

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

WHERE DID AUGUST 2011 FLEE TO?

A Letter From Our President, Nancy Pierz:

Two years ago, I was setting up my classroom and greeting smiling faces of 10 year old children at this time of year. Last September, I was moving into a new home and rearranging furniture. This year, my biggest concern is how many more rounds of golf I can play before the snow flies in Chicago! There are eleven ASGA outings scheduled in September and October in addition to the two day club championship on September 17th and 18th. So, sign up early and often, living with no regrets when the snow starts to fly!



The end of season celebration will be Friday, November 18th at Seven Bridges in Woodridge (see below for more details). This is two weeks later than last year's celebration due to a bowling schedule conflict and Veteran's Day weekend. It will NOT be a sit down dinner (but lots of good food nevertheless) and will include a cash bar. The ASGA Board reached a consensus that a change in format and destination was necessary due to low attendance, and your opinions addressed in the Social

Survey taken last spring helped guide us to this format. It is our "end of season" celebration! I hope all of you who have given of your time as a coordinator this year will be able to attend and be recognized.

Speaking of End of the Season, if you have been an active member of ASGA, it's time to step up to the plate and serve on the board. Many of you know that **Tim Dowling** has given his time for the past three years as our Golf Coordinator, and will not be filling this position next season. However, he is more than willing to work with one of you to assure that we transition into another great golf season. In addition to Golf Chair, we need you in other capacities or offices. **Karen Stika** has made another commitment for next year and will not be returning as Social Chair. Please consider this position as well. We are always looking for new members to share their ideas about how we can make ASGA Chicago a better organization. We hold as few board meetings as possible, making your commitment as pain free as hitting a hole in one.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you over the next month.

2011 Scramble:

The 2011 ASGA Scramble is in the books and by all accounts by the 86 golfers it was a great success. The event started on time and the first groups into the clubhouse finished in 4:15. They were followed behind very closely by many more groups. As a result of finishing so early the social hour was extended to two hours. A special thanks the Tim Ryan for bringing some of his homemade salsa and to Karen Stika for arranging for some nacho chips to keep every going until dinner started.

The format was a modified "Step A Side" scramble. When all the scores were recorded six holes were chosen to develop a "Blind Bogey Handicap" for each group. The Top five teams all received ASGA certificates. First place was the team of **Marty Gangler, Debora Braun, John Bitner and Debra Brooks**. In second place were **Michael Daugherty, Jane Leary, Dan Noel and Jeanne Schneeberger**. The third place team was **Ted Zillmer, Ken Kingsbury and Janet Nigrelli**. In fourth place were **Ken Kusumoto, Susan Ouchterlony, Dave Colbert and Cathy Hill**. And the fifth place team, decided by a tiebreaker, was **Paul Gentile, Marilou McCann, Steve Mueller and**

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- Sacramento Chapter's High Sierra Holiday, Reno, NV - September 9-11, 2011
- The Battle at Hilton Head - Hilton Head Island, SC - November 10-13. www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach
- New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012 - December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012. Two Locations - Palm Springs & Florida
Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida & www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert

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

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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The proximity winners were **Lou De-laney, Kathi Maraffino, David Halper, Ann Engelman, Bob Geeve and Penny Link.**

Before the night was done an additional 39 ASGA coupons were awarded as well as seven prizes. But let's not forget that **Margaret Onken** won free golf for the month of September at Gleneagles CC (courtesy of Gleneagles).

All in all, over 70 members walked away with a prize. Special thanks to the Board, Paul Gentile, Fred McEwen and Marie DiVirgilio for their assistance throughout the day.

News from Golf Chair, Tim Dowling:

It is hard to believe it is September and we are down to the last six weekends of the ASGA official golf season. Remember that September is usually one of the best months to play golf so get on the web site and sign up for one or all of the final events.

The Club Championship is fast approaching and there are only 40 spots for the Tournament at Orchard Valley. Competitors will have priority for tee times. After September 8, all open spots will be filled by non-competitors on the wait list on a first come, first served basis. Don't miss out. There will be two divisions for men and two divisions for women. The Low Gross Champion in each Division will win a plaque to keep. The Overall Low Gross for Men and Women will receive the traveling trophy. There will also be cash prizes and proximity contests for all participants.

I would like to hear from those of you that have not played much this summer. Our numbers are down and I don't want to speculate as to the reason so I need some input. If you played less than usual, please let me know if the courses were too difficult, too far away, too expensive or any other reason so adjustments can be made for next year. Please email me at timdowling00@gmail.com with any comments or suggestions. I can't change unless you tell me I need to.

We have had a great golf season so far - let's make the last month a record breaker.

End of Season Celebration:

As noted in **Nancy Pierz's** letter, the end of season celebration will be held on a Friday night this year on November 18th at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge. The event is intended to not only be a fun get together but is also intended to recognize the many folks who have made for a great 2011 golf season. In addition to lots of good finger food and drinks of your choosing, we are planning a special collection of used golf equipment (golf balls, golf clubs and shipping boxes) which will be sent to U.S. troops stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Working with Give2thetroops.org. we're hoping to ship lots of our unused golf equipment for their recreation. Cash donations (for shipping costs) are also welcome. More details about the celebration will be up on our website in the next month. Please note that this will be a pre-pay event.

What a great month for golfing:

In addition to the terrific time we had at the Annual Scramble (see above), the following outings provided hours of fun golf.

Yarrow, Michigan, July 29th-31st: What happens in Yarrow stays in Yarrow. Many thanks to **Tom Ullsperger** for an outstanding weekend.

Links of Carrilon, July 31st: **Hank Calzaretta** provided for the first day of beautiful weather after the wettest July in recent history. Twenty grateful golfers enjoyed an afternoon hitting the ball around this wonderful course, including the following who won various contest holes: **Judy Johnson and Paul Hervey** (closest to the pin), **Nancy Pierz** (longest drive - keep eating those Wheaties, Madame Prez), and **Nancy Hill and Bill Forcade** for longest putt (and Bill's was for birdie!). Thanks to **Nancy Pierz** for helping Hank in making this a great day.

Whisper Creek, August 7th: Well... the day started out dry, but it didn't stay that way. Twelve players were stopped mid-course with a 2-hour rain delay. Amazingly, eight players finished the round after a yummy lunch in the beautiful clubhouse. **Bill Beckey and Paul Hervey** won for closest to the pin and longest putt. But the prize of the day should have gone to the

co-ordinator, **Will Hsiung**, who somehow managed to run over his glasses as they popped out of his cart. Guess we'll be able to tell by Will's golf if he had an extra pair of glasses!

Foxbend, August 13th: Another beautiful day for golf until the skies opened up as the last group played hole #9. not one but two rain delays. It was a sight to behold as **Marty Gangler** drove the golf cart, **Debora Braun** rode shotgun and **Bob Geeve** stood on the back of the cart dragging Debora's pull cart. Where was the camera for the shot of this dripping wet threesome? Players in the early foursomes managed to claim most of the prizes: **Jean White, Dave Halper and Tim Dowling** (closest to the pin), **Peggy Sodini, Dave Halper and Tim Dowling** (longest putt) - see the pattern? Co-ordinator, **Debora Braun**, also awarded a free round of golf at Foxbend to **Bill Forcade and Sharon Hillman** (you do not have to play in the rain). Many thanks to **Karen Stika, Marty Gangler and Bob Geeve** for helping to make this crazy day fun.

Stonewall Orchard, August 14th: Coordinator **Ted Zillmer** ordered perfect weather and got it. Although he didn't order the mosquitos, they came anyway - in droves and as large as flies. Thirty-two players enjoyed this beautiful and difficult golf course. Prizes were awarded to **Tim Dowling (2), Mary Lou Newbold and Jane Leary** (closest to the pin), **Kathi Brown and Dave Colbert** (longest drive), and **Ken Kingsbury and Ted Zillmer** (prox on 2nd shot, par 4).

Waveland, August 15th: Twenty players enjoyed the only Monday outing of the summer down on Lake Michigan. This 9-hole courses proved quite challenging under beautiful blue skies. **Marie DiVirgilio, Tim Dowling, Jeanne Schneeberger, Bob Almada and Bill Forcade** all grabbed a prize. And O'Donovan's was voted our new favorite bar. Many thanks to **Stephanie Corredino** for organizing an afternoon off for all; of the lucky players.

Prairie Landing, August 20th: The sun came out after a morning rain, as 30 players teed off. Coordinator **Sharon Hillman** may be the new sun goddess. Closest to the pin awards were made to **Hank Calzaretta, Robin Rash and Joe Torcivia**; longest putts were made by **Bob Geeve**

and **Tim Ryan**; and longest drive to **Patrice Al-Saden and Dave Halper**.

Fox Lake G.C., August 21st: The beautiful weather continued for 32 players during a fun day up north. **Jay Thompson** (coordinator) got lots of assistance from **Tim Dowling, Ken Kusumoto, Tim Ryan, Peggy Sodini, Wayne Thompson and Dave Colbert**. **Patrice Al-Saden and Tim Flannigan** took the challenge and beat the club pro. And \$240 was raised for the Sunshine Through Golf Foundation (go to the CDGA website to read more about this terrific organization). Awards were made to: **Kathi Marrafino** (longest drive), **Patrice Al-Saden and Bill Forcade** (longest putts), and **Margaret Onkin and Tim Dowling** (closest to the pin).

Lincolnshire, August 27th: **Marilou McCann** introduced this private club to many of the golfers who made the trek to Crete. They weren't disappointed. Under sunny skies and mild temperatures the following players won prizes: **Deb Bradel, Marilou McCann, Bill Forcade and Dave Halper** (closest to the pin) and **Hank Calzaretta and Marilou McCann** (longest putt). Thanks for the new golf course, Marilou!

Arrowhead, August 28th: **Pat Porter**, assisted by **Donna Wiggins**, kept the great weather coming on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at this golf course gem in Wheaton. Most of the 24 golfers walked this perfectly groomed golf course. Prizes were awarded to: **Paul Gentile and Pat Porter** (longest drives); **Dave Colbert, Marie DiVirgilio, Deb Bradel and Paul Gentile** (closest to the pin); and **Chris Coyne, Will Hsiung** and new member **Christina Hollis** (longest putts). Many thanks to Pat for providing the goodie bags to each player - we ate and drank it all!

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Michael Anderson - 09/19
Larry Arnold - 09/26
Bill Beckey - 09/13
Kevin Berg - 09/23
Mike Colligan - 09/04
Sue Cronin - 09/28
Michael Daugherty - 09/16
Nancy Ellis - 09/16
Robert Geeve - 09/19
David Halper - 09/06

Lee Ann Hedeon - 09/02
Paul Hervey - 10/10
Mary Joy - 10/11
Robert Lyons - 09/16
Paul Moss - 10/01
Mary Lou Newbold - 09/11
Becky Nicholson - 09/08
Lucy Polk - 10/13
Lee Robertson - 09/17
Arthur Rubalcaba - 09/14
Donald Stading - 10/15
Joe Torcivia - 09/15
Paul Ullrich - 10/12
Raymond Vogel - 09/28
Carl Wagner - 09/19
John Weitzner - 09/06
Scott Wilson - 10/03

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Dorothy Connolly - 09/30/2011
Carol Francis - 09/30/2011
Don Hanson Jr. - 09/30/2011
Judy Johnson - 09/30/2011
Sandra Trilli - 09/30/2011

Welcome newest members:

Bill Beckey - Joined 08/15/2011
Karen Bulanda - Joined 07/15/2011
Elizabeth Cummings - Joined 07/15/2011
Greg Kujawinski - Joined 07/15/2011
Elizabeth Landers - Joined 08/15/2011
Lisa McGuirt - Joined 07/15/2011
Elaine Vernoia - Joined 08/08/2011
Denyse Vos - Joined 07/15/2011
Kyle White - Joined 07/05/2011

These members recently renewed:

Kamal Dagher
George Dammer
Marie Di Virgilio
Donna Ellis
Susan Herman
Joanne Jacobs

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Louis Delaney III - 07/31/2011
Nancy Donatowicz - 07/31/2011
Tim Flannigan - 07/31/2011
Helena Koivisto - 07/31/2011
Patricia Porter - 07/31/2011
Susan Reynolds - 07/31/2011
Nancy Sells - 07/31/2011
Catherine Tomasik - 07/31/2011

Our chapter currently has 179 members

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — SEPTEMBER 2011

BATTLE AT THE BEACH - HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

WESTIN HOTEL AT PORT ROYAL - NOVEMBER 10-13, 2011

The national office of the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) has announced another great opportunity for singles to meet, greet, fall in love then battle it out on two great golf courses. **Venue:** Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

This year, we'll be at the **Westin at Port Royal** in Hilton Head. We'll play two rounds of golf with optional day-of-arrival and day-of-departure golf as well. Details are still in the making.

Dates: November 10-13. **Cost:** Only \$349 (per person, dbl. occ.), includes two rounds of golf, cocktail party (cash bar), cook-out at the course, final dinner Saturday night. In addition, if you purchased one of our packages and attend this event, you'll receive \$25.00 off the New Year's event in Florida. If you walked in off the street, you'd end up paying over \$550.00 if you arranged this on your own!

With over 30 golf courses in the area, Hilton Head Island off the southern coast of South Carolina is simply the natural place to be when it comes to playing golf in the Fall. The weather is cool but not cold and the island is filled with great places to shop and resorts to visit. All-in-all, mix the beautiful weather with the great golf and many friends from across the country, and you've got the making for a great golf weekend. U. S. Air flies directly into Hilton Head Airport (Airport Code: HHH) which is just 15 minutes from the Westin and Savannah Airport (Code: SAV) is about 45-55 minutes away, so check your local airline to see what's available. Once you're on property, you won't need a rental car as there should be plenty of members with cars to get you to the courses each day. So be sure to make some friends!

So to get all the details on this fun-filled event, visit the website at www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach (website for this event will be up by Sept. 6 at noon). If you'd like to register over the phone, call us at 704-889-4600 after the sixth.

New Year's Location: East & West Coasts

ASGA members will again be treated with two choices as to where to go for New Year's this year. Our Palm Springs chapter will again treat you to some great golf at Indian Wells and the national office will host an event Florida once again. For details on each, please visit www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInFlorida or www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYearsInTheDesert. Details on the

Battle At The Beach

Hilton Head Island - SC

Nov. 10-13, 2011



Florida event will be posted on the website by September 10.

Elect Your New Chapter President in October

Each year, according to your bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws), your chapter is required to hold elections for a new chapter president which has a term running from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Presidents who have served less than one full year are

eligible to run again. So be thinking about who'll lead your chapter in 2012.

Then, in November, your chapter should elect its four committee heads (golf, social, membership and communications). This gives the newly elected president and opportunity to put together his or her team for 2012. Everyone takes office January 1. The new Board appoints other positions such as the Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Committee Heads.

Reflections on Nine Eleven

It's often been said that time moves quicker the older we get. Remember, it took forever to get to 18 or 21? I remember 9/11 ten years ago like it was yesterday. I was on the phone with past



president of Baltimore chapter of ASGA, **Cathy Heuer** when someone said "a plane's crashed into the World Trade Center." How odd that was. The plane looked so small on TV because the building was so large. Over 3,000 lives were lost shortly thereafter. The ripple effect continues this day with the victim's children living without parents and the levels of security we encounter every day, not only at the airports

but with credit cards and identity theft issues. But at the end of the day, we know the things that matter the most now matter more, such as love for our family, our friends and the special relationships we develop through ASGA.

-- **Tom Alsop, President / Founder, ASGA**
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