

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

GET YOUR SWING READY (FOR GOLF AND DANCING)

FROM PRESIDENT PIERZ

Spring has sprung!?...or not. When there's a high temperature in Omaha of 73 degrees, and 12 inches of snow forecast for Minneapolis on the same day, we know SPRING is just around the corner. Meanwhile, ASGA Chicago members have opportunities to socialize and get together by attending the spring CASUAL ATTIRE dinner and dance. **Kevin Berg** made a great executive decision by spending the money allotted for decorations and centerpieces on GOLF COUPONS! I hope to see many of you there on April 2, even though it is three weeks earlier than last year's event.

Tim Dowling, golf coordinator extraordinaire, has been the busiest of us all confirming dates and contracts with Chicago-land Golf Courses. The annual meeting with Tim and his event coordinators is scheduled for April 14th in Des Plaines. Helping with an outing is the best way to become an active member and get to know others in this organization. So, if you haven't been part of coordinating a golf outing, send Tim an email note letting him know when and where you would be available to help out.

At our last board meeting we decided to

take National's advice by using MeetUp Group as a marketing and advertising tool. Check us out on MeetUp.com for social events. We will still be using our newly constructed website for scheduling and signing up for golf outings. **Tim Ryan**, will be posting events as soon and they are confirmed.

So, if I don't see you at the kick off dinner on April 2nd, or the golf coordinators' meeting on the 14th, or in New Mexico, April 27th...have a great greener fairway month of April. Our next board meeting follows the golf coordinators' meeting on the 14th. You're welcome to join us.

From the Golf Chair

Well, it is suppose to be in the 60's and I see that many of the courses are starting to come out of hibernation so lets get this season rolling. There will be a very important Golf Event Coordinators Meeting on April 14th at 7:00 pm to be held at Club Casa Café @ the Des Plaines Golf Center. Reservations are required so please let me know if you are coming. Check www.ASGAChicago.org for directions and more details. This is for anyone that wants to volunteer to run an

event this year. Come out and see how easy it is. As we continue to move towards a paperless organization it is important that everyone understands how to access and use the all the forms needed to run a successful outing. The forms are designed to make your job easier and help you in setting up and running your event as well as helping you get the correct forms to the correct people following your event. Take a minute to download them from the ASGA Chicago web site. Bring them along and see how easy it is to run an event.

CDGA Membership and Handicap Renewal.

Remember, it is time to renew your membership for 2011. All renewals must be done online through the www.CDGA.org web site. The cost is \$20 plus a \$2.50 internet processing fee. Most courses are charging over \$30 so it is a great deal. If you are signing up for the first time or transferring from another club to ASGA I can process your registration for just \$20. Please go to the ASGA web site and download the Handicap Registration form and mail it along with a check for \$20 to me. I will have you up and running in a few minutes.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **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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last minute changes
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CDGA Sunshine Through Golf Foundation is again sponsoring their "Members Days". Member Days are an opportunity for all CDGA Members (those that have joined or renewed for 2011) to play some of the Private courses in the Chicago area. The cost is \$100, which includes a donation to The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation, a box lunch, driving range and golf with a cart. If you are interested in playing, please let me know. I will keep a list of players and let you know who is also signing up so when you sign up you can request to play with another ASGA Member. You can sign up by going to the CDGA website (www.CDGA.org) and signing in to get to your home page. There is a complete list of courses and the dates that the signups begin.

And last but certainly not least, check the ASGA website regularly for new golf event postings. Our first outing at Springbrook in Naperville on May 7th is ready for your sign-up. Many of the events fill up within days of being posted. Don't be left out because you didn't "bookmark" www.asgachicago.org.

APRIL EVENTS: We're headed to Top-Golf in Wood Dale (699 West Thorndale Ave.) on Friday evening, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m. Top Golf is more than just a golf driving range – it is a revolutionary sports entertainment complex combining games with great food and an environment you can enjoy year-round with friends and family of all skill levels. TopGolf features computerized microchips in every golf ball that track your shots accuracy and distance while awarding points by hitting targets ranging from 20 - 250 yards away. Top-Golf offers three levels of entertainment: the Fore Seasons Bar & Grill – offering food and drink specials every night of the week, lounges with a multitude of flat screen TVs and an 18-hole miniature golf

course as well. <http://www.topgolfusa.com/Locations/US/Chicago/Default.aspx>

If you are attending, please contact **Karen Stika** at kstika@att.net or 630.915.1933.

THIS MONTH'S GOLF TIPS

How to Make Tough Breaking Putts a Breeze By Patrick Foley

Learning how to hit putts on tough breaks takes a high level of experience and confidence. Developing a constant putting stroke and solid feel is the most essential trait for hitting every putt. Also, there are a few drills that help to increase strength in reading putts and learning how to hit every type of breaking putt. With constant practice and putting control, these tough breaking putts will be a breeze.

First: Increase feel. It is extremely important to gain feel through constant practice with putting. An effective drill for practicing putting is to find a hole that is on an incline and then place eight balls around the hole to form a circle. This drill will let you hit putts from every different break. When you have an increased sense of feel, all putts will become easier.

Second: Focus on conditions. When playing a round, you should always practice putting on the greens before the round to get a feel for how the grain affects the putts, what type of grass is on the green and moisture levels. All of these areas are going to affect how fast the ball runs, as well as how much break there will be on the greens. Going out before the round and getting a feel for the greens will help you when making reads on upcoming putts during the round.

Third: Hit the putt. There are two areas after gaining proper feel that are extremely important to hitting breaking putts. First is to have a smooth stroke. Don't allow the putt to be jerky, because then there will be increased probability of mis-hits. With mis-hits on breaking putts, the outcome can be

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much worse than on a normal putt. Second is to commit to the line. Commit to where you are going to hit the ball. Even if you miss the putt, the ball will be in a better position than if you lift up. Committing to the putt will also keep your putting stroke consistent. Focus on these areas to always knock down breaking putts.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Janis Akerstrom - 04/20
Deborah Brice - 04/15
Enid Chesler - 05/12
Kim Denkwalter - 05/07
Paulette Dittrich - 05/13
Jeffrey Dolan - 05/07
Beverly Fisher - 05/06
Patrice Jordan - 04/04
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07
Jane Leary - 05/01
Judi Loria - 04/09
Ron McMahon - 04/11
Bob O'Donnell - 05/11
Gretchen Oie - 04/19
Polly Thompson - 05/11
Bob Wier - 05/10

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Mary Binkley - 04/30/2011
Linda Blatnik - 04/30/2011
Paulette Dittrich - 04/30/2011
Dawn Duquaine - 04/30/2011
Ann Engelmann - 04/30/2011
Patricia Estrada - 04/30/2011
Lee Fayette - 04/30/2011
Bill Forcade - 04/30/2011
Martell Gangler - 04/30/2011
Kay Gillespie - 04/30/2011
Eileen Graziano - 04/30/2011
Sharon Hensley - 04/30/2011
Cathy Hill - 04/30/2011
Madeleine Hohe - 04/30/2011
Stephen Kehr - 04/30/2011
Brian Krauss - 04/30/2011
Anita Lester - 04/30/2011
Margaret Muller - 04/30/2011
Becky Nicholson - 04/30/2011
Stella Nicolet - 04/30/2011
Janet Nigrelli - 04/30/2011
Mary O'Brien - 04/30/2011
Susan Ouchterloney - 04/30/2011
Lois Porebski - 04/30/2011
Robert Ptak - 04/30/2011
Walter Reczek - 04/30/2011
Judy Reinhardt - 04/30/2011

Lee Robertson - 04/30/2011
Amy Rybicki - 04/30/2011
Tammy Sorg - 04/30/2011
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2011
Paul Ullrich - 04/30/2011
Tom Ullsperger - 04/30/2011
Valerie Vizgirda - 04/30/2011
Peter Wisniewski - 04/30/2011

Welcome newest members:

Jim Voinovich - Joined 02/02/2011

These members recently renewed:

Kimberly Armatys
Lyn Dickinson
Robert Geeve
Paul Hervey
William Hsiung
Elaine Nissen
Margaret Quinn
Carol Reichart
Karen Renzi
Tim Ryan
Madelon Silgalis
Maggie Smith
Walter Thiel
Mary Ellen Tobin
Carl Wagner
Bob Wier

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Karen Johnson - 02/28/2011
Laurie Wessels - 02/28/2011

Our chapter currently has 206 members

Rules and More Rules

Stroke breaks golf ball into pieces

Q. Larry's golf ball broke into pieces when he hit it off the tee. I think Larry was proud of his "mighty swing" but I think the ball disintegration had more to do with the ball lying in the bottom of his bag for years than with the power of his swing. Anyway, here is the question. What is the correct procedure when a ball breaks apart because of a stroke?

- A. Play from position of largest remaining piece, without penalty.
- B. Play from position of largest remaining piece, one stroke penalty.
- C. Play from original position, without penalty.
- D. Play from original position, one-stroke penalty.

AND THE ANSWER IS.....

The answer is C. Rule 5-3 Ball unfit for play applies. If a ball breaks into pieces because of a stroke, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball, without penalty, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.



"I don't care if you do need practice hitting out of the sand. The cat needs her litter box!"

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — APRIL, 2011

Memorial Day Weekend at Pinehurst Registrations Coming In At Rapid Rate!

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



Details: SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst

- 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.

Hawaii Trip Was Fun, Relaxing

Our group had not been to Hawaii in a couple of years and it was time for us to go. Twenty-eight of us ventured to Maui-land for seven days of fun, fellowship and beautiful fairways. We played the Wailea courses located near the Fairmont Hotel. Generally, the weather cooperated and so did the seven men who accompanied the 21 women. (Hey, we had a man in each foursome, who can complain?)

Kay Reisz had a two-inch closest-to-pin. It was, without a doubt, the shot of the week. Members snorkeled, rode bikes down the side of the volcano, went whale hunting, oops, I'm sorry, whale watching, a authentic luau and did many other things to make their daze. As our wheels left the runway, the seven-foot tsunami hit the island. Everyone made it back home safely.

We'll head back to Hawaii, most likely in February, 2013, so start saving those beads!

Newsletters - - Did You Get Yours?

In the January and February issues of ASGA National, we indicated we were "going green." New members joining ASGA who have e-mail addresses on file with us will automatically receive their newsletter in electronic form (e-newsletter). You will get an e-mail with a link to your just-released newsletter from your chapter.

Existing members, up through March 31, 2011, will also receive the e-newsletter unless they opt for a printed version of the newsletter. The printed version contains a roster but shows up at your door 5-7 days later.

For more details on this policy, please visit SinglesGolf.com/newsletters.

Ever Been to Ireland?

We're looking at bringing a group to Ireland in the Summer of 2012. Have you been there? The internet is loaded with places to play and see, however, we want your take on what you think would work well for the group. Contact us and we'll be sure to investigate. We hope to have an announcement within the next couple of months.

Tom Alsop, President / Founder
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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!

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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!*

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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

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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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