

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 13TH

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

We had a fantastic year in 2009 with more golf events than ever. We ended the year in great shape financially, with fantastic membership growth and wonderful prospects for 2010. I'm pleased to announce that we have filled our slate of elected officers for 2010:

President – **Bill Forcade**
Golf Chair – **Tim Dowling**
Social Chair – **Melanie Jones**
Membership Chair – **Marie Di Virgilio**
Communications Chair – **Will Hsiung**

We hope to spend quite a bit of time in 2010 focusing on planning and organizing social events in a manner that best serves our members' interests. If you have an idea of how things should be organized, drop **Melanie** an e-mail and join the social committee, or just send us a note and give us your ideas.

Tim Dowling has already indicated some changes are in line for 2010, including the possibility of some organized week-day golf outings. Watch future e-mail blasts and newsletters for more information.

We will be having our 2010 Board planning meeting in January, so if you have some ideas on changes or additions ASGA should make, let us know. Have a Happy Holiday, and I hope to see you in Orlando.

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIR DOWLING

Yes, the 2010 golf season is just around the corner, and I NEED your help. Planning is already underway – courses have been contacted and dates for outings are being finalized. Are there any “hidden gems” out there that we should add to the outing list? Would you be interested in playing on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon? What about nine holes – did you play any this year, and should we expand the offerings for next season? Would you be interested in coordinating or assisting at an event? If so, which course?

This year, over 90 members volunteered to coordinate or assist at an event. With over 225 members, that means that only 40% have stepped up and helped. We need more volunteers. If you have never coordinated an event, I will walk you through the steps, or you

could help as an assistant. You are going to play golf – why not help organize the event?

One of my goals, along with **Marie Di Virgilio**, our Membership Chair, is to develop a mentoring system for new members. We are looking for men and women who would be interested in calling new members, help explain the ropes and be the “go to” person when they have questions. The more information we provide, the more enjoyable it will be for everyone.

And, finally, I want to develop an ASGA course rating system. I definitely need everyone's help and opinion. I am asked quite often if XYZ Golf Course is suitable for a person's game. My only point of reference is based on the way I hit the ball, and I have found that that information is totally irrelevant to someone with a different skill level. I need a perspective from the forward tees, the middle tees and the back tees. The important information needed includes: Is there a lot of water in play? Are there forced carries? Is it too narrow? Is it “target golf”? I need answers to these questions.

Please respond to me at timdowling00@yahoo.com and give me your thoughts on any of the above. If you're interested in

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

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LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date: SECOND TUESDAY of each month

Next Mingle: Holiday Party - Sunday, December 13th, 2009

Mingle Location: Molly Malone's Irish Pub

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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Let's plan for and have a great 2010
golf season!!

MESSAGE FROM MELANIE JONES, 2010 SOCIAL CHAIR

Whether you have already signed on
or just now decided to join the fun, we
are having a short meeting of the 2010
Social Committee Extraordinaire at the
December 13th party at Molly Malone's.

While we will all be there to socialize,
let's take a half hour to talk about what
we are going to do to make 2010 the
best ever within ASGA for fun "other than
on the golf course." Fun on the golf
course is up to **Tim Dowling** and each
member's own willingness to practice
during the winter months, take lessons,
etc.

We will be talking about the spring
dinner/dance, great new ideas for the
mingles and other activities people want
to offer, as well as who is going to do
what. **Terry Ready** has a GREAT idea
for making the mingles fun for everyone.
Come and hear more about it!

If you aren't coming to the holiday
party on the 13th but want to be on the
SCE, e-mail me. I will put you on the list
for future activities. My e-mail address is
griffisjones@msn.com. I thank you in
advance for your participation and look
forward to lots of really fun social events!

PAST EVENTS

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

Eighty ASGA members partied the
night away on Saturday, November 14 at
Maggiano's in Oak Brook, celebrating a
great year of events. We wine and

dined on a sumptuous five-course meal
and then danced to our old-time favorites.
Rewards and awards were distributed as
we closed out and "looked back" at a great
year of golf. 2009 came and went in a
blink and a flash, and we celebrated with
fun, blinky-light sunglasses and danced to
some of the disco era's greatest hits. If
success can be measured in the number
of people still dancing at last call, then we
know it was a hit!!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

86th Annual Christmas Spirits Show, 12/9

Our very own **Art Garwin** will once again
participate in the Chicago Bar Associa-
tion'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,
contact Art at agarwin@staff.abanet.org to
see if you can still get in.

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. Madi-
son in Forest Park. Festivities will start at
11:30 a.m., as we cheer the Bears as they
play the Packers. Enjoy complimentary
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 refreshments will
be on your own. E-mail your reservation to
enidechesler@gmail.com, and you will
receive an e-mail confirmation. This is a
members-only event with a deadline of
Friday, December 4. Let's close out 2009
in style with a Bears victory!!!

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



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
Deborah Anderson - 12/14
Susan Bemis - 12/02
Hank Calzaretta - 01/05
Dennis Cowhey - 12/29
Katie Dudley - 12/10
Linda Ewing - 01/11
Linda Googins - 12/29
JoAnn Graske - 12/20
Judy Haley - 12/16
Don Hanson Jr. - 12/29
Cathy Hill - 01/12

Stephen Kehr - 01/03
Mary Kozlov - 01/14
Anita Lester - 12/23
Rebecca Marquardt - 12/17
Mary O'Brien - 12/01
James Poplette - 12/02
Patricia Porter - 12/01
Terry Ready - 12/21
Karen Renzi - 12/13
Donna Rutana - 12/01
Pamela Schau - 12/07
Haseena Shaheed - 01/13
Mary Ellen Tobin - 01/13
Lisa Van Sant - 12/22

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
Arthur Rubalcaba - 12/31/2009

These members recently renewed:
Joe O'Malley

These members did not renew their dues:
(date shown is date membership expired)
Kathi Brown - 10/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 214 members.

Rules and More Rules

Larry's ball landed in the rough adjacent to a tree line, which this time of year is covered with leaves. While helping Larry find his ball in the search through the leaves, Bob, one of the other members of the foursome inadvertently moved Larry's ball. Scott, a member of the foursome said, "That's a shame Bob, but no good deed goes unpunished, moving Larry's ball will cost you two strokes. Is this correct? What is the correct ruling?"

- A. No penalty. The accidental movement of an opponents ball while helping him look for his ball results in no penalty.
- B. One stroke penalty, the rules know no mercy. Bob moved an opponents ball that was at rest, one stroke penalty.
- C. Two stroke penalty, the rules are even tougher than Scott

thought. Bob moved an opponents ball that was at rest, two stroke penalty.

Answer is.

A. No penalty and the ball must be replaced. While searching for a player's ball, if an opponent, causes the ball to move, there is no penalty. If the ball is moved it must be replaced. The applicable rule is USGA rule 18-3 and 18-4.

Larry and I were playing golf on a course we had not previously played. We both mistakenly teed off on what we thought was the 5th hole. We immediately noticed that we were actually on the hole number 11. Is there a penalty for mistakenly teeing off on the wrong hole? What should we have done?

- A. No penalty. This is an honest mistake. Re-tee on the correct hole.
- B. One stroke penalty
- C. Two stroke penalty
- D. Finish playing the hole. Later play the correct hole. No penalty.

What is the correct answer and why?

The correct answer is C, a two stroke penalty. The penalty for teeing from anywhere outside the tee box is two strokes, under USGA Rule 11-4. Clearly teeing from the wrong tee box is outside the tee box from which you should have teed off. After taking the penalty, you should re-tee on the correct hole (in this case hole #5). You will be hitting 3.



ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — December 2009

LAST CHANCE FOR ROMANCE!

Celebrate New Year's in Orlando

Okay, "last chance for romance" doesn't really mean that. But since it rhymed, it was a good find. (Okay, I'll quit trying to be the poet!) We do hope you find some romance these holidays!

ChampionsGate Resort - - What a Winner!

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's what you'll get and what it'll cost you . . .

- Who: Open to all ASGA Members
- When: Tuesday, December 29, 2009 - Friday, January 1, 2010
- Where: Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, Florida
- 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!

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

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!

A Bridge to Somewhere - Like Scotland!

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. **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

A Time to Give a Little Thanks

"Thank you's" are something we should and probably do hand out daily. At this time of the year, we do look back and can be very thankful for all of the folks who've made this year a success. But special thank-you's go out to our chapter presidents. These are the folks on the front line who accept as volunteers the burden of anything headed their way. When someone else doesn't do their job, it's the chapter president who fills in. So take a little time this year to thank your president and other chapter leaders who've made a difference. Give 'em a big hug!

-- 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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