

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

NOVEMBER 14TH: END-OF-SEASON DINNER/DANCE

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

The 2010 ASGA Officer nomination process has ended, and the following people were nominated: **Tim Dowling** for Golf Chair, **Marie Di Virgilio** for Membership Chair and **Will Hsiung** for Communications Chair. Since no other nominations were received, there will be no formal election. Congratulations to Tim, Marie and Will as the 2010 Golf, Membership and Communications Chairs, respectively.

Unfortunately, there were no nominations for the position of Social Chair, so the deadline has been extended to Sunday, November 15. If you would like to participate but are hesitant to take on the full responsibility (commitmentphobic, perhaps?), please contact me at bforcade@jenner.com, and you can become a member of the Social Committee. Remember, folks, this is OUR club, and in order to continue to enjoy the fun social events, especially in the off-season, we need volunteers to help coordinate. Even if you are willing to take on just one social event, it is YOUR help that is needed to make the Chicago Chapter the best chapter in the country!!!

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIR DOWLING

Even though the golf season has ended, you should consider renewing your CDGA handicap. Many of our members are registered with the Chicago Chapter of ASGA, some are registered with their local golf course and, unfortunately, many are not registered at all.

This is a great time to renew with ASGA, transfer to ASGA or sign up for the first time with ASGA at a cost of only \$20. That is the cheapest renewal rate available. Check it out – your “green grass” course is charging \$30 or more, but are you getting another \$10 worth of services? I doubt it.

Go to the ASGA website and download the “CDGA Handicap” form. You can print it, fill it out and mail it to **Tim Dowling** with a check for \$20 payable to ASGA. Your renewal/new membership will be active within hours of my receiving your information.

Please feel free to call me at 847-370-3470 if you have any questions about your CDGA membership. Remember, you need a handicap to compete in the Chicago Ryder Cup, the Michigan Challenge and the Club Championship.

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago Chapter:

- ◆ Deborah Anderson
- ◆ Joe DePasquale
- ◆ Donna O’Neill
- ◆ Wayne Thompson

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

PAST EVENTS

Old Oak Country Club, 10/3

Surviving the weather was the name of the game today, because of the 24 people initially scheduled to golf, only 12 actually teed off and just eight finished the entire round. It rained heavily at the start and continued for the first six holes but stopped just long enough for the sun to try to peak out. The clouds darkened near the end, but the rain didn’t start again until after dinner. Also, we had to wait for the Old Oak vs. Village Greens match in front of us, which slowed down play. The seven hardy members who relaxed at the clubhouse for dinner afterwards enjoyed promoting ASGA to one of the Village Greens team members who came by the table. He had heard about us and was curious to

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include:

- Myrtle Beach in November - Details in newsletter & at SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach
- New Year’s at ChampionsGate, Florida. Dec. 29-Jan. 1 - Details at SinglesGolf.com/newyears
- We’re Going to Scotland - August, 2010 - Details at SinglesGolf.com/scotland

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND TUESDAY of each month

Next Mingle: November 10th, 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 or go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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know more, saying he may attend our next mingle along with a friend, who might also be interested in joining. (And, as it turns out, both **Joe DePasquale** and **Wayne Thompson** did, in fact, join the club – welcome!) The contest winners of the day were: **Jean White** and **Hank Calzaretta** (longest drive); **Madelon Silgalis** and **Hank Calzaretta** (closest to the pin); and **Madelon Silgalis** and **Will Hsiung** (longest putt). Although most of us didn't score well, we still had a great time together!

Golf & Gamble, ASGA Style, 10/4

ASGA golfers and gamblers ventured across state lines to try their hand at Hoosier golf at Lost Marsh. We scrambled, shambled and played best balls as teams in a 666 format. It was a beautiful, sunny and crisp fall day, but although we loved being outside, we didn't like the wind, fescue, water and aerated greens. A dubious congratulations goes to **Cathy Tomasek**, winner of most lost balls! The winners of the scramble (holes one through six) were: **Bill Forcade**, **Mary Joy**, **John Miller** and **Becky Nicholson**. The shamble (holes seven through 12) winners were: **Will Hsiung**, **Michael Daugherty**, **Paul Hervey** and guest **Melissa Wooley**. And, finally, the winners of the best ball format (holes 13 through 18) were: **Lisa Pesavento**, **Don Stoub**, **Ron Benson** and **Enid Chesler**. After relaxing in the beautiful \$9 million clubhouse, we ventured over to the Horseshoe Casino to gamble and eat sumptuous food from the Village Square Buffet, while gazing out the panoramic windows and watching the sun set over the beautiful Chicago skyline. It was really fun checking out the dinner selections from multiple ethnic food stations. We left with full bellies and jingling pockets, thanks to video poker and 25-cent slots. And this is where the story ends, because what happens in Hammond stays in Hammond!

Arrowhead Golf Club, 10/17
(canceled due to weather)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

The dinner/dance, "2009 – Looking Back on a Great Golf Season" on Saturday, November 14 at Maggiano's Oakbrook is SOLD OUT. If you are still interested in a great evening with your ASGA friends, sign up for the waitlist, as there are always last-minute cancellations. See the website for further details. Thanks, everyone, for your overwhelming response, and perhaps we will see you at the complimentary holiday party on December 13 at Molly Malone's.

86th Annual Christmas Spirits Show, 12/9

Our very own Art Garwin will once again participate in the Chicago Bar Association's Annual Christmas Spirits Show on Wednesday, December 9, at the DePaul Merle Reskin Theatre at 60 E. Balbo Drive in Chicago. This year's show is entitled, "I'm a Lawyer, Get Me out of Here!" It is a pre-paid event, so if you want to attend, mail a check for \$60 per person payable to the Chicago Bar Association to **Art Garwin**, 55 W. Delaware, Unit 912, Chicago, IL 60610-3360. Contact Art at agarwin@staff.abanet.org to let him know you will be attending. Deadline to sign up is November 14.

ASGA Holiday Party, 12/13

Celebrate the holidays with the 2009 ASGA Board on Sunday, December 13 at Molly Malone's Irish Pub, 7652 W. Madison in Forest Park. Festivities will start at 11:30, as we cheer the Bears as they play the Packers. Share appetizers with friends while reminiscing about golf outings of the year gone by. Food will be provided from 12:00 to 2:00 at NO CHARGE, while liquid

**ROSTER
UPDATES**



Do It Yourself!

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

refreshments will be on your own. Registration opens November 1, with a December 3rd deadline. See the website for 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 has 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:

Bob Almada - 12/06
Beth Amkin - 11/08
Deborah Anderson - 12/14
Susan Bemis - 12/02
Deborah Bradel - 11/19
William Cernugel - 11/19
John Cooper - 11/21
Kamal Dagher - 11/02
George Dammer - 11/11
Joe DePasquale - 11/23
Katie Dudley - 12/10
Lee Fayette - 11/19
Nancy Hill - 11/06
William Hsiung - 11/14
Judy Johnson - 11/06
Melanie Jones - 11/30
Ray Kalal - 11/19
Gayle Kolb - 11/13
Ken Kusumoto - 11/25
Michelle Lehnen - 11/29
Suzanne Lewis - 11/16
Mary O'Brien - 12/01
James Poppette - 12/02
Patricia Porter - 12/01
Karen Renzi - 12/13
Donna Rutana - 12/01
Pamela Schau - 12/07
Michael Shain - 11/03
Tammy Sorg - 11/30
J. Wayne Thompson - 11/03

Jean White - 11/04
Genie Witzel - 11/11

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Jennifer Connolly - 11/30/2009
John Edmonson - 11/30/2009
Tracy Fioretti - 11/30/2009

These members recently renewed:

Carolann Klapper
Susan Miller
Terry Ready
Robert Staib

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Kathi Brown - 10/31/2009
Gloria Emalfarb - 09/30/2009
Laura Niforatos - 09/30/2009

Our chapter currently has 213 members.



Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



CELEBRATING 17 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — November 2009

FINALIZE PLANS FOR NEW YEARS!



Scotland 2010 Trip Headed Toward Sellout

You're Not Getting Any Younger! What Are You Waiting For?

Through the end of October, 200 members have signed-up for our trip to Scotland, July 31-August 8, 2010. For as little as \$2,578, you can enjoy eight days in Scotland, plenty of golf and food!

St. Andrews, Scotland is no doubt the most special place on this planet for golfers. We'll stay at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel on the outskirts of St. Andrews



and on the edge of the North Sea then head to Edinburgh for two days.

We have room for about another 40-50 people. At this point, you'll only need to put 10% down. **All details are at SinglesGolf.com/Scotland**

Did Your Chapter Hold its Elections?

In October, chapters should have elected their chapter president for the 2010 calendar year beginning January 1. At the November meetings, chapters are suppose to elect their committee heads. All of this is according to your chapter bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws).

If you have not elected your leaders for next year, please make sure you do it by the end of November. As soon as you have completed your elections, please inform the national office by submitting the new names to: www.SinglesGolf.com/newleaders

New Year's and Golf in Orlando

We were here last year and it's just the perfect venue for our group. Open to all ASGA members. Yes, you are invited to the largest gathering of singles who golf in the world! Here are the basics:

- Who: Open to all ASGA Members
When: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 - Friday, January 1, 2010
Where: Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, Florida 33898, Phone 407-390-6664
What: 3-Night Stay, 6 Food functions (incl. New Year's Eve plated dinner), 2 Rounds of Golf, DJ dancing and more...
Why: To meet friends you didn't know you had and to have the **time of your life!**

Standard Package Rate is \$ 450.24 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, IF PAYING BY CHECK. \$469.00 if paying by a major credit card.

Our annual trips for warm climates in the winter have landed us back in Orlando once again. It's really tough to beat what this city offers to golfers. Yes, we could have chosen a venue less expensive, but a vacation should feel like a vacation. This hotel will make you feel like "you have arrived." It is four-star from the rooms to the pools to the on-site golf courses, quality of food, etc. Check out the hotel's website OmniOrlandoResort.com and you'll see what we mean.

New Year's Day falls on a Friday this year and our event begins on Tuesday. The beauty of this is that you can arrive as many as three (3) days early and stay up to three (3) days late and it will only cost you \$64 per person (based on dbl. occ.) to stay an additional night, or \$128 to room by yourself. Orlando offers so much more and our online website can give you links to other things to do while there, such as visiting Mickey, SeaWorld, MGM, etc.

Look for the official registration form in this newsletter, or go to the website (SinglesGolf.com/newyears) for complete details and online registration. You can also register over the phone: 704-889-4600 until noon each day. See you there!

-- Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
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AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION'S
NEW YEAR'S EVENT
ORLANDO'S FOUR STAR
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT!
OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL & DAY OF DEPARTURE GOLF!

Tues., December 29th, 2009 - Fri., January 1st, 2010

6 FOOD FUNCTIONS!

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION
 SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

**PAY BY CHECK
 GET 4% DISCOUNT!**

Standard Package or Room-by-Myself Package Includes:

- 2 rounds of on-site golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes).
- 3 nights stay at the beautiful rooms of the Omni Resort.
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party on the 29th (cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres), picnic style dinner on the 30th after your round of golf, plated dinner on New Year's Eve and a fantastic buffet breakfast at Trevi's for three days.
- DJ-hosted dancing on Tuesday and Thursday nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees, taxes and 10% spa discount (no products).

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$128 (single) and \$64pp (dbl. occ. - roommate must stay). Taxes are included in these prices.

GOLF: Standard package includes two rounds of golf at the National Course and one at the International Course at ChampionsGate. Shotgun starts on both days. Opt. Day-of-Arrival Golf at Ridgewood Lakes & opt. Day-of-Departure Golf at Metrowest. You choose between playing USGA *Rules of Golf* or scramble/shamble format.

PAYMENT: Pay by check and save 4% off any package. Your spot will be secured on a first-come, first-registered basis. ASGA cancellation policy applies. Absolutely NO refunds after 11/28/2009. However, you may sell your position to another member. Letter or e-mail confirmation sent out upon receipt. If you don't receive confirmation within 14 days of submitting, you must call us (704-889-4600) to verify your registration. This event is for MEMBERS ONLY.

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:

- () \$469.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE - I'll have a roommate
- () \$661.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE (Includes everything in the Standard Package, except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$69.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF incl. lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 2009, at Ridgewood Lakes
- () \$89.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF incl. lunch on Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010, at Metrowest
- () \$326.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE () \$516.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL ROOM BY MYSELF
- () \$267.00 — NON-HOTEL PACKAGE (AVAILABLE TO ORLANDO CHAPTER MEMBERS ONLY)

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.

**PAY BY CHECK
 GET 4% DISCOUNT!**

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 \$128/night (rm. by self) or \$64 (w/ rm-mate). Indicate extra dates: _____ (rate valid 3 days before and/or after event)
 + \$ _____ for optional rounds of golf on () Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 2009 () Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010
 + \$ _____ 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.
 - \$ _____ (SUBTRACT 4% of above amount if paying by check).
 \$ _____ **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 Omni Resort at ChampionsGate to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. ASGA or the Resort will charge your card at some point between now and the event date.

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

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