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CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - February 2010

CHICAGO GOLF SHOW - FEBRUARY 26-28

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORCADE

February has two significant highlights – Valentine’s Day and ASGA’s participation in the Chicago Golf Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois on February 26, 27 and 28. We will have booth #628, which is a corner location near the putting contest. Please stop by and say hi. February is usually the low point in Chicago’s winter – too long after the Orlando New Year’s Eve event and still a long time before **Tom Ullsperger’s** Alabama trip. The golf show should help fill the void.

The Board is finalizing plans for the season opening event and the coordinators’ meeting, where we all get to find out which courses we will be playing. Help ASGA out and coordinate a golf outing this year (or assist so you can learn how to do your own event). Alternatively, contact **Melanie Jones** and work with the Social Committee to create an event that will help pass Chicago’s long, cold winter days.

January and February are planning times for the Board. Do you have any new ideas, ways to improve our organization or suggestions on things that need to be changed? Let us know so we can put it on

the agenda for consideration. Help make ASGA better; we will all appreciate the improvement!

MESSAGE FROM GOLF CHAIR DOWLING

The golf season is fast approaching and, believe it or not, the snow will soon be gone. It is time to start checking out your equipment for a successful start to the 2010 season.

First of all, don’t forget to renew or sign up for your 2010 CDGA Handicap. New members can contact me, and I will process your registration. Renewals need to be done online through CDGA.org. If you are registered with a different club, you can still “transfer” to ASGA Chicago when you renew.

Check your clubs, shoes and grips. We, as amateurs, are not governed by the new “groove” rule that the pros have, but remember that the grooves on most clubs only last about 150 rounds of normal use. For some of you, that might be a lifetime, but for others, that could be only a couple years. Your grips should be replaced about every 40 rounds. Check them for “tackiness.” They can be

washed with a mild laundry detergent and water to help restore the proper feel. If they are old, consider having them re-gripped at Golfsmith, Golf Galaxy or any pro shop. And don’t forget your shoes. The soft spikes should be replaced every year. Replacement spikes are available at all golf shops and can be replaced with the correct tool in a matter of minutes.

Don’t forget your swing. To paraphrase a great saying: “A player who has himself/herself for a golf instructor has a fool for a client.” If you are looking to improve, take advantage of the many great teaching professionals in the Chicagoland area. Private, semi-private and small group lessons are forming as you read this. The Chicago Golf Show is a great place to start.

Don’t hope for a great season – plan for one, starting today!

NEW MEMBERS

Below are the new members for the Chicago Chapter:

- ◆ Bryan Morley
- ◆ Karen Stika

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

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include:

- Wilmington’s Winter Chill - February 26-28, 2010 - Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WinterChill
- We’re Going to Scotland - August, 2010 - Details at SinglesGolf.com/scotland

National Website: www.SinglesGolf.com

E-Mail: ASGANational@aol.com

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, 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: February 9th, 2010

Mingle Location: Champps, 2301 Fountain Square Drive in Lombard. Phone: 630-627-3334

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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last minute changes
<http://www.asgachicago.org/>

ASGA CHICAGO ON FACE-BOOK!

Jay Thompson has put together an ASGA Chicago Facebook group. This is designed to promote our chapter to those who may be interested in joining us. If you know of someone on Facebook who might be interested, please encourage them to join the group. You can post comments regarding ASGA-related events on the group wall.

PAST EVENTS

January Mingle, Tuesday, 1/12

There is a saying that good things come in small packages, and the small group of members who attended the first Mingle of the year can be described as "tiny but terrific." With only eight members present, our new idea for playing games was not a big hit. Apparently, everyone was having too much fun socializing and enjoying the food that they never got around to trying out any of the games that Social Chair **Melanie Jones** brought in and set up. The group agreed, though, that it sounds like a fun idea that they will try "next time."

Monthly Dance, Friday, 1/15

Many thanks to the 40+ members who enjoyed the smoking hot dance at the Diplomat West last Friday. And many more thanks to **Kevin Berg** for arranging such an action-packed evening! Things heated up on the dance floor as ASGA members joined the 350+ other singles who showed up. **Anita Lester** did a great job of trying to recruit new members. Rumor has it she even talked several non-golfing fellas to take up golf lessons! If all the laughter and smiles were any indication, this first-ever monthly dance was a smashing success!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Golf Dome Events, Sundays

Winter is the best time to make either big changes or minor tweaks to your golf swing. Golf dome practice continues on Sunday at Links & Tees from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (except for Super Bowl Sunday, of course). The address is 880-950 W. Lake Street in Addison, and golfing will be followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant. No need to sign up in advance; just show up and SWING!

February Mingle, Tuesday, 2/9

In February, we are trying out another new location with a private room at Stacy's Café & Bar, 845 Mannheim Road in Bellwood, phone number 708-544-6636. The fun starts at 7:00 and, once again, ASGA members will have the option to simply socialize or play one of the fun board games, cards or dice. There is no cover charge and no sign-up necessary. Just show up and MINGLE!

Monthly Dance, Saturday, 2/13

Our next big dance will be at the Hyatt Woodfield on Golf Road in Schaumburg (just north of Woodfield Mall) on Saturday, February 13. In celebration of Valentine's Day, this dance will be no charge to get in. And although it only takes a few people to have a good time, last year's Valentine's Day dance boasted over 1,000 singles! The party starts at 8:00. No RSVP is necessary; just show up and DANCE! For additional information, contact Mr. Nightlife himself, **Kevin Berg** at kevinb6204@hotmail.com or 847-826-0169.

Chicago Golf Show, Friday-Sunday, 2/26-28

ASGA Chicago has arranged for our first-ever booth at the 2010 Chicago Golf Show at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Our booth is in a great location near the putting contest, so we're looking forward to an action-packed few days! To make this event a success, we still need some more volunteers to work the booth, so please contact **Bill Forcade** at bforcade@jenner.com. Don't miss out on your opportunity to meet and interact with other like-minded golfers. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to recruit many new members to keep OUR golf club new and exciting!

Season Opening Dinner/Dance, Saturday, 4/24

This event is an absolute must for everyone. More details will be forthcoming, but for now, mark April 24 at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst on your calendar. With **Kevin Berg** and **Mari Lou McCann** planning our season opening celebration and room enough for everyone, you will certainly want to be there. We will spend the evening together enjoying an open bar, great food, entertainment and fellow ASGA members – who could ask for more?!?

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:

Brett Bradfield - 02/01
Debora Braun - 03/12
Kathy Braun - 02/17
Reeny Caveney - 02/20
Karen DeMars - 02/16
Lyn Dickinson - 03/14
Judy Diekmann - 02/18
Tim Dowling - 02/08
Tim Flannigan - 03/01
Martell Gangler - 02/09
Susan Herman - 02/28
Kathy Joyce - 03/04
Penny Link - 02/12
John McCarthy - 02/02
Fred McEwen - 02/09
Stephen Mueller - 03/02
Margaret Muller - 02/12
Nancy Pierz - 03/03
Sandra Rubin - 03/12
Madelon Silgalis - 03/02
William Terpstra - 02/07
Jay Thompson - 03/07
Tom Ullsperger - 02/20
Laurie Wessels - 03/10

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Dennis Cowhey - 02/28/2010
Michael Daugherty - 02/28/2010
Paul Gentile - 02/28/2010
Karen Johnson - 02/28/2010
Ken Kusumoto - 02/28/2010
Margaret Quinn - 02/28/2010
Carol Reichart - 02/28/2010
Renee Saban - 02/28/2010
Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2010
Joe Torcivia - 02/28/2010

These members recently renewed:

Deborah Bradel

Tracy Fioretti
Arthur Garwin
Patrice Jordan
Joanne Klumpp
Yvette Mulryan
Bob O'Donnell
Gretchen Oie
Pamela Schau
Delores Simon
Ted Zillmer

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Dee Giese - 01/31/2010
John Hanzel - 01/31/2010
Kerry Malm - 01/31/2010
Laurence Nelligan - 01/31/2010
Arthur Rubalcaba - 12/31/2009

Our chapter currently has 213 members

**Don't Let Your
Membership
Lapse. . .**

**Be sure to renew so you
won't miss receiving a
newsletter.**

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Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

