

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

IT'S TOO DARNED HOT - BUT NOT FOR GOLF!

A Few Words From President Pierz:

I hope all of you are enjoying a great golf season, and have taken advantage of the golfing opportunities that ASGA Chicago has organized for you so far this year. Even though we can't seem to get any control on the weather, the month of July gave us many good opportunities to get out there and enjoy the game. Once the skies stopped pouring down, most ASGA members endured the wet fairways or cart path only rule, and became official members of our RAIN or SHINE CLUB!

A big thank you to **Tom Ullsperger** and **Captains Chris and Jay** for all their extra time putting together the Chicago Ryder Cup Challenge. The format provided an opportunity of real teamwork. Congratulations to TEAM COYNE CRUSHERS! It must have been those mango colored shirts you wore that second day to pull you along!

Speaking of golf shirts, I have an inventory of about thirty white, blue, and mango colored shirts in various sizes leftover from the Challenge. The retail tag on the shirt is \$60.00. If you would like to own one of



these quality shirts, please email me at: npierz@comcast.net. You can own one for 50% off the retail price. I will be glad to forward the inventory of shirts to you. They will also be available for purchase at the Scramble. OH YES...THE SCRAMBLE!

The August 5th event is full! 88 of us are looking forward to "THE MOST FUN" a foursome a team can have on a golf course this season. I am sure many of you are anxiously waiting for our Coordinator, **Tim Dowling**, to send out the list of foursomes! I hope to see all 87 of you there! Thank you, **Tim** and **Karen**, for planning and organizing this event. Even though, this is a prepay event, please check in with the coordinators and your team BEFORE you go to the driving range! With 88 of us getting into their carts and a shotgun start, we won't have the extra time to track you down.

OBTW...this is going to be Tim Dowling's last year as our Golf Coordinator. Please consider taking over this fulfilling position for next year, 2012! If you have any further questions as to how much FUN it is to be a board member... please feel free to email or call any of us with your questions! Get out there, and hit them STRAIGHT! Especially, if you

are hitting the team's "SPONGE BOB BALL" (see Water's Edge, below)! IF you can't hit them straight, at least have fun!

News from Golf Chair, Tim Dowling:

As the season continues to move much too quickly, it is time to start planning for the 2011 Club Championship. This year the event will be held at Orchard Valley GC in Aurora on September 17 & 18. There is room for 40 players. Competitors have first "dibs" on spots. Non-competitors may sign up and will be notified of their tee time September 10. There will be two flights for men and two flights for women. The flights will be grouped with handicaps as close as possible. If anyone wants to compete in the "A" flight even though your handicap would put you in the "B" flight let me know. There is a Gross Score Champion and a Net Score Champion in each flight. Remember to post your scores and have your handicap up to date.

A special thanks goes out to **Jeanne Schneeberger** who was able to arrange for a rain check for those that played at Seven Bridges. Everyone should have received an email with the rain check by now. If you have not gotten it please con-

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend - August 26-28, 2011. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend
- Labor Day Weekend Event 2011 - September 1-4, 2011. Kingsport, TN. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay
- Sacramento Chapter's High Sierra Holiday, Reno, NV- September 9-11, 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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tact the New Director of Golf, Autumn Gillian, at autumnngilliam@sevenbridges.com or call her at 630-964-7777 x 236. The rain check expires 6/2/2012.

His First Hole-in-One:

A big congratulations to **Paul Ullrich** who enjoyed his first hole-in-one while competing in the Ryder Cup at George Dunn. Both teams also enjoyed the round of drinks that Paul bought at Hackney's afterwards! Well done, Paul!

Golf and 90 Degrees+ (We're Talking Crazy Weather):

It was a month of some of the hottest, wettest weather we've seen in Chicago in one month in years. But did that stop us from playing golf every weekend - heck no!

Cog Hill, July 2nd:

Bill Forcade ordered some of the most energy sapping weather of the season and yet 43 players managed their way around Cog Hill and had a blast (appropriate for July 4th). Closest to the pin awards were made to **Jeanne Schneeberger, Kathy Powell, Tim Dowling and Bill Forcade**. Farthest from the pin was accomplished by **Kurt Kupitz, Tony Kopp, Donna Wiggins and Anna Hudek**. Guest (and now member) **Kyle White** won longest putt. Many thanks to **Nancy Pierz, Melanie Jones and Tim Dowling** for keeping Bill in line. What a fun way to kick off the 4th of July weekend.

Harborside International, July 3rd:

What a beautiful course for vistas of downtown Chicago and the shoreline! **Tony Kopp**, with assistance from **Paul Gentile**, arranged for a great afternoon for 15 players. With perfect weather (for a change) prizes were awarded to **Mary Lou Newbold and Paul Gentile** for closest to the pin, and **Doug McFarlane** for longest putt. One of these days we'll get a large group out to enjoy one of Chicago's premiere golf courses.

Tanna Farms, July 9th:

Bob Geeve says he doesn't remember much about the day except that we all had fun. Good thing **Debora Braun** assisted the 44 players with check-in and prize

awards.! Under blazing hot skies, 44 players laughed their way around this challenging golf course. Lots of lost golf balls and even a few folks walked the entire course (I bet they found a lot of those lost golf balls). Loads of prizes were awarded: Closest to the pin went to: **Marilou McCann, Susan Ouchterloney, Scott Wilson and Paul Gentile**. **Debora Braun** and **Tim Dowling** won closest to the pin on 2nd shot on a tough par 4. **Marie DiVirgilio and John Edmundson** boomed their drives to take longest drives. And **Joanne Jacobs and Jim Mulbrandon** sunk some long putts to take those prizes. Thanks for a really fun day, Bob.

Thunderhawk, July 10th:

As a final practice before the Ryder Cup, 39 players headed to Beach Park to enjoy a day at Thunderhawk. Hosted with the mostest, **Mary Lou Newbold**, kept the sunshine beating down with the assistance of **Jane Leary, Paul Gentile, Jay Thompson and Art Garwin**. Prizes were awarded to **Jen Connelly, Marie DiVirgilio, Jay Thompson and Tim Dowling** (closest to pin), **Susan Ouchterloney and Jay Thompson** (longest drive), and **Chris Coyne and Art Garwin** (longest putt). Team names and team match-ups were announced for the following weekend's Ryder Cup by team captains, Chris Coyne and Jay Thompson. To say that there were lots of predictions is an understatement. Thanks, Mary Lou, for coordinating not only a fun day but for providing a forum for lots of good-natured, competitive ribbing.

The Ryder Cup at George Dunn, July 16th and 17th:

What a competition! Talk about the duel in the sun! 40 fearsome competitors battle over 2 days at the challenging George Dunn Forest Preserve Golf Course in Oak Forest. **Tom Ullsperger** once again created a terrific Ryder Cup format over two days of fun and well fought golf. The two teams were led by **Chris Coyne** (Coyne's Crushers) and **Jay Thompson** (Coyne Tossers). With lots of good-natured competition, the group enjoyed the spirit of the team challenge, along with a crazy evening at Hackney's (it was so loud that you couldn't even hear the person across the table from you!). The highlight of day one

was **Paul Ullrich's** first ever hole-in-one, followed by a round of drinks at Hackney's. Day two found the competition won by Coyne Tossers, 27-23. Congratulations to all who participated in the competition. To all ASGA members who have not participated in a Ryder Cup at George Dunn, you are missing such a great golf event. Talk to any participant and you'll find out that it's probably the most fun you can have with ASGA. Many thanks to Tom, Chris, Jay and their many assistants for keeping the energy level high and the many hours of planning.

Ravisloe, July 23rd:

After an early morning which brought the most rain to Chicago in a 24-hour period, **Marilou McCann** somehow managed to keep Ravisloe playable for 39 golfers. Prizes were awarded to **Chris Coyne, Mary Lou Newbold, Dan Noel, and Kyle White** (closest to the pin), **Tim Dowling** (longest drive), **Becky Marquardt** (straightest drive), and **Dan Noel and Becky Marquardt** (longest putt). All awards were made at Aurelio's (after a few drinks at a local pub by a couple of four-somes who managed to play in under 4 hours!). Many thanks to **Madelon Silgalis** who assisted Marilou in keeping everything straight (except Dan Noel's new name, David Noel).

Watersedge, July 24th:

When was the last time you played with a Spongebob Squarepants golf ball? If you weren't one of 18 players who made it to **Sue Barton's** fun outing, maybe never. Those who played this modified "pink lady" had a great time trying to keep Spongebob in play. One team did: **Ann Engleman, Marie DiVirgilio and Tim Dowling** somehow managed to bring him home to the clubhouse. Neither rain nor heat kept this team from victory. Prizes were also awarded to: **Karen Stika and Michael Daugherty** (closest to the pin), **Patrice Al-Saden and Bob Almada** (longest drive), and **Jean White** (longest putt). Rumor has it that Patrice actually blew her drive past Bob's! Well done. Many thanks to Sue and her assistant, **Nancy Hill**, for a really exciting day.

Arlington Park - An Afternoon off from Golf:

Friday afternoon July 22, we left our golf clubs at home and met at Arlington Race Track. With the Daily Racing Guide to help us pick our horses, we each threw in \$2 and made group bets which included daily doubles, boxing horses & quinellas. We had high hopes for our first daily double picks, Nagy's Piggy Bank and Izza Diamond.

Bottom-line we're much better at reading fast greens than picking fast horses! As a group we had no wins, however Tom, Wayne and Paul did have a few (emphasis on the word few) solo wins. Thanks to all that came out: **Tom Ullsperger, Jane Leary, Michael Daugherty, Paul Moss, Wayne Thompson, Tim Ryan, Stephanie Corredino & Susan Schmidt**. **Karen Stika** did her usual great job by organizing such a fun afternoon - too bad she couldn't fix the races.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Patsy Albrecht - 08/26
Karen Bulanda - 08/03
Marie Bush - 08/28
Mike Colligan - 09/04
Stephanie Corredino - 08/17
Dawn Duquaine - 08/21
Ann Engelmann - 08/23
Carol Francis - 08/27
Paul Gentile - 08/17
Eileen Graziano - 08/14
David Halper - 09/06
Lee Ann Hedeem - 09/02
Ken Kingsbury - 08/15
Mary Lou Newbold - 09/11
Becky Nicholson - 09/08
Robert Ptak - 08/29
Margaret Quinn - 08/21
Arthur Rubalcaba - 09/14
Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
Maggie Smith - 08/22
Catherine Tomasik - 08/21
Joe Torcivia - 09/15
Valerie Vizgirda - 08/15
John Weitzner - 09/06

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Reeny Caveney - 08/31/2011
Kamal Dagher - 08/31/2011
Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2011

Donna Ellis - 08/31/2011
Susan Herman - 08/31/2011
Joanne Jacobs - 08/31/2011
Polly Thompson - 08/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Karen Bulanda - Joined 07/15/2011
Elizabeth Cummings - Joined 07/15/2011
Kathy Fox - Joined 06/15/2011
Michael Hoepfner - Joined 06/20/2011
Greg Kujawinski - Joined 07/15/2011
James Licata - Joined 06/21/2011
Lisa McGuirt - Joined 07/15/2011
Tom Metzger - Joined 06/16/2011
Jim Mulbrandon - Joined 06/06/2011
Martha Staky - Joined 06/20/2011
Denyse Vos - Joined 07/15/2011
Kyle White - Joined 07/05/2011
Stephanie Whitman - Joined 06/15/2011

These members recently renewed:

Patrice Al-Saden
Patsy Albrecht
Bob Almada
Debora Braun
Marie Bush
Tom Cech
Christine Coyne
Kate Dudley
JoAnn Graske
Ken Kingsbury
Fred McEwen
Stephen Mueller
Joe O'Malley
Arthur Rubalcaba
Jeanne Schneeberger
Donald Stading
Alice Zyks

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Jim Coates - 06/30/2011
Linda Googins - 06/30/2011
Barbara Higgs - 06/30/2011
David Hurley - 06/30/2011
Barbara Kulp - 06/30/2011
James Poppette - 06/30/2011
Elaine Rodriguez - 06/30/2011
Paul Sapata - 06/30/2011

Our chapter currently has 185 members.

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

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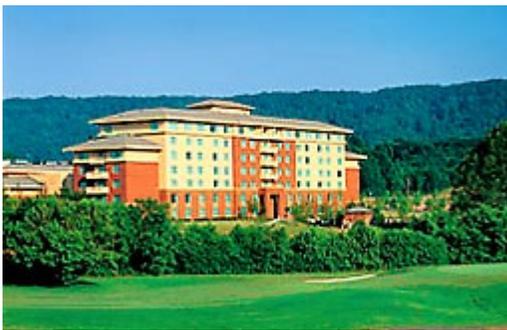
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Labor Day at Marriott / Kingsport, TN!

Return to the Meadowview Resort

Event Date: Thursday, Sept. 1-Sunday, Sept. 4

It's been several years since we held our Labor Day weekend event in Kingsport, TN. Kingsport is geographically located in a



part of our country where many members can drive-in from all directions. As a consequence, we're looking for a good-sized crowd of over 100-125 people. With gas prices

the cheapest they've been in several months, it's time to get with a friend or two and load-up the van.

The Marriott Meadowview works perfectly for our group. We'll play Graysburg Hills GC and Crockett's Ridge GC. The standard package price is \$379 and includes three nights' stay (you'll have a roommate), two rounds of golf, welcoming cocktail party, cookout at Graysburg Hills after the round, two full buffet (hot) breakfasts and a final night dinner at the Marriott. We'll also have a deejay for the first and final nights.

If you want to play some additional golf, you can sign-up for day-of-arrival (11am, Sept. 1) golf at the Cattails course at the resort, or the same course for day-of-departure (9am, Sept. 4) for only \$30. It's a great rate, however, we've been told the greens will have been aerated about a week earlier.

You're welcome to stay additional nights, so see the registration form for details. In addition, we'll have our 50/50 raffle on our final night and you can pre-pay for those on the registration form as well.

Full details of the event are at SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay and if you'd like to check out the hotel, go to SinglesGolf.com/Meadowview.

Meet More Singles at Multi-Chapter Events

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.

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, well, hopefully! 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

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

- **Jacksonville's World Golf Village Weekend** - August 26-28, 2011. SinglesGolf.com/WorldGolfWeekend has all the details you'll need.
- **Labor Day Weekend Event 2011** - September 1-4, 2011. Kingsport, TN. Deets at SinglesGolf.com/LaborDay
- **Sacramento ASGA's High Sierra Weekend** in Reno, NV - September 9-11. Go to SinglesGolf.com/HighSierra
- **The Battle at Hilton Head** - November 11-13, 2011. Details to be announced soon.
- **New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012** - December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012. Location TBA.
- **Golf Cruise** - Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise
- **ASGA in Ireland** - Summer, 2012. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland

Elections for New Chapter Leaders Start Soon!

It's been said that the greatest thing about being a chapter president is that some day, you get to be a past president. I can vouch for that myself having served as a chapter president years ago.

Chapters should never become stagnant, that's why our by-laws require a change in leadership once each year. New minds, new ideas. We elect our chapter presidents for 2012 at the October meetings and the committee chairs in November. All new officers take their position effective January 1, leaving ample opportunity do make plans for the upcoming year.

What's involved in being a chapter president? Check out the site SinglesGolf.com/leaders for some perspective on what each position entails, along with some great ideas.

- - Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA
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P. S. *It's painful turning 60 this month.* My only good feeling about it is that a lot of you beat me to the punch!

ASGA MULTI-CHAPTER EVENT LABOR DAY IN KINGSPORT, TN



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

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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 MeadowView Resort (see details below)
- Cocktail Party (cash bar), Cookout at Course, Final Night Dinner
- Full buffet breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings
- DJ dancing first and third night
- Optional round on Thursday & Sunday at Cattails Course @ Meadowview

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$89+16.5% tax (\$103.69) for a single room and \$51.85/person if dbl. occ. (Roommate must stay or you must pay single occ. rate.) See SinglesGolf.com/MeadowView for details on room types. **Hotel address:** 1901 Meadowview Parkway, Kingsport, TN 37660

GOLF: You'll play **Graysburg Hills** on Friday, Sept. 2 (1pm) and **Crockett's Ridge** on Saturday, Sept. 3rd (9:30am). Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf and Day-of-Departure rounds at the "on property course," Cattails at MeadowView Golf Club @ special rate of \$30, however, greens will have been recently aerified. **GOLF COMPETITION:** Sign-up for Scramble/Shamble or USGA formats.

PAYMENT: Full payment due by **August 15th**. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 08/15/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 08/15/11. 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 08/19/11, you must call us.

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.

All rooms at the MeadowView Resort are smoke-free!

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

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- () **\$379.00** — **STANDARD PACKAGE** (you have a roommate or we'll assign same-sex roommate for you)
 () **\$534.00** — **ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
 () **\$30.00** — **OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT CATTAILS — 11:00am**
 () **\$30.00** — **OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT CATTAILS — 9:00am**

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:
ASGA, P. O. BOX 848,
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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 _____. Both parties must indicate they want to play with each other, otherwise you will **NOT** be paired together. (Golf partner **MUST REQUEST** to play with you on their registration form as well **AND** must play same format as you're playing!)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$ _____ single / \$ _____ dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before or after) of add'l. nights: _____
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thurs., 11:00am approx. starting time (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$30 @ Cattails / on property)
 + \$ _____ 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)
 + \$ _____ Renew my dues for () \$70 for one year or () \$140 for two years (ASGA logo'd shirt included)
 = \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK** PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC.")

Date your check for August 10th if you wish us to hold your check until then.

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

CREDIT CARD USERS: FAX THIS FORM TO 704-889-4607

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is a 4% credit card processing fee if you use your card for this event. **Card to be charged on or after August 8, 2011.**

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

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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