

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - March 2011

IT'S ALMOST SPRING! WE MADE IT THROUGH THE BLIZZARD

FROM PRESIDENT PIERZ

I am sure many of you are happy the Blizzard of 2011 is behind us, and are counting the days to: The END of the winter season...two dozen days as of this writing! The ASGA Tee Off Dinner Dance... one month, plus one week. The Golf Coordinators Meeting for the 2011 season...an even 50 days. **Tom Ullsberger's** New Mexico Trip...six decades of days plus two. Our first golf outing at Seven Bridges...another even six dozen days. If you want the actual date of these events, check out our newly designed website created by **Tim Ryan**.

I was lucky enough to be in Omaha last week when the temperature reached 68 degrees. I did not have my clubs along, but pushing my grandson around the Omaha Zoo was inspiring that Spring is just around the corner. That evening the local news station highlighted the fact the THREE golf courses in the area were open for business!

Your ASGA Board met at the Golf Dome in Addison on February 20th for our second meeting. Highlights included a decision to use MeetUp Group as a way of advertising and attracting new members. The annual budget was reviewed and dis-

cussed, once budget requests were presented. **Kevin Berg** is busy finalizing plans for our kickoff dinner on April 2, while **Karen Stika** is continuing to plan gatherings for ASGA members at various locations in the Chicago area. If you have an idea or suggestion for ASGA members to socialize or gather until our actual golf season starts, email Karen or Kevin. I am sure they are willing to listen to your suggestions.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 11th. Please join us for some fun, and MAYBE nine holes of golf!!!

GOLF DOME EVENTS

Prepare for Spring Golf

The next "official" Sunday golf practice session at the Links and Tees Golf Dome in Addison is March 20th. Simply show up at the Dome by 4:00 and look for the ASGA group. We will have reserved stalls. Generally, we go out for dinner after the Dome event. **Bill Forcade** is the only person to open and close stalls, pay for the total event, and recover the money from the individual participants.

Links & Tees Golf Facility
880 W. Lake St.

Addison, IL 60101

630-458-2660

www.addisonparkdistrict.org

You are of course welcome to go any other Sunday with fellow ASGA members. **Bill Forcade** is out of town and won't be able to chaperone your attempts to get warmed up until the 20th.

GET ME THROUGH THIS WINTER

Below are upcoming gatherings more details to follow as we get closer to the dates.

Friday, March 25th

6:00 pm Friday, March 25, Fish Fry and White Pines Golf Dome, Bensenville, email or call Karen Stika if you're coming, kstika@att.net or 630.915.1933.

Saturday, April 2, Tee-Off Dinner Dance

at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst. Cost will be \$68 and includes dinner, open bar, and DJ dancing. The theme will be Dolls and Gangsters roaring 20's style. Accessories will be provided.

Kevin's email address for the event is ASGACHicago@hotmail.com.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **ASGA Heads to Maui, Hawaii** - March 2-9, 2011.
- **Wilmington's Beach Blast** - Dates: April 1-3, 2011.
Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WilmingtonBeachBlast
- **Memorial Day Weekend Reunion** - See attached flyer.
Dates: May 26-29, 2011

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Mingle: TBD

Mingle Location: TBD

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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**Please check the Web Page for any
last minute changes**
<http://www.asgachicago.org/>

This is a prepay event. Checks are due before March 25th. Please send a check payable to ASGA to:

Kevin Berg

9421 Harlem Ave.

Morton Grove, IL 60053

Early sign up will be greatly appreciated. Sign up by email and send your check so that we can plan according. You will be confirmed for the event when Kevin sends an email to you that he received your check.

From Treasurer Michael Daugherty

A new policy has been put into place requiring that a reimbursement form be filled out and submitted for any personal expenditures made that are ASGA Chicago related business to a scheduled event. The form is located on the website under the Events Coordinator tab. Just print out the form, attach the original receipts and submit the form to Michael for review / approval / check.

Reading the Green

By **Hank Haney**

Distance control is the most important aspect in putting but you still have to be able to figure out which way your ball will break. One thing to consider is when an architect designs a golf course he has to have at least a half-inch to an inch of slope for every 10 feet of green. So that means that every putt you have is either a little uphill, downhill or sidehill. There will never be a flat spot on the green. The best way to figure out your break is to imagine that you dropped a big bucket of water on the green. Where would the water flow? That is the direction your ball will break, in the direction the water would flow off the green. Examine the whole green, imagine your bucket of water dumping on the green and where does all the water go. Now when you look at your hole and you look at the break that you are going to have on your putt, remember that 85% of all putts are missed on the low side of the hole. That is why it is called the amateur side, when you miss on the low side of the cup. 85% people that putt think they are playing enough break but they do not. So play a little extra break because you have a much

better chance of making a putt if it is coming in from the high side as opposed to the low side. Play more break, hit your putts the right speed and you are going to shoot lower scores.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Debora Braun - 03/12

Deborah Brice - 04/15

Tom Cech - 03/24

Catherine Duke - 03/25

Tim Flannigan - 03/01

Patrice Jordan - 04/04

Joanne Klumpp - 03/22

Jason Leonard - 03/29

Judi Loria - 04/09

Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13

Ron McMahon - 04/11

David Moretti - 03/31

Stephen Mueller - 03/02

Janet Nigrelli - 03/06

Elaine Nissen - 03/18

Nancy Pierz - 03/03

Tim Ryan - 03/08

Jay Thompson - 03/07

Peter Wisniewski - 03/04

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Kimberly Armatys - 03/31/2011

Jayne Austin - 03/31/2011

Kevin Berg - 03/31/2011

Lisa Bishoff - 03/31/2011

John Bitner - 03/31/2011

Brett Bradfield - 03/31/2011

Hank Calzaretta - 03/31/2011

Karen DeMars - 03/31/2011

Kim Denkwalter - 03/31/2011

Marcy Dub - 03/31/2011

Frank Filippi - 03/31/2011

Robert Geeve - 03/31/2011

Stanley Halcarz - 03/31/2011

Paul Hervey - 03/31/2011

Sharon Hillman - 03/31/2011

William Hsiung - 03/31/2011

Mary Joy - 03/31/2011

Ray Kalal - 03/31/2011

Ruth Kubancek - 03/31/2011

Linda Lapriore - 03/31/2011

Jason Leonard - 03/31/2011

Louise Malmin - 03/31/2011

Jan Marx - 03/31/2011

Debra Mayer - 03/31/2011

Joanna Medwick - 03/31/2011

Paul Moss - 03/31/2011

Elaine Nissen - 03/31/2011

John O'Connor - 03/31/2011
 Cynthia Oliver - 03/31/2011
 Barbara Panek - 03/31/2011
 Karen Renzi - 03/31/2011
 Tim Ryan - 03/31/2011
 Flo Slisz - 03/31/2011
 Maggie Smith - 03/31/2011
 Walter Thiel - 03/31/2011
 Mary Ellen Tobin - 03/31/2011
 Bob Wier - 03/31/2011

Welcome newest members:
 Jim Voinovich - Joined 02/02/2011

These members recently renewed:

Carol Browne
 Nancy Ellis
 Ron McMahon
 Laurence Nelligan
 Bob O'Donnell
 Gretchen Oie
 Karen Stika
 Joe Torcivia

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Linda Ewing - 01/31/2011
 Dee Giese - 01/31/2011
 Karen Johnson - 02/28/2011
 Kerry Malm - 01/31/2011
 Bryan Morley - 01/31/2011
 Yvette Mulryan - 01/31/2011
 Barbara Peterson - 01/31/2011
 Margaret Quinn - 02/28/2011
 Carol Reichart - 02/28/2011
 Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2011
 Delores Simon - 01/31/2011
 Laurie Wessels - 02/28/2011

Our chapter currently has 203 members.

Rules and More Rules

Relief for a ball in pitch mark

We were walking the course on a cart path only day. The course was somewhat soft, due to the previous days rain. Larry's drive embedded half way up the approach slope to the par-3 green. Larry wanted to lift and clean his ball and take a free drop. Scott, another member of the foursome said heck no, he specifically recalled reading a rule prohibiting relief for a ball in a pitch mark.

Was Larry entitled to relief? What is the correct ruling?

- A. Assuming that Larry did not need to lift the ball for identification, no, he can not lift the ball, and even if lifted for identification, he could not clean the ball. The old play the ball as it lies rule pertains.
- B. Scott is half way correct, there is no relief if your ball is in a pitch-mark that was not of your making...a ball mark made by another golfer. But that does not pertain in this instance.
- C. Yes Larry is entitled to relief. Larry does not have to play his ball as it lies. His ball was embedded in its' own pitch mark. Larry can lift, clean, and drop the ball without penalty.

The answer is.....

C. Yes Larry is entitled to relief. Larry does not have to play his ball as it lies. His ball was embedded in its' own pitch mark. Larry can lift, clean, and drop the ball without penalty.

Rules 25-2. the embedded ball rule, allows that a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely

mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

The Fundamental Laws of Golf

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either use one more club or two more balls.

If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.

Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.

It's not a gimme if you're still away.

You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time.

When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

It's easier to get up at 6:00 AM to play golf than at 10:00 AM to mow the grass.

A good drive on the 18th hole has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

It takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand, you don't get to ride around on a cart, drink beer, eat hot dogs when you are performing Brain Surgery !!!!

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — MARCH, 2011

Memorial Day Weekend at Pinehurst Great Turnout Expected at Site of Upcoming U. S. Open

Event Dates: Thursday, May 26 – Sunday, May 29, 2011

With great excitement and anticipation, we're happy to announce our continued association with the fine folks at Pinehurst Resort in announcing our "Reunion in Pinehurst". The Reunion on Memorial Day Weekend has shown to be ASGA's largest-attended event each year with attendance soaring over 400 in years past. It's a great time to see old friends and meet friends you never thought you had.

Dates set for this year are May 26-29, a Thursday through Saturday (we polled you and that's what you wanted!).

We asked Pinehurst to price this event as if you walked-in on your own and wanted the



same exact package on the same dates. The standard package would be \$1593 and the room-by-yourself package would be \$2349 at the Carolina. Our packages start at \$515 per person, based on double occupancy and \$674 per person based on single occupancy, which includes all taxes, resort

service fees, gratuities for wait and bell staff, etc. Also, ASGA will rebate to your chapter \$20.00 per attendee if your chapter sends 10% or more of your membership (as of 5/26/11) to this event. Got 100 members? Send ten and we'll rebate \$200.00! Details at the event website, SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst

If you priced this event on its own, you'd easily pay \$1200-\$1300 (dbl. occ.) for all that's included. Optional rounds on the day-of-arrival (Thursday at Pinehurst) as well as day-of-departure (Sunday at Tobacco Road Golf Club — Rated #4 Public Course in the U. S. by *Golf World* magazine and a Top 100 *Golf Digest*) are being offered as well. A registration form is enclosed with this newsletter and you can also obtain one at www.SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst



Of course, outside of everything Pinehurst has to offer, you get to meet hundreds of singles from various ASGA chapters. As with all ASGA multi-chapter events, you must be a member to attend. To join ASGA, simply go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

Included in the Standard Package:

- 4 days / 3 nights, based on double occupancy
- 2 rounds of golf, cart, range balls, prizes for winners and welcoming gift for all

- 6 food functions: cocktail party (heavy hors d'oeuvres and 2 free drink tickets if you register by April 29), picnic-style cookout Friday after golf, Saturday sit-down dinner and 3 buffet breakfasts in the dining room
- Dancing with our DJ on 1st and 3rd nights (Mike still dances!)
- All resort service fees and taxes. The resort service fee pays for bicycle rental, practice green, afternoon tea, on-site transportation, fitness center, tennis courts, outdoor pools, etc.

In addition, Pinehurst is offering ASGA members a coupon good towards a 20% discount on a spa service or one round of golf club rentals. See SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst for details on this coupon.

Room-by-Yourself packages and non-golf packages are also available. Non-hotel packages are available only to our Pinehurst chapter members.

U. S. Open Returns to Pinehurst in 2014

For the first time in Open history, one venue is the site of both the men's U. S. Open Championship and the women's U. S. Open Championship in the same year. Both championships will be hosted by Pinehurst in 2014. Pinehurst was also the site of the 1951 Ryder Cup as well as the 1999 and 2005 U. S. Opens. The No. 2 course will not be part of our standard package and will actually be closed due to aeration.

Please review the Pinehurst.com website and check out their hotel accommodations. They're offering the Carolina Inn, the Holly Inn, Manor Inn and their condos again. In addition to these hotels, if your chapter (or group of friends) would like to get eight (8) of your members together and get a villa, which has a common living room and kitchen facility, review the Pinehurst.com website and indicate such on your registration form.

New ASGA Policies Posted on Website

These new policies were recently posted on the website, effective March 1, 2011. We are required to notify each member via the national newsletter of any policy changes. Since our website's inception in 1996, all policies are located at SinglesGolf.com/policy:

- National Officer Ex-Officio Member of All Chapter - The currently serving national president of ASGA shall also be an ex-officio, non-voting member of all chapters. Dues are not owed nor shall they be paid.
- Receiving a local chapter's monthly newsletter is a stated benefit for the individual who pays to join ASGA. Effective with the May, 2011 newsletters, any chapter not submitting such monthly newsletter to the national office will forego its portion of the dues rebate for that month.

(Note: ASGA National cannot write your newsletter for you and chapters have an obligation through its bylaws, to generate a newsletter for their chapter each and every month. Newsletters are mandatory as this is our promise to each member. Newsletters are due to the national office 14 days prior to your monthly membership meeting. Please, let's keep newsletters an important element of our membership offering!)

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Reunion at Pinehurst!

Memorial Day Weekend — 2011

Thurs., May 26 — Sun., May 29, 2011 4-days, 3-nights + 2 rounds++

This is our largest event of the year. Nearly 250 attended this event in 2010! Choose to play two, three or four rounds of golf. You can stay 3 additional nights, before or after event, at special ASGA member-only prices. **Note to Chapters: \$20 rebate per member if 10% or more of your membership registers for full event.** Details at SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst



Register by April 29 and Receive 2 Free Drink Tickets!

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE
www.SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst RESORT WEBSITE: www.Pinehurst.com Hotel Phone: 800-487-4653

Check SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst for details, updates, etc.

Standard Package Includes (see "Check Appropriate Pkg" below for prices)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 3 nights lodging at Pinehurst Resort (see details below)
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party (heavy hors d'oeuvres; also 2 drink tickets if you reg by 4/29), 3 "lavish" breakfasts at the Carolina, 1 cookout and 1 sit-down dinner
- DJ dancing on 1st and 3rd nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. *Resort services include on-site transportation, bicycles, afternoon tea, practice putting, driving range and more.*

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights, which includes the buffet breakfast, are **\$169** for a single room and **\$99** /person if dbl. occ., regardless of inn you are staying in. Tax & resort service fees are included in these rates. (Roommate must stay or your must pay single occ. rate of \$169/night.) See Pinehurst.com for details on room types.

GOLF: You'll play Pinehurst No.'s. 1 & 6. Six is a Championship Course. Package play dates are Fri., May 27 & Sat., May 28. You choose to play your own ball both days or play scramble Day 1 and shamble Day 2. Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf at Pinehurst course and Day-of-Departure Golf (8:30-9am shotgun at Tobacco Road. (Last year, 72 players played Tobacco Road - an exciting course!)

PAYMENT: Full payment due by April 27th. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 04/27/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 4/27/11. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See website for official cancellation policy. A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation by 04/29/11, you must call us at above number.

NOTE: This is a MEMBERS ONLY event. Non-members must join ASGA to secure these rates. Call 704-889-4600 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join.

SPECIAL PKGS.: Non-Golf, Pinehurst Chapter members, see website or call us. *All rooms at the Pinehurst Resort are smoke-free!*

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

NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE CHAPTER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Handicap/Avg. Score _____

HOME PH () _____ WORK/CELL PH () _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE: (Resort has shuttles to transport you between hotels, courses, etc. Details at SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst)

- () **\$515.00** — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- () **\$547.00** — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- () **\$674.00** — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- () **\$737.00** — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- () **\$515.00** — STANDARD PACKAGE / 4-bedroom villa (sleeps 8). Must be part of a group of 8, all staying in same villa. Two per room.
- () **\$69.00** — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT PINEHURST Course (11am-ish tee time or shotgun if we have 48 players)
- () **\$79.00** — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT TOBACCO ROAD (8:30-9am shotgun) - Includes box lunch

INDICATE YOUR PLAY FORMAT HERE: () PLAY MY OWN BALL BOTH DAYS () SCRAMBLE DAY ONE + SHAMBLE* DAY TWO

My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you prefer. 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, please pair me with _____. (*Golf partner must play same format as you're playing!*)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$169 single / \$99 dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before or after) of add'l. nights: _____
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thurs., 11:00am approx. starting time (\$69 @ Pinehurst Resort)
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$79 @ Tobacco Road GC) (Includes box lunch)
 + \$ _____ Mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of first 2 days of golf. Mullies not avail. on opt. rounds.)
 + \$ _____ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space if you want twenty-five (25) 50/50 raffle tickets. (20 for \$20 @ event)
 \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC.")

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA or the Pinehurst Resort to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. **Card to be charged on or after May 9, 2011.**

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

CREDIT CARD USERS: FAX THIS FORM TO 704-889-4607
OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

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

* A shamble format calls for all team members to drive their own ball, then select best ball placement and play your own ball until holed out on each hole. A scramble is also known as a captain's choice.

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

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