to Robert, that's okay too. Just please send them as soon as possible after the outing. Robert recently changed the format on the website in which the photos are displayed, so please take a look and let him know of any comments you may have.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Patsy Albrecht - 08/26
Marie Bush - 08/28
Brian Carlin - 08/18
Mike Colligan - 09/04
Stephanie Corredino - 08/17
Marcy Dub - 08/05
Dawn Duquaine - 08/21
Ann Engelmann - 08/23
Paul Gentile - 08/17

Eileen Graziano - 08/14
Lee Ann Hedeon - 09/02
Barbara Higgs - 08/13
Lynn Keel - 09/01
Ken Kingsbury - 08/15
Mary Jo Metz - 08/31
Mary Lou Newbold - 09/11
Robert Ptak - 08/29
Arthur Rubalcaba - 09/14
Renee Saban - 08/10
Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
Gregg Straley - 08/08
Catherine Tomasik - 08/21
Joe Torcivia - 09/15
Valerie Vizgirda - 08/15

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Dave Allen - 08/31/2009
Nancy Bernhardt - 08/31/2009
Debra Brooks - 08/31/2009
Reeny Caveney - 08/31/2009
Julie Dana - 08/31/2009
Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2009
Donna Ellis - 08/31/2009
Susan Herman - 08/31/2009
Bob Hughes - 08/31/2009
Suzanne Lewis - 08/31/2009
Terri Winfree - 08/31/2009

These members recently renewed:

Debora Braun
Marie Bush
Jim Coates
Mike Colligan
Kamal Dagher
Louis Delaney III
Tim Dowling
Roxane Engel
JoAnn Graske
Joanne Jacobs
Ken Kingsbury
Helena Koivisto
Karen O'Donnell
Yolanda Pope
James Poplette
John Silius
Alice Zyks

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Linda Barbara - 06/30/2009
Beth Gemmill - 06/30/2009
Anna Hudak - 06/30/2009
Penny Link - 06/30/2009
Nancy Pierz - 06/30/2009
Joe Sineni - 06/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 220 members

CELEBRATING 16 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — AUGUST 2009

Battle At The Beach Announced!

The national office of the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) has announced another great opportunity for singles to meet, greet, then battle it out on great golf courses.

Venue: Myrtle Beach, USA. With somewhere between 80 and 100 golf courses in the area (depending on who you speak with), Myrtle Beach is simply the natural place to be when it comes to playing golf in the Fall. The weather is cool but not cold and the sandy soil is ideal for

grass-growing conditions. All-in-all, mix the beautiful weather with the great golf and many friends from across the country, and you've got the making for a great golf weekend.

This year, the national office has signed an agreement with the Marriott Grande Dunes, located right on the beach in Myrtle Beach. It's a AAA Four-Diamond hotel and is ranked as one of the Top 500 resorts in the world by *Travel+Leisure* magazine.



We've lined-up some great courses nearby and have arranged for 10am shotgun starts each morning, so you'll have plenty of time to complete your round before the sun goes down.

Date: November 12-15. **Cost:** Only \$399 if you have a roommate,

play two rounds of golf (including cart with GPS & range balls), enjoy six food functions, one of which is the Saturday night dinner . . . filet mignon and salmon and Friday night's themed "Cheeseburgers in Paradise," where the best dressed parrot head will get \$100. So to get all the details on this fun-filled event, visit the website at SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach or complete the registration form enclosed with your monthly newsletter. If you'd like to register over the phone, call us at 704-889-4600.

Battle At The Beach

Nov. 12 - 15, 2009



Scotland a Definite

Since we did our survey last month, we've spent a lot of time researching the kinds of things that will make our visit to Scotland a memorable one. We were all a little surprised to see the players at the Open Championship wearing long sleeves. This wasn't a fashion statement. It can get a little bit nippy in Scotland, even in the Summer. So if you play Scotland you've got to understand Scotland.

Expect the unexpected and the trip will be even more enjoyable!

Please stay-tuned. We don't want to announce anything until it's on paper. For updates, continue to visit the Scotland website, SinglesGolf.com/Scotland

New Year's Location To Be Announced

Later this month, we'll announce the location for our New Year's event. We will post 2-3 options on a website and will send out a national survey for your input.

Chicago Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Congratulations to our fine folks up in ChicagoLand for celebrating their tenth year as a chapter of the American Singles Golf Association! The leadership has done a great job over the years keeping the troops happy and we thank them for that.

New Chapters / West Coast + East Coast

It's been a busy spring and summer with the implementation of a new "start-up" section on the website. Persons interested in setting-up new ASGA chapters can find the process simplified by going to SinglesGolf.com/start.

We'd like to thank **Connie Vickroy** who has started the Bay Area (San Francisco) Chapter of ASGA and **Hallie Currigan**, for starting the Savannah Chapter.

If you have friends, colleagues, relatives, etc. in a distant city and think they'd be an ideal candidate for getting a new ASGA chapter started, please have them contact us.

-- Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
Phone 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE
GolfASGA@aol.com



Myrtle Beach, SC - Nov. 12-15, 2009
 Marriott Grande Dunes - On The Beach

Battle at the Beach!

Filet Mignon & Salmon Saturday night! A first class event top to bottom. Choose to play 2, 3 or 4 rounds of golf. Optional rounds at discounted prices. You can stay 3 add'l. nights, before or after the event, at special ASGA Member-Only prices.

T+L's Top 500 Resorts in the World



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 SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach Marriott Grande Dunes Phone: 843-449-8880

Standard Package Includes: (Room-by-Myself Pkg. shown below)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) / Friday and Saturday
- 3 nights lodging at the AAA 4-Diamond Marriott Grande Dunes (dbl. occ.)
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party (cash bar) hors d'oeuvres from 7-9 pm. Three hotel-hosted breakfasts, Cheeseburgers in Paradise/Friday, Awards Dinner serving filet mignon & salmon as your main entrée/Saturday
- DJ-hosted dancing on 1st and 3rd nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees, parking & taxes and 20% spa discount.

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$130 (single) and \$65pp (dbl. occ. - roommate must stay) Taxes are included in these prices.

GOLF: Standard package includes two rounds of golf at the either Indian Wells, Indigo Creek or Island Green. 10am shotguns each package day. Opt. Day-of-Arrival Golf at Burning Ridge & opt. Day-of-Departure Golf at Arcadian Shores. You choose between playing USGA *Rules of Golf* for scramble/shamble format.

PAYMENT: Full payment due by October 12th. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 10/12/09 (see SinglesGolf.com/events for cancellation policy). Absolutely NO refunds after 10/12/09. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation by 10/20/09, you must call or e-mail us. This event is for **MEMBERS ONLY**. To join, call 704-889-4600 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join.

ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT. NAME SHOWN BELOW IS HOW NAMETAG WILL APPEAR.

NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ CHAPTER NAME _____
 HOME PH () _____ WORK/CELL PH () _____ E-MAIL _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE AND ANY OPTIONAL ROUNDS OF GOLF:

- () \$399.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE (You'll have a roommate. We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you don't list one below.)
- () \$589.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE (Includes everything in the Standard Package, except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$69.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF ON THURSDAY, 11/12/09 AT BURNING RIDGE GC
- () \$70.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF ON SUNDAY, 11/15/09 AT ARCADIAN SHORES
- () \$259.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE () \$449.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL ROOM BY MYSELF
- () \$209.00 — NON-HOTEL PACKAGE (AVAILABLE TO MYRTLE BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS ONLY)

**REGISTER NOW --
 CREDIT CARD NOT
 CHARGED TIL NOV. 5th**

CHECK THE GOLF FORMAT YOU'D LIKE TO PLAY:

- () I want to play USGA *Rules of Golf* both days. My handicap is _____. (Or, my average golf score is: ____)
- () I want to play a scramble (captain's choice) on the first day and a shamble on the second day.

My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you don't have one.) Please do not list yourself as someone else's roommate without their permission. **IMPORTANT:** If you choose a roommate, we can't hold your room until both parties have paid.) **I am requesting a room with () One King Bed () Two Double Beds** *Note: Room preferences and hotels are first come, first served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.*

During **one** golf event, pair me with _____. (Don't pair yourself with someone unless you know they're playing the same golf format)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package/options checked above (Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com/events for details.)
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights at \$130/night (rm. by self) or \$65 (w/ rm-mate). Indicate extra dates: _____
 + \$ _____ for optional rounds of golf on () Thursday, Nov. 12 () Sunday, Nov. 15
 + \$ _____ Mulligans (add \$10.00 if you want 3 mulligans for each of the st'd. pkg. days of golf. Mullies not avail. on optional round)
 + \$ _____ Add \$20 here if you want to pre-purchase twenty (20) 50/50 raffle tickets. Tickets given to you at registration.
 - \$ _____ for the \$70.00 deposit already paid
 \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ Make Check* Payable to: "ASGA, Inc." or fill-out CC info below.)

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA and/or The Marriott Grande Dunes to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. Resort will charge your card on or after **November 5, 2009**.

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK* PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

Credit Card Users: Fax This Form To 704-889-4607 or Register by Phone: 704-889-4600.

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* There is a 4% svc. chg. for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com for complete details of policy and events.