

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

### A Letter From Our President, Nancy Pierz:

The wind is blowing, but the snow is not falling...yet! One quick look out our windows tells us that our golf season in Chicago is at an end, as is my year as your ASGA President! Once again a big THANK YOU to the board this past year: **Ken, Karen, Debbie, Tim D., Jane, Michael, Bill, Tim R, Nancy and Kevin!** Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. The really good news is that your new board is comprised of great people for 2012 as well. **Christine Coyne** was elected President at our monthly mingle in October, and her four new committee chairpersons for next year are:

Golf – **Bill Forcade**

Social – **Penny Link**

Communications – **Ken Kusumoto**

Membership – **Kathie Maraffino**

Continuing in non-elected roles are: **Michael Daugherty** (Treasurer), **Tim Ryan** (website), and **Jane Leary** (newsletter). As we begin another holiday season, may your travels be safe and merry! See you on the links next year if not sooner at some non-golf ASGA outing.

### ASGA End of Season Celebration

Over sixty ASGA golfers and guests celebrated the end of a great season, recognized our outing coordinators, and introduced the new board committee members for 2012 at Seven Bridges Golf Club on November 18th. In addition to enjoying yummy hors d'oeuvres, the group danced the night away. As part of the celebration, we collected over 400 golf clubs and 500 golf balls for Give2thetroops which will send them on to Afghanistan. We also collected over \$350 to defray our shipping costs and a direct contribution of \$100 to this wonderful organization.

The North Carolina co-ordinator of Give2thetroops thanked us as follows: "Oh thank you so much! The troops love their golf clubs and balls! Of course they are not actually playing the game but just hitting the balls for the fun of it! But what a great way to put a smile on their faces! Happy holidays."

Many thanks to all of you who made this contribution possible. To think that this all started with a collection of golf balls at Yarrow in Michigan this past summer.

### About Our Members

#### Happy Birthday to these members:

Bob Almada - 12/06  
Hank Calzaretta - 01/05  
Dennis Cowhey - 12/29  
Kate Dudley - 12/10  
JoAnn Graske - 12/20  
Don Hanson Jr. - 12/29  
Cathy Hill - 01/12  
Michael Hoepfner - 01/11  
Greg Kujawinski - 01/08  
James Licata - 01/03  
Rebecca Marquardt - 12/17  
Mary O'Brien - 12/01  
James Poplette - 12/02  
Karen Renzi - 12/13  
Pamela Schau - 12/07  
Karen Stika - 12/07  
Mary Ellen Tobin - 01/13  
Donna Wiggins - 12/16

**These members are up for renewal:**  
(date shown is last day of membership)  
**Michele McKinney - 12/31/2011**

#### Welcome newest members:

Karen Blocker - Joined 10/05/2011  
Karen Marcotte - Joined 10/24/2011

**These members recently renewed:**  
**Janis Akerstrom**

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- New Year's Weekend Event 2011/2012 - December 29, 2011- January 1, 2012. Two Locations - Palm Springs & Florida Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears)
- Golf Cruise to the Caribbean - Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise) - February 25, 2012 for 7 nights

**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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**These members did not renew their dues:**

(date shown is date membership expired)

DebiJo Anderson - 11/30/2011

John Edmonson - 11/30/2011

**Our chapter currently has 179 members.**

## Rules and More Rules

### Size limitation when a rock is no longer a loose impediment

Our foursome was playing golf in the North Georgia Mountains. Larry's drive on #4 landed 20 yards to the right of the fairway about a foot behind what I would describe as a very small boulder and Larry characterized as a large rock. This rock was resting on the ground in a direct line to the green. With some considerable effort Larry was able to push the rock out of the way of his intended swing. Scott protested Larry's action. Larry said he was within his rights, the rock was a loose impediment, as witnessed by his ability to move it. Scott said that Larry violated the intent of the loose impediment ruling by moving an object that clearly required considerable effort to move. Scott said Larry had improved his lie illegally and should incur a two stroke penalty.

What is the correct ruling.

- Larry did nothing wrong. Stones of any size that can be moved are loose impediments.
- Scott was correct. The stone required more than a moderate amount of effort to move and therefore was not a loose impediment. Larry incurs a two stroke penalty

And the answer is.....

The correct answer: A. Larry was correct, stones of any size (not solidly embedded) are loose impediments and may be moved.

### May golfer seek help in moving loose impediment?

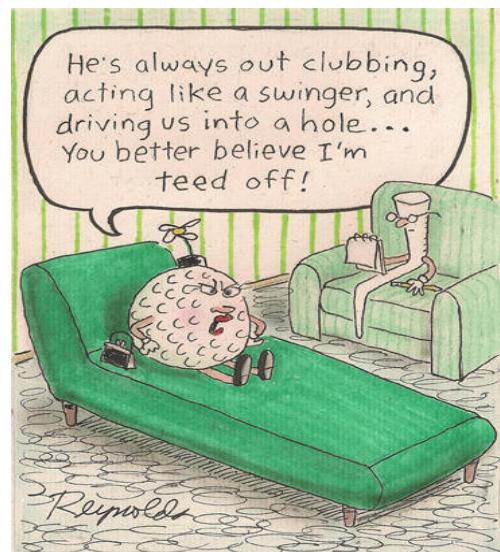
Our foursome was playing golf in Florida. Larry's drive on #9 landed about a foot behind an uprooted palm tree. Although the fallen tree was a loose impediment, the tree was too big for Larry to move by himself. Larry asked the other members of the foursome to help him move the tree. Scott said that Larry had to move the loose impediment by himself.

What is the correct ruling.

- Larry was within his rights to ask for help in moving the loose impediment.
- Scott was correct. A loose impediment can only be moved by the golfer who is infringed by the impediment.

And the answer is.....

The correct answer: A. Larry could ask for assistance. Decision 23-1/3 allows spectators, caddies, fellow competitors, etc., to assist a player in moving a large loose impediment



## Don't Let Your Membership Lapse...

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