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# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

## THINK SUMMER AND SUN

### FROM PRESIDENT PIERZ

Even though our the calendar says late May as I write this, and our golf season kicked off three weeks ago, Mother Nature does NOT seem to want to cooperate with us. One weekend was a total wash, but the outing at Odyssey was played and everyone finished with only a few sprinkles. Thank you, Don Stoub and Lisa Pisavento (former members) for hosting the after party at your beautiful new home in Palos Heights. Regardless of the pre-planning our coordinators accomplish, weather will always be a factor. So, sign up early and often to make 2011 your best season yet.

Your ASGA board met on May 18 at Carriage Greens in Darien. After approving the secretary's and treasurer's reports, topics discussed were this summer's Scramble at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. While planning the Scramble, the board took into consideration your concerns and complaints about last year's event. **Karen Stika** and **Tim Dowling** have been working hard with the staff at Gleneagles to put together a most enjoyable Scramble for this summer. Refer to Ken's weekly "News Blasts", and Tim Ryan's website for details. Make sure you

sign up early...you won't be disappointed!

Thank you to the 35 members who took the time to complete our Social Survey. Results are regarding the Tee-Off and End of Season celebrations are:

- Over 90% agreed that we need a new venue other than the Diplomat West.
- Dinner choices should either be buffet style or heavy appetizers.
- 85% felt that a cash bar is the best way to go.
- Over 50% agreed that we need music of some sort for those who choose to dance or just for background atmosphere!

Reasons for low attendance at monthly social gatherings, other than golf outings, were as varied and random as the distance your board members live from one another. So, for the summer months, **Karen Stika** will organize a "mingling" opportunity on a Saturday with a golf outing. Please watch the weekly e-blasts for these social events. If you cannot make an outing, you are most welcome to come and socialize or mingle with ASGA members over drinks and dinner.

A major concern our board is facing is the replacement of Tim Dowling, our golf chairman. If you are so inclined to serve the Chicago ASGA Chapter, please, email me at: [npierz@comcast.net](mailto:npierz@comcast.net). Tim would be most willing to work with you during this golf season to make it an easy transition for 2012.

Have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. I am off to Pinehurst with a few other Chicagoans and 200 other national members for this event. May your drives be straight, and your tee shots long!

### FROM THE GOLF CHAIR, TIM DOWLING

The season is already a month old. Where did the spring go? Don't delay in signing up because most events in June are already filling up. When signing up for events remember that the cut off date is eight days before the event. That number signed up by the cutoff date is guaranteed to the golf course so if you cancel or become a "no show" you will still be responsible for the fee unless someone on the "wait list" takes your spot.

Again this year we plan on scheduling weekday events. If you have a suggestion where you would like to play and you want

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events))

- Palm Beach County's July 4th Weekend Event - July 2-3, 2011. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/July4th](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/July4th)
- Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend - August 26-28, 2011. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend)
- Labor Day Weekend Event 2011 - September 1-4, 2011. Location TBA - stay tuned!

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](http://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](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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to coordinate the event, let me know and we will get it all set up.

The August 6th Scramble is going to be "THE EVENT OF THE YEAR". Don't miss out on the fun, the food and the gathering of your closest 100 friends. The event is limited to the first 100 paid members (this is a member's only event). The event is designed as a member appreciation golfing event. The dinner after the Scramble is at no cost to you this year! Details are set out below. You can also check out the website and watch for more details in July weekly e-blasts.

Also : Help Wanted: 2012 ASGA Chicago Golf Chairperson.

Position Requirements: Must have played a few rounds of golf and have fallen in love with the game. This person must want to share his or her love of golf with everyone in ASGA Chicago. Other helpful experiences include liking to work with jigsaw puzzles, talking to people about something you love, and receiving the love and respect from the rest of the Chicago ASGA chapter.

There is a tremendous support group already in place. Hundreds of volunteers ready to help you. The time commitment is a few hours a week in the spring and then two hours a week throughout the summer. All inquiries should be directed to:

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## 2011 ASGA SCRAMBLE AND MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER

Gleneagles Country Club

13070 McCarthy Road

Lemont, IL 60439

Total Cost: \$60 per person (this is a members only event - no guests). Pay for golf and dinner is free!

11:00 Registration

12:00 Announcements

12:15 Shotgun Start

5:30 Social

6:30 Dinner and prizes

Sign-up for the 2011 ASGA Scramble is limited to the first 100 members to register and pay.

Members have four options:

- ◆ You can create your own foursome

(foursomes must be made up of two women and two men).

- ◆ You can create your own threesome (either two women and one man or two men and one woman).
- ◆ You can create your own twosome (one man and one woman, two men or two women).
- ◆ You can sign up as a single.

The coordinator will create foursomes from threesomes, twosomes and single sign-ups.

Register by emailing **Tim Dowling** at [timdowling00@gmail.com](mailto:timdowling00@gmail.com) with your name and the names of players in your group. Group registration will not be finalized until Tim hears from and responds to each person individually.

This is a pre-pay event. All payments of coupons and checks should be made out to ASGA and must be received by Tim Dowling by July 26, 2011. Mail your payment to Tim at: P.O. Box 7488, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-7488.

This year we will be playing a "Step a Side" scramble. What's that? The basic rules are:

All players tee off on each hole. Your team will choose which drive to use. The player whose drive is chosen will continue to play their own ball into the hole. The three remaining players will play a "regular" scramble from the position of the chosen drive. At the end of the hole the team will have two scores. Record the total of both scores for your team score for the hole. Each team member's drive must be used four times during the round.

When all teams have returned their scorecard to the Event Coordinator, six holes will be chosen at random to calculate the Team Handicap (also known as a blind bogey format). The winning team will be the one with the lowest Low Net Score. In the case of a tie, cards will be matched going backward from the 18th hole. Prizes will be awarded to the Top 5 Teams.

1st place: \$25 coupons each

2nd place: \$20 coupons each

3rd place: \$15 coupons each

4th place: \$10 coupons each

5th place: \$5 coupons each

After the golf dinner will be served in the South Room at Gleneagles. On the menu: tossed seasonal salad; sliced tender beef

au jus; barbeque seasoned baked chicken; pasta primavera; potato wedges; bread/butter and assorted pastries. This year we'll be having a cash bar. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$4.50 for beer, \$4.50 for wine and \$4.75 to \$6.25 mixed drinks. (Coffee, tea and water are included with dinner.)

FAQs:

(1) Can I come for dinner only and pay less than \$60?

No, this year the Board's goal is to have a fun day of scramble golf and dinner at a reasonable price so dinner is on us (*that's the appreciation part of the day*).

(2) Will there be a DJ & Dancing?

No, so there's no need to shower and change after golf. Although music will be playing so if your feet want to dance, we won't stop you.

(3) Will I be walking in the dark to the restrooms?

No, unless you wander outside for some reason!

## FROM SOCIAL CO-CHAIR, KAREN STIKA

We're organizing a couple of non-golf events for July.

◆ Sunday, July 3rd, Taste of Oakbrook  
7:00 pm/Fireworks at 9:30 pm

[http://www.oak-brook.org/  
documents/2011\\_TASTE\\_OF  
OAK\\_BROOK.pdf](http://www.oak-brook.org/documents/2011_TASTE_OF_OAK_BROOK.pdf).

If interested, contact Karen Stika:  
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◆ Friday, July 22nd, Arlington Park Raceway, 3:00 pm Post Time. Arlington Park is the place to be Fridays -- sneak out of the office early, crank it up with the best local bands (Hey Jimmy Band), and kick back while playing the ponies. July 22 is also Blackhawks Legends Day. This is your chance to get an autograph and a picture with a Chicago Blackhawks Legend. There will be prizes for fans wearing Blackhawks gear, and entertainment provided by the Hawks Street Team. \$8.00 General Admission. If interested, contact Karen Stika:

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## May Events:

Well, it was a typical Chicago May, mixed with some sun but mostly rainy golf days. How did we manage to play? Springbrook was hosted on May 7th and tee-off our season. A big "thank you" to **Fred McEwen** for hosting such a fun event which included a bit of sun and wind. Amazingly this first event was not rained out, which permitted the following players to win prizes: **Ray Kalal** (it's been a while, Ray!), **Jane Leary**, **David Halper**, **Dee Giese (2)**, **Marty Gangler**, **Stephanie Corredino**, **Patsy Albrechet**, **Michael Daugherty** and **Tim Ryan**. **Kerry Malm** (assistant coordinator) should have won a prize for managing to hit **Bill Forcade** (assistant coordinator) on the backside with a shot that ricocheted off of a golf cart (Bill claims it was the highlight of his day). A big thank-you from Fred to Kerry and Bill for their help and high drama! The fun continued with great drinks and food at Quigley's Irish Pub in Naperville.

Mt. Prospect on May 14th and Orchard Valley on May 15th were cancelled due to inclement weather, although a group of hearty golfers managed to play 9-holes at Mt. Prospect and some really brave golfers finished all 18 even though the thermometer didn't get above 50 degrees. This event will be rescheduled for October.

The rained stayed away as 36 golfers enjoyed a fun day at Odyssey on May 21st. **Nancy Pierz** somehow managed to lay claim to 3 of the prizes awarded (hey, Nancy, pass them around, even if you are THAT good/lucky). Other prizes were won by Bill Forcade, Tony Kopp, Steve Mueller, and Gayle Koch. Odyssey provided two gift certificates for free golf rounds which were given out as well. Tony Kopp organized not only a great outing but somehow convinced one of his bowling partners to host a gathering at her home filled with pizza, sundaes and great fun. A special thank you to former members Lisa Pesavento and Don Stoub for welcoming ASGA into their lovely home.

May 22nd at Glenview Park District Golf Club brought a test of perseverance to the golfers who managed to stay dry. Two rain delays (plus lots of lightening) discouraged about half of the players

who opted for a rain check. The rest of us drank beer and headed back out to finish all 18 - talk about a 6 hour round! We closed the clubhouse after prize awards (sorry, no report out on who won) and dinner. Thanks, **Kim Armatys**, for hanging in there with us - it turned into a fun day, even in the rain.

Seven Bridges, on May 28th, provided it's usual water challenges. In addition to many lost golf balls, the sky opened up as we approached finishing 9 holes and didn't close back up. After awarding prizes for the first nine holes (sorry, no report out), we headed up the street to the indoor clubhouse at River Bend and drank away the blues. At least we didn't lose any more golf balls. Thanks, **Jeanne Schneeberger**, for a fun afternoon, even if we didn't get to finish. Rain checks will be used by all for this extremely nice and challenging golf course.

Hilldale, on May 29th, was canceled and will be rescheduled in October. Maybe the rain will be gone by then.

## Coming Golf Events:

Please check-out our website for upcoming events. We have a full summer of fun planned. It's not too late to sign up for the June events, but don't put this off as each event has a cut-off date.

## Multi-Chapter Event:

Join the ASGA Jacksonville chapter at the ultimate golf vacation spot at the World Golf Village on August 26-28, 2011 for the Jacksonville multi chapter weekend.

Double Occupancy: \$399

Single Occupancy: \$499

Rate includes: 2 nights deluxe accommodations, 18 holes golf for 2 days, cart & range balls, daily buffet breakfast, Friday night Welcome dinner, Saturday night awards dinner and dancing, Sunday farewell lunch. Optional Friday golf for \$65 includes greens fees and cart.

Final payment due July 15 (they will hold the check if you wish).

Contact **Dorothy Nicholson** for more information at [darn@bellsouth.net](mailto:darn@bellsouth.net) or 904-349-4144

Click on link below for more pricing and other information:  
[http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com/  
PDF/2011WGVRegistration.pdf](http://www.jacksonvillesinglesgolf.com/PDF/2011WGVRegistration.pdf)

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Kimberly Armatys - 07/05  
Susan Barton - 06/04  
John Bitner - 06/04  
Jim Coates - 07/10  
Chris Coyne - 06/07  
Marie Di Virgilio - 06/24  
Sharon Hillman - 06/10  
Madeleine Hohe - 06/23  
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04  
Susan Keating - 07/09  
Carolann Klapper - 07/13  
Mari Lou McCann - 07/04  
Greg Mieczynski - 07/02  
Yvette Mulryan - 06/01  
Barbara Panek - 06/27  
Susan Reynolds - 06/26  
Nancy Sells - 07/14  
Marie Trankina - 06/18  
Barb Youngs - 07/06

### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*

Patsy Albrecht - 06/30/2011  
Bob Almada - 06/30/2011  
Larry Arnold - 06/30/2011  
Tom Cech - 06/30/2011  
Jim Coates - 06/30/2011  
Dave Colbert - 06/30/2011  
Chris Coyne - 06/30/2011  
Jeffrey Dolan - 06/30/2011  
Linda Googins - 06/30/2011  
Barbara Higgs - 06/30/2011  
Holly Humphreys - 06/30/2011  
David Hurley - 06/30/2011  
Ken Kingsbury - 06/30/2011  
Gayle Kolb - 06/30/2011  
Barbara Kulp - 06/30/2011  
Jane Leary - 06/30/2011  
Judi Loria - 06/30/2011  
Fred McEwen - 06/30/2011  
Stephen Mueller - 06/30/2011  
Mary Lou Newbold - 06/30/2011  
Nancy Pierz - 06/30/2011  
Lucy Polk - 06/30/2011  
James Poplette - 06/30/2011  
Elaine Rodriguez - 06/30/2011  
Arthur Rubalcaba - 06/30/2011  
Paul Sapata - 06/30/2011  
Jeanne Schneeberger - 06/30/2011  
Peggy Sodini - 06/30/2011

### Welcome newest members:

Kathy Fox - Joined 05/03/2011  
David Halper - Joined 05/10/2011  
Daniel Noel - Joined 05/09/2011

Charles Passarelli - Joined 04/25/2011  
Monte Van Kooten - Joined 04/28/2011

### These members recently renewed:

Susan Barton  
Kevin Berg  
Stephanie Corredino  
Paulette Dittrich  
Ann Engelmann  
Bill Forcade  
Martell Gangler  
Eileen Graziano  
Lee Ann Hedeem  
Cathy Hill  
Irene Jones  
Brian Krauss  
Penny Link  
Mari Lou McCann  
Loren Mercola  
Greg Mieczynski  
John Miller  
Yvette Mulryan  
Becky Nicholson  
Lois Porebski  
Jay Thompson  
Meridel Wesely  
Jean White  
Peter Wisniewski

### These members did not renew their dues:

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Patricia Estrada - 04/30/2011  
Lee Fayette - 04/30/2011  
Stephen Kehr - 04/30/2011  
Anita Lester - 04/30/2011  
Margaret Muller - 04/30/2011  
Stella Nicolet - 04/30/2011  
Walter Reczek - 04/30/2011  
Judy Reinhardt - 04/30/2011  
Tammy Sorg - 04/30/2011

**Our chapter currently has 190 members.**

### Rules and More Rules

#### Relief for ball lying on bridge.

Q. Larry often makes great use of cart path rolls to gain hitting length. The other day his ball once again enjoyed a golf cart roll and rolled past the midway point on a wooden bridge over a deep hollow before coming to rest. Larry correctly assessed that his ball was lying on an obstruction. He then started debating on if he should drop take his "free drop" on

the ground on the near or far side of the bridge. He said he wasn't sure if he should drop the ball on the near side of the bridge so that his drop was not closer to the pin than the place of rest or if he should drop the ball on the far side of the bridge since the ball was past the midway point of the bridge.

What is the correct course of action?

- A. Larry should drop the ball within one club length of the near side of the bridge, he can not drop in a position that advances his ball toward the hole.
- B. Larry should drop the ball within one club length on the far side of the bridge as he is past the halfway point on the bridge.
- C. Larry is wrong on both choices. If he chooses to take a "free drop," he must drop the ball in the hollow beneath the bridge within one club length of the point on the ground directly under the spot on the bridge where the ball came to rest.

And the answer is...

The answer is C. Rule 24, which deals with Obstructions, applies. If Larry chooses a "free drop: he must drop the ball in the hollow beneath the bridge within one club length of the point on the ground directly under the spot on the bridge where the ball came to rest. This exact situation is the basis for decision 24-2b/11.

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# ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JUNE, 2011

## Multi-Chapter Weekends

*Not part of your routine? Well, change that now!*

### Meet More Singles at Multi-Chapter Events

If you think your membership in ASGA is all about playing "local golf," then you're missing out. When we were all young, we said "when I get older, I'd love to travel." Got clubs, will travel? Is that you? ASGA gives you the most perfect travel opportunities.

ASGA, through its member chapters, offer other events which allow you to meet singles from other chapters. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these **Multi-Chapter Events**.

There's nothing like meeting up with a bunch of other singles for a weekend of golf. Each package is basically the same but there are differences, so we suggest you visit the website for the event. You'll probably make a few friends, for life.

And, if you're chapter's interested in hosting one of these events, prepared to put a lot of work into it. But the reward of having singles play in your city and play your favorite courses is a life experience in itself. Contact ASGA to clear the date and then get your Board of Directors to give local approval. Then, start putting it together!

The website for all events is really, really simple:

[www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)

Here are our multi-chapter events for the rest of the year:

- Palm Beach County's **July 4th Weekend Event** - July 2-3, 2011. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/July4th](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/July4th)
- Jacksonville's **World Golf Village Weekend** - August 26-28, 2011. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend)
- **Labor Day Weekend Event 2011**—September 1-4, 2011. Details announced very soon!
- The **Big New Year's Golf Event** Somewhere South - We will again head to a warm spot down South to celebrate New Years. Details will be posted in August. Save the dates: December 29, 2009 - January 1, 2010.
- **Golf Cruise**—Details TBA. Dates: Late February or early March, 2012.
- **ASGA in Ireland**—Summer, 2012. Watch for details.

### You Can Update Your Listing on Your Roster

People still call us wanting us to change the phone number, or handicap or address in the database (roster). For about a year now, you've had the ability to update your information on the roster yourself. This updates the national database.

Got an address or phone change? Want to add your cell number, change your handicap? Go to the **MY ACCOUNT** button at our website, [SinglesGolf.com](http://SinglesGolf.com) and log-in.

Forgot your log-in? It's real easy; just follow the simple instructions and we'll send to you your log-in information.

### Ya Gotta Be a Member to Attend!

Multi-Chapter Events are great weekend trips to go to and we certainly appreciate chapters hosting these, however, please be clear about one thing. We have a guest policy that allows guests to attend one (1) event at your chapter level, but anything beyond that requires a membership in ASGA. We don't allow "permanent guests" to attend on a regular basis. We ask that chapters enforce this policy. It's not fair for some to pay dues and other not.

And even though a registration form for a Multi-Chapter Event may say otherwise, you DO have to be a member in order to attend any Multi-Chapter Event. Please don't risk bad information and being turned away from the event because you are not an ASGA member. Not sure if you are a member? Simply go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/RUAMember](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/RUAMember) and key-in your name. It'll tell you.

To join ASGA, call us at 1-888-GOLFMATE or go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

### A Mid-Year Report

As we reach the middle of our calendar year, we look behind and we look forward. For chapter presidents, your job is halfway done at the end of June! For most members, it's simply time for more golf.

We value our membership in ASGA. We're all single and we all share the same common interests: meet new people, play more golf. We're not an online service or a dating club by any means. We have our own uniqueness that seems to work for most of us.

Many members have said they're not interested in meeting anyone, they just want to play more golf. But as the saying goes, we all have the word "SINGLE" on our foreheads. When you show up for a meeting, people know you're single. If you don't show-up for your membership meeting, think of your potential loss. Just about every member who's become "attached" with another member didn't expect it to happen that way, or right away. But unless you show-up in life, life won't show-up for you.

In spite of the economy, we've grown this past year primarily because you, our member, have taken a little time to spread the word about our organization. Our display stands have been a big reason for our growth, but they don't do us any good sitting in a closet. You have to request one and if you do, we're happy to ship one to you. So let us know simply by calling or e-mailing us.

In October of each year, each chapter elects a new president for the term beginning January 1. So be thinking about who might best fill that position down the road.

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