

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED!

A Letter From Our President, Nancy Pierz:

The "Z's are our BIG WINNERS at the Club Championship (at least the in the "A" flight!)! Congratulations to **Alice Zyks and Ted Zillmer** for winning the ASGA Chicago Championship "A flight" and to **Jane Leary and Michael Daugherty** who won the "B" flight! From what I hear, the weather cooperated only one of the two days. But, everyone kept their concentration and put forth a winning game! Way to go!

I hope the rest of you have had the opportunity to get in as many rounds of golf this past month as possible... despite the gloomy weather!... Will FALL GOLF ever be possible? IF not, there will be at least **three social activities** in the next two months for getting together with fellow ASGA members. Watch the email blasts from Ken, or check the calendar website for details about Friday, October 21st, our first mingle in many months. Saturday, October 29th is an opportunity to golf nine holes followed by a lobster boil and Halloween Party. Thanks **Penny Link and Mike Colligan** for putting this together. Our End of Season Celebration will be Friday, November 18th at Seven Bridges in Woodridge (see below).

Now that October is upon us, we need to elect a new board for 2012. According to our bylaws, our chapter is required to hold elections for a new chapter president which has a term running from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. This will take place on Friday, October 21st at our meeting/mingle. Due to a family commitment/caregiving and my daughter's wedding approaching in 2012, I do not wish to fill this position again. So, be thinking about who will lead your chapter in 2012! I will be glad to make phone calls or take a few of you to dinner, if you'd be interested in this position... PLEASE, let's make this transition as easy as possible. Then, in November, our chapter should elect its four committee heads (golf, social, membership and communications.) This gives the newly elected president an opportunity to put together his or her team for 2012. The new board appoints other positions such as the Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Committee Heads. Good news for the new President: **Michael Daugherty (treasurer), Jane Leary (newsletter editor), Tim Ryan (webmaster), Nancy Hill (secretary), and Ken Kosomoto (news e-blasts)** have all agreed to continue in their same

office for next year. Therefore, the positions available are: President, Golf Chairperson, Social Chairperson, and Membership Chairperson. The only nomination I have received is from Tim Dowling. He has nominated **Bill Forcade** as the Golf Chairperson for 2012. I will accept any new nominations that you wish to send me. So, please consider filling one of these positions for 2012. You will be surprised as to the rewards and friendships that this opportunity will bring you!

News from Golf Chair, Tim Dowling:

A special thanks to all the many members that volunteered to run a golf event this season. It seemed like May would never get here and now it is October. I am sure that with your continued support the new golf chair will be able to provide an outstanding 2012 Golf Season.



NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- 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)

National Office: 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Mingle: Friday, October 21st, 2011

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**
<http://www.asgachicago.org/>

2011 ASGA Club Championships, September 17th & 18th:

Tim Dowling, with the assistance of Peggy Sodini and Marie DiVirgilio, pulled together a terrific weekend for the Club Championship. Orchard Valley Golf Course hosted 28 competitors and 9 non-competitors over two days of challenging golf. Contest prizes were won by: **Mary Lou Newbold, Sharon Hillman, Jane Leary, Kathi Brown, Mike Colligan, Tim Ryan, Bob Almada, and Kurt Kupitz** (closest to the pin); **Marie DiVirgilio (twice)**, **Marie DiVirgilio, Tim Dowling, and Ray Kalal** (closest to the pin on the 2nd shot); **Patsy Albrecht, Mike Colligan and Ted Zillmer** (longest putt). Champions of the weekend: Men's A Flight Champion - **Ted Zillmer** and Women's A Flight Champion - **Alice Zyks**. Men's B Flight Champion - **Michael Daugherty** and Women's B Flight Champion - **Jane Leary**. Men's Low Gross 2nd: **Tim Dowling, 3rd: Kyle White** and Men's Low Net **1st: Ray Kalal, 2nd: Kurt Kupitz, and 3rd: Tim Ryan**. Women's Low Gross 2nd: **Chris Coyne, 3rd: Kathi Brown** (won in a "playoff) and Women's Low Net **1st: Patsy**

Albrecht, 2nd: Marie DiVirgilio, 3rd: Madelon Silgalis. Thirty-one golfers braved the rainy weather on Sunday and somehow finished (the Bloody Mary's probably helped). Dinner and awards were presented in the Clubhouse immediately following the round. A special thanks to all who participated in putting up with the mad scramble at the start on Sunday.

What a great month for golfing:

In addition to the terrific time we had at the Club Championship (see above), the following outings provided hours of fun golf:

Coyote Run Golf Club, September 3rd:

Nancy Hill, along with 19 other golfers gave it a good "run" but even with the help of **Tim Dowling, Melanie Jones, Peggy Sodini and Karen Stika**, was unable to keep the rain away. Contest holes were won by: **Peggy Sodini and Hank Calzaretta** (longest putts); **Madelon Sigalis** (most fairways), and **Arthur Rubalcala** (most putts). The golf course graciously gave rain checks for 9 holes. Maybe it will stop raining by May of next year!

End of Season Celebration

Please join your fellow ASGA golfers to celebrate the end of a great season, recognize our club champions, and introduce the new board and committee members for 2012.

Where: Gallery Room of Seven Bridges Golf Club

One Mulligan Drive, Woodridge, IL 60517

When: Friday, November 18th from 7:00 – 11:00

Cost: \$25.00 per member + CASH Bar

What my \$\$\$ will buy?

DJ and Dancing after the awards

Heavy Appetizers including:

Bruschetta, Cheese & Fruit Tray, Carving Station with Lemon Pepper Turkey Breast, Chicken Sate with Peanut Sauce, Brie & Strawberry Canape, Stuffed Mushrooms, Spicy BBQ Meatballs, and Coconut Shrimp.

RSVP to Karen Stika at kstika@att.net by November 1st.

This is a PREPAY event - PLEASE

Make checks out to ASGA and mail to:

Karen Stika

240 South Riverside,

Villa Park, IL 60181

In addition, 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.

**Buffalo Grove Golf Course,
September 4th:**

What a beautiful day **Marie DiVirgilio** had for her outing at Buffalo Grove! A huge turn out of 47 players came to golf on Patriots' Day and contributed \$260 to the cause. In addition to the usual contest holes, everyone enjoyed trying to keep their pink ball in ball. Five teams managed to do so but only one team could win; Good team work by **Tom Ullsperger, Susan Ouchterloney, Kamal Dagher and Deb Brice**. Contest holes were won by **Bob Almada, Deb Brice, Patrice Al-Saden and Joe O'Malley** (closest to the pin); **Tim Dowling and Carolan Klapper** (longest drives); and **Patrice Al-Saden and Kyle White** (longest putts). Many thanks to **Tim Dowling, Jay Thompson and Peggy Sodini** for their help in making this such a fun and patriotic day!

Three for Thursday, September 8th:

Jay Thompson talked 7 other golfers into golfing nine holes at 3 different courses (Anetsburger, Sportsman and Vernon Hills). What a blast we had! Some of us only made it through the first 18 (it had nothing to do with lunch at a greasy spoon where we washed everything down with a few cold ones). **Carol Reichert** graciously hosted all for a cook-out afterwards. Jay has no recollection if there were any prizes awarded.

**Bridges of Poplar Creek,
September 10th:**

Tom Cech, with the help of **Bob Ptak**, welcomed 31 golfers to this newly re-worked golf course. It appears that they added water on every hole. Awards should have been given out in golf balls but instead were given in coupons to: **Tim Dowling, Susan Ouchterloney, Jane Leary and Tom Ullsperger** (closest to the pin), **Marie Bush and Tim Dowling** (again!) for longest drives, and **Jim Licata and Carol Francis** (a new member) for longest putts.

**Silver Lake Country Club,
September 11th:**

It may have been 9/11 but 17 ASGA members first did a minute of silence and then 4 hours of perfect golf - weather wise anyway. While not an easy course by anyone's standards, the fairways and greens

were in great shape - challenging but well maintained for this time of year. Winners for longest putt, closest to the pin, most fairways reached - on a tee shot - and least putts had many familiar names (**Bill Forcade, Nancy Pierz, Nancy Hill, MariLou McCann, Chris Coyne, Dave Halper** and one missing from the ranks most of the season, **Melanie Jones**.) Good thing Forcade and Pierz were in the Jones foursome to confirm MJ actually won a prize at her own outing. Most of the group enjoyed a fun dinner at Papa Joe's afterwards and all left with a 9/11 momento pin to keep American awareness alive.

Chalet Hills, September 24th:

It wouldn't be a complete golf season without a day at Chalet Hills. **Dave Colbert** managed to get the rain to stop just as play commenced. Contest prizes were awarded to: **Chris Coyne, Stephanie Corredino, Tim Ryan and Dave Colbert** (closest to the pin); **Mary Lou Newbold and Marty Gangler** (longest drive); and **Debora Braun and Bob Geeve** (longest putt). Dinner afterwards at Broken Arrow was apparently peaceful as no fights with the biker boys were reported.

Links of Carillon, September 25th:

The last event in September somehow managed to stay dry (at least no rain - it wasn't dry in the bar!). **Patsy Albrecht, Stephanie Corredino and Bob Almada** hosted 18 happy players with a fun "color" game (you had to be there to ever understand the rules). Who won? Why **Stephanie, Patsy, Bob and Dave Halper** with a combined team score of 95. Other contest awards were made to: **Jean White, Jane Leary, Scott Wilson and Bill Forcade** (closest to the pin); longest putt - **Bob Almada**. In addition to the great fun we had, a highlight of the day came as we watched Bill Haas pitch his ball out of the water at the Tour Championship which led to his win of the tournament and the FedEx Cup. Had to be the greatest golf shot under pressure in many years.

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Linda Blatnik - 11/01
Carol Browne - 11/05
Kamal Dagher - 11/02
George Dammer - 11/11
Donna Ellis - 10/29
Kathy Fox - 10/28
Paul Hervey - 10/10
Nancy Hill - 11/06
William Hsiung - 11/14
Irene Jones - 10/21
Mary Joy - 10/11
Gayle Kolb - 11/13
Michele McKinney - 11/14
Loren Mercola - 11/06
Paul Moss - 10/01
Lucy Polk - 10/13
Michael Shain - 11/03
Donald Stading - 10/15
J. Wayne Thompson - 11/03
Paul Ullrich - 10/12
Monte Van Kooten - 11/02
Jean White - 11/04
Scott Wilson - 10/03

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Kathi Brown - 10/31/2011
Carolan Klapper - 10/31/2011
J. Wayne Thompson - 10/31/2011

Welcome newest members:

Bill Beckey - Joined 08/15/2011
Elizabeth Landers - Joined 08/15/2011
Richelle Schneider - Joined 09/06/2011
Elaine Vernoia - Joined 08/08/2011

These members recently renewed:

Dorothy Connolly
Carol Francis
Don Hanson Jr.
Sandra Trilli

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Reeny Caveney - 08/31/2011
Judy Johnson - 09/30/2011
Polly Thompson - 08/31/2011

Our chapter currently has 178 members

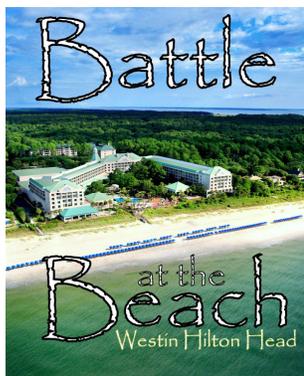


ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — OCTOBER 2011

BATTLE AT THE BEACH - HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

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



Get Out of the House and Stay on the Ocean!

When most people think of golf, they think of spring or summertime weather, not November.

When folks living on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina think of November, they think "golf." The Battle at the Beach is a multi-chapter golf weekend. It's a battle of your actual golf swing and that golf swing that's

in your head. It's a battle of hitting that perfect golf shot versus just thinking about it. It's a battle you can win. And doing it in front of fellow members of ASGA from around the country will make it even that much better.

Weather in Hilton Head in November is typically perfect for golf. The courses are ready for us . . . have you contacted your friends and made arrangements?

We have a superb price for what you'll receive in Hilton Head. We've pushed for good rates and passed them along to you. All you have to do is simply go online and register.

"Where?" you say. DoubleUDoubleUDoubleU dot SinglesGolf dot com slash Battle at the Beach, that's where (a/k/a www.SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach).

Dates: November 10-13 (3 nights). **Cost:** Only \$349 (per person, dbl. occ.), includes two rounds of golf, three nights' stay, cocktail party (cash bar), cookout 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!

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 from December 29-January 1 and the national office will host an event Florida once again, however, a recent poll to our membership suggested by a four to one margin that we should seek a better deal the week after New Year's, so we're shopping for some great golf and hotel bargains at Class A facilities right now. Details out soon on this. For the latest on either event, please visit www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

ASGA Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean

Dates: February 25-March 3 Departure City: Miami

Never been on a cruise before? Have you been on one and simply not put on the weight you'd like to put on? Now's the time. Now's your chance to become a world traveler. No matter what you eat, you'll lose it playing some great golf at two fantastic layouts: St. Kitts Golf Course and the Greg Norman-designed Temenos. But best of yet, we'll cruise on the beautiful Celebrity Eclipse ship parting out of Miami, FL.

Sue Eliasberg of our DC chapter, who works with Cruise Web, is your contact. She'll answer any questions you have, but first, we ask that you check out the flyer on the website. A mass e-mail went out on September 25 announcing the event in full detail with a request to get your registration and deposit for this event in by September 30. Beyond that date, we will continue to accept registrations although there could be some slight variations of the package based on changes the cruise line may make. So for all the deets, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/cruise

Elect Your New Chapter President in October

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Ireland — Summer of 2012

We've been closely watching the Dollar / Euro exchange rate and there is current trend favoring the dollar. So the trip is still on and details should be viewable at www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland by mid to late October. About 200 members have shown interest.

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

Battle at the Beach

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC
NOVEMBER 10-13, 2011**



ASGA Members — Enjoy Hilton Head at its Best! 3 Nights - 2 Rounds of Golf + Optional Rounds!

A beautiful time of the year for Hilton Head. Stay at the beautiful Westin, meet friends you didn't think you had!

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — Phone 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE
SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach Resort Website: Westin.com/HiltonHead Resort Phone: 1-843-681-4000

OPEN TO ALL ASGA MEMBERS!

Standard Package Includes (Standard Package is for members who wish to have a roommate. Room-by-Myself packages also available. See below.)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 3 nights lodging at the Westin at Port Royal—Hilton Head (see details below)
- Cocktail Party (cash bar), Friday Cookout at Course, Saturday Night Dinner
- Optional round on Thursday & Sunday

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights are \$99+11% tax (\$110) for a single room and \$55/person if dbl. occ. (Roommate must stay or your must pay single occ. rate.)

Hotel address: 2 Grasslawn Ave., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

See SinglesGolf.com/BattleAtTheBeach for complete details / updates

GOLF: You'll play Oyster Reef GC on Friday, Nov. 11 (11:11am) and Shipyard GC on Saturday, Nov. 12 (9:00am). Optional Day-of-Arrival golf at Barony at Port Royal and Day-of-Departure golf at Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Hall.

PAYMENT: Full payment due by October 15th. After that, rates for rooms "might" increase. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 10/10/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 10/10/11. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See SinglesGolf.com/events for official cancellation policy and other terms and conditions. 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 guest rooms at the Westin Hilton Head 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: (there is a 3% upcharge on all amounts if using a credit card)

- () \$349.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE (you have a roommate or we'll assign same-sex roommate for you)
- () \$514.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$59.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. at the Barony Course/Port Royal — 11:00 tee times
- () \$89.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. at Arthur Hills — Palmetto Hall — 9:00am tee times
- () Upgrade my room to ocean front. Cost is \$15 / person / night if you have a roommate or \$30 / person / night if rooming by yourself.

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

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 hotel 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 up to THREE persons: _____

NEW RULE: All parties must indicate they want to play with each other on their registration form, otherwise you will NOT be paired together.

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package indicated above

+ \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$110 single / \$55 dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before or after) of add'l. nights: _____

+ \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thursday (\$59) or Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sunday (\$89)

+ \$ _____ Upgrade to Ocean Front Room for _____ nights at rate indicated above

+ \$ _____ 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 (You get a free ASGA logo'd shirt at event.)

= \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK* PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC.")

Date your check for October 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 or SCAN & E-Mail to: Irene@SinglesGolf.com

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 plus a 3% credit card processing fee. () Check here to charge card on or after 10/10/11.

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

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE