

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

IT'S ALMOST MAY - TIME TO TEE-OFF

FROM PRESIDENT PIERZ

Rain, rain, go away! Come again another day! On the bright side, can you imagine how glorious those golf courses will look once the rain does stop? Our ASGA Golf Chair Extraordinaire, **Tim Dowling**, has been putting in long hours setting up a fantastic golf season. The golf coordinators' meeting in Des Plaines on April 14th gave us a good look at what's in store for you. Check out the website, and start signing up for outings. Thank you, Tim, for all your work. We will miss your efforts next year!

Following the coordinators' meeting, your dedicated board met. **Michael Daugherty** and others audited last year's account and I signed off on it. If you want to see where your money goes, the audit will be up on the website soon.

I have had several requests from charitable organizations looking for our time and support in some form. Personally, since I have retired, the small things I have done in the form of charity, have been some of my most rewarding moments. I admire the dedication and mission of the groups I have been involved in so far. Therefore, if you have a charitable organization that you are working with and need some help, let

us know. Your board agreed to give anyone who chooses to post ONE, and only one, opportunity/event in a weekly e-blast. Our ASGA policy does not allow us to support charitable organizations, even though it has been occasionally done in the past.

Another ambitious member wrote up and presented our board with a new position of Corporate Liaison. If any of you in our membership would like to take on this huge responsibility for our organization, please let me know at npierz@comcast.net. I will forward the information to you, and our board may consider this a new position.

The Tee-Off dinner was good fun for those of us who attended but I must admit to being disappointed at the low turnout. Your board agreed that we should survey our membership to understand your interest in non-golf get-togethers, in particular our biggest events of the year. Thank you to all the members who have responded to our Social Survey. It will give your board new direction in planning the off spring Tee-Off party, the summer Scramble, and the fall End of Season Celebration and Appreciation event. YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT! PLEASE RESPOND AND BE HEARD. However,

don't try to vote twice...I am taking names as I tally the votes.

That's all for now, as I have to start packing sometime for a wonderful golf trip to New Mexico (thank you Tom). Hopefully, we will bring back warmer temperatures. Don't forget to check out the national website for golf/travel opportunities with other ASGA chapters.

FROM THE GOLF CHAIR, TIM DOWLING

We are off and running. By the time you read this our first golf outing will be just 10 days away. The coordinators meeting was a great success and thirty-five coordinators (and potential coordinators) attended. Be sure to give them a big "Thank You" when you sign up for your next event. Remember, without them you would not have a place to play.

Please remember to check the web site daily. The course schedule and sign up information can change very quickly. Don't wait to sign up, you don't want to miss out on the great courses we are playing this year. There are lots of fun outings planned for May, including an opportunity to just mingle (if you can't play) after the May 14th outing at Mt. Prospect.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **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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Coordinators and Assistant coordinators are still needed. When you sign up, let the coordinator know you are willing to help. They will find a job for you. Most of the schedule is full but there are open dates in August and September so if you want to become a Coordinator and you have a course you would like to use let them know and we will work something out.

2011 ASGA Scramble

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 6 for this year's Scramble. We are going to Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. This year you can choose your foursome or a threesome and I will fill in with a fourth or a twosome and you will be paired with two more, or sign up as a single and be matched up. It is going to be a great event so watch for more information and plan on attending.

With the start of the golf season I will try to include a brief set of rules just to help everyone understand their role in playing golf. Have a great season.

Etiquette (Rule 33-7)

The overriding principle of Etiquette is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

The Spirit of the Game:

As golf is played without the supervision of an umpire or referee; the individuals participating are responsible for playing by the Rules. Regardless of how competitive a player may be, he should conduct himself in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.

Safety:

While golf may not be considered a "contact" sport; there are safety guidelines that must be followed. Before making a practice swing or a stroke, players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club. Depending on the lie, the swing or stroke may result in stones, pebbles, twigs, etc. to fly and others should be clear of this potential hazard. In addition to those in the group, players should also be mindful of those on the course, whether in a group ahead, or on a different hole. Don't be embarrassed to shout "fore" if there is a danger of hitting someone.

Consideration for Other Players:

Whether on the teeing ground, the putting green or in between, players should be careful to not disturb other players by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise. Additionally, the player can make the round more enjoyable for those in his group by simply positioning himself in an area that won't cause a distraction, for example, on the putting green, standing away from another player's line of putt to avoid casting a shadow over his line of putt. Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

Pace of Play and Priority on the Course:

It is important to play at a good pace at all times, even during a casual round not in competition. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front, not in front of the group behind. A group is encouraged to invite the group behind to play through if it falls a clear hole behind. There are many ways to improve pace of play without waiving or modifying the Rules of Golf, such as noting wind and yardage as others are playing, taking several clubs to the ball if riding in a cart, observing the line of putt while others are playing, and playing a provisional ball if the ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds. A group's pace of play determines its priority on the course. A faster group of 3 should have priority over a slower group of 2.

AND NOW A FEW WORDS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, DEB BRADEL

In April 2010, the Chicago Chapter had 231 members. Our current membership is 206, a decrease of more than 10 percent in one year! There are many ways you can help to increase our membership. Simply post a tear-off flyer with ASGA information in places you visit in your day to day routine i.e. the grocery store, your company bulletin board, your fitness club, etc. Carry a supply of ASGA business cards and give them to unmarried co-workers, single golfers you meet at the bar, the health club or on the golf course. If you would like flyers or business cards, please contact **Debbie Bradel** at debb159@aol.com. Let's bring our membership back up!

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Happy Birthday to these members:

Patrice Al-Saden - 05/23
Susan Barton - 06/04
John Bitner - 06/04
Kathi Brown - 05/18
Enid Chesler - 05/12
Dave Colbert - 05/21
Chris Coyne - 06/07
Paulette Dittrich - 05/13
Jeffrey Dolan - 05/07
Beverly Fisher - 05/06
Sharon Hillman - 06/10
Holly Humphreys - 05/31
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04
Helena Koivisto - 05/17
Tony Kopp - 05/19
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07
Jane Leary - 05/01
Stella Nicolet - 06/11
Bob O'Donnell - 05/11
Susan Ouchterloney - 05/31
Robin Rash - 05/29
Elaine Rodriguez - 05/23
Walter Thiel - 05/25
Polly Thompson - 05/11
Bob Wier - 05/10
Ted Zillmer - 05/31

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Susan Barton - 05/31/2011
Kathy Braun - 05/31/2011
Brian Carlin - 05/31/2011
Enid Chesler - 05/31/2011
Allen Chester - 05/31/2011
Stephanie Corredino - 05/31/2011
Catherine Duke - 05/31/2011
Dennis Esford - 05/31/2011
Mary Ann Figel - 05/31/2011
Lee Ann Hedeem - 05/31/2011
Nancy Hill - 05/31/2011
Irene Jones - 05/31/2011
Tony Kopp - 05/31/2011
Kathi Maraffino - 05/31/2011
Rebecca Marquardt - 05/31/2011
Carol Mayer - 05/31/2011
Mari Lou McCann - 05/31/2011
Loren Mercola - 05/31/2011
John Miller - 05/31/2011
Laurence Nelligan - 05/31/2011
Margaret Onken - 05/31/2011
Haseena Shaheed - 05/31/2011
Michael Shain - 05/31/2011
Donald Stading - 05/31/2011
Linda Teer - 05/31/2011
William Terpstra - 05/31/2011

Meridel Wesely - 05/31/2011
Jean White - 05/31/2011
Melissa Woolsey - 05/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Debra Brooks - Joined 03/31/2011
Charles Passarelli - Joined 04/25/2011

These members recently renewed:

Dawn Duquaine
Dee Giese
Kay Gillespie
Sharon Hillman
Mary Joy
Janet Nigrelli
Mary O'Brien
Susan Ouchterloney
Barbara Panek
Robert Ptak
Lee Robertson
Amy Rybicki
Paul Ullrich
Tom Ullsperger
Valerie Vizgirda

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kevin Berg - 03/31/2011
Lisa Bishoff - 03/31/2011
Brett Bradfield - 03/31/2011
Karen DeMars - 03/31/2011
Kim Denkwalter - 03/31/2011
Marcy Dub - 03/31/2011
Frank Filippi - 03/31/2011
Stanley Halcarz - 03/31/2011
Ruth Kubancek - 03/31/2011
Linda Lapriore - 03/31/2011
Jason Leonard - 03/31/2011
Jan Marx - 03/31/2011
Debra Mayer - 03/31/2011
John O'Connor - 03/31/2011
Cynthia Oliver - 03/31/2011
Flo Slisz - 03/31/2011

Our chapter currently has 192 members

Rules and More Rules

Q. Larry was in the tree line the separates holes #3 and #5. Larry was playing #3. A golfer from #5 had given up looking for his ball and played on with a new ball and a penalty. A minute later, Larry found both his ball and the ball belonging to the player on hole #5. Larry shouted out to the player on #5 that he had found his ball. The player shouted back to Larry to throw him the ball. The other golfer was about 100 yards away, out of throwing range, so Larry hit the ball to him with his pitching wedge. When Larry returned to his stroke play foursome, Scott said, I think that practice hit is going to cost you a stroke or two. Was Scott correct?
What is the correct ruling?

- A. Larry's good deed goes unpunished. Larry receives no penalty.
- B. Scott was correct, practice strokes during a round are prohibited. No good deed goes unpunished. Larry receives a one stroke penalty.
- C. Scott was correct, practice strokes during a round are prohibited. No good deed goes unpunished. Larry receives a two stroke penalty.

And the answer is....

The answer is A, Larry's good deed is not punished. Yes, Rule 7-2 details penalties for taking practice strokes on the course. However, in this situation, Larry was acting out of courtesy, there is no penalty. Decision 7-2/5.5 Player Finds Ball and Hits It to Player Who Lost It addresses this exact situation and the decision is, no penalty.

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 18 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — MAY, 2011

Memorial Day Weekend at Pinehurst Over 150 Registered So Far!

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.

Details: SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst



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.

Make Sure You're a Member Before Traveling!

It really should never have to be said, but sometimes we have to remind folks. In order to attend ANY multi-chapter event, you must be a member of ASGA. Multi-chapter events are special events and it's very important that you are a member before showing-up.

Who wants the embarrassment of being told to join on the spot or else?

Also, we occasionally need to remind folks that our official national policy on guests is that you can attend one (1) event as a guest, either a meeting or a golf outing, but to attend any other event, you must be a member of ASGA. We've had comments from members asking "why should I renew my dues if others don't have to pay?"

ASGA has four (4) employees and dues income is our primary source of revenue. No revenue - no organization. Thanks for helping to spread the word about the importance of dues.

To join or renew, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

Imagine Yourself in Ireland in 2012 - -

We're looking at bringing a group to Ireland in the Summer of 2012.



Have you been there? If you're interested, go to our website and put your name on the list with the other 100 people. Just go to our homepage (SinglesGolf.com) and click on the photo of Old Head Golf Course in Ireland.

- - Tom Alsop
President / Founder
GolfASGA@aol.com

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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