

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2012

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### A Letter From Our President, Christine (Chris) E. Coyne:

As I write this letter, the hustle and bustle of Christmas is behind me. One holiday event, a cookie exchange, was held at member **Deb Bradel's** home in December. I was so impressed by the quality of treats that were shared and I was quite the hit when I brought my cookies to another party. Kudos to all who partook of the event.

I am now in the midst of making a list of goals for the New Year. I have personally checked out some new clubs which I am hoping will improve my golf game. (One can only wish!) I think I can speak for our Board that our goal for 2012 will be to try to provide positive golfing experiences for all who participate. We are making plans to offer some great off-season and in-season events which are wonderful opportunities to keep the Chicago ASGA group connected and active. Details will be forthcoming soon on what is in store.

I am thrilled with the Board that we have in place this year who have stepped up to volunteer to keep this great chapter going: Secretary: **Nancy Hill**; Treasurer: **Michael Daugherty**; Golf: **Bill Forcade**; Social: **Penny Link**; Communications: **Ken Kusomoto**; Membership: **Kathi Maraffino**;

Newsletter: **Jane Leary**; Website: **Tim Ryan**.

The ASGA Board will be meeting in January to start planning the events for the 2012 season. Our plan is to have future meetings at the Dome in Addison on Sunday afternoons to make it easy for people to attend our meetings and work on their golf game. We will keep you posted.

Peace, hope and good health to all in the upcoming New Year.

### Let's Have some fun!

Our new social chair, **Penny Link**, is planning some non-golf fun for the winter months. Be on the lookout in the weekly e-blast about the following great events:

- January Bunco Night at **Joanne Graske's** House - Details to come will include date and event plans.
- We are looking for a location to have a Chili Cook Off and Beer Tasting Event sometime in January-February. Does anyone have time and space to house a chili cook off?  
Contact **Penny Link** [plink2742@gmail.com](mailto:plink2742@gmail.com) and **Joanne Graske** [graske3141@comcast.net](mailto:graske3141@comcast.net) - if you are willing to be the host for the chili and beer tasting event.

- Additional plans for the winter months include snow shoeing at the Morton Arboretum. If you are interested, you can prepare with Costco's help by purchasing snow shoes at your local Costco. Rental snowshoes are available at Morton Arboretum. We will forward information once we get an adequate snow-storm.

### Golf Facts (From Jay Thompson):

A two-foot putt counts the same as a two-foot drive.

Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.

There is no such thing as a friendly wager.

The stages of golf are Sudden Collapse, Radical Change, Complete Frustration, Slow Improvement, Brief Mastery, and Sudden Collapse.

The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four-foot birdie putt two inches short of the hole.

Don't play with anyone who would question a 7.

It's as easy to lower your handicap as it is to reduce your hat size.

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- Golf Cruise to the Caribbean - Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Cruise) - February 25, 2012 for 7 nights
- **Orlando's Sunshine Fling Weekend** in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Feb. 17-19, 2012. Details posted soon.
- **Wilmington's Beach Blast** - Wilmington, NC - March 16-18, 2012. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/BeachBlast](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/BeachBlast)

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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last minute changes  
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If you really want to be better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

If your driver is hot, your putter will be ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.

Progress in golf consists of two steps forward and ten miles backward.

One good shank deserves another.

Never play your son for money.

Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.

The statute of limitations on forgotten strokes is two holes.

Bets lengthen putts and shorten drives.

Confidence evaporates in the presence of fairway water.

It takes considerable pressure to make a penalty stroke adhere to a scorecard.

It's not a gimme if you're still away.

The more your opponent quotes the rules, the greater the certainty that he cheats.

Always limp with the same leg for the whole round.

The rake is always in the other trap.

The wind is in your face on 16 of the 18 holes.

Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dogleg to the right.

The rough will be mowed tomorrow.

The ball always lands where the pin was yesterday.

It always takes at least five holes to notice that a club is missing.

The nearest sprinkler head will be blank.

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

**About Our Members**

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Hank Calzaretta - 01/05  
Allen Chester - 01/31  
Jennifer Connolly - 02/12  
Elizabeth Cummings - 02/14  
Tim Dowling - 02/08  
Bill Forcade - 01/22  
Martell Gangler - 02/09  
Cathy Hill - 01/12  
Michael Hoepfner - 01/11  
Greg Kujawinski - 01/08  
James Licata - 01/03  
Penny Link - 02/12  
Louise Malmin - 02/04  
Kathi Maraffino - 01/21  
Fred McEwen - 02/09  
Margaret Muller - 02/12  
Joe O'Malley - 01/23  
Margaret Onken - 02/10  
Judy Reinhardt - 02/14  
Amy Rybicki - 01/31  
Mary Ellen Tobin - 01/13  
Sandra Trilli - 02/01

**These members are up for renewal:**

*(date shown is last day of membership)*

Arthur Garwin - 01/31/2012  
Dee Giese - 01/31/2012  
Patrice Jordan - 01/31/2012  
Joanne Klumpp - 01/31/2012  
Ron McMahan - 01/31/2012  
Yvette Mulryan - 01/31/2012  
Gretchen Oie - 01/31/2012  
Ted Zillmer - 01/31/2012

**Welcome newest members:**

Frank Hollesen - Joined 12/22/2011

**These members recently renewed:**

Deborah Bradel  
Michael Daugherty  
Robert Geeve  
Paul Gentile  
Judy Johnson  
Ray Kalal  
Ken Kusumoto  
John Miller  
David Moretti  
Robert Ptak  
Madelon Silgalis  
Mary Ellen Tobin

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

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

DebiJo Anderson - 11/30/2011  
John Edmonson - 11/30/2011  
Michele McKinney - 12/31/2011

**Our chapter currently has 180 members**