

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

WE'RE MAD ABOUT MARCH!

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



Do you remember a year ago when Chicago was hit by that "lovely" blizzard in February? We certainly have been able to dodge that occurrence this winter. Have I spoken too soon? In the meantime, our board has been busy coming up with ways to keep the group connected in the off-season with a couple of socials. Look for details from **Penny Link, Social Chair** on what's been happening and what is coming up in the near future. **Bill Forcade, Golf Chair** has done a superb job in securing plenty of golfing opportunities for our group this year. There will be a meeting for the coordinators in April. Check out what Bill has to say about what is in store about upcoming events plus the coordinators meeting in this newsletter. I want to give a special thank you to **Robin Rash** for spearheading the 2012 Spring Golf Trip that has been an annual trip enjoyed by many in our group.

Your ASGA Board met at the Golf Dome in Addison on February 19th. We discussed ways to provide opportunities for people who might be interested in joining our group to meet with some of our pre-

sent members. Mingles were the means to check out the members before making a day long commitment to playing golf. They worked for a while but have not been used on a regular basis lately. I thought I would give prospective, new and regular members a chance to get together before the golf season starts. On the second Friday of March and April, I'll be hosting a get together at The Village Cellar/ Wine Shop and Wine Bar at 24 W. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL from 7 pm until 9 pm. The dates are March 9 and April 13. Pass the word around to anyone you think might be interested in talking about our group over a glass of vino. Beer is also served at this place. (Please note that I am offering to host the get togethers at the Hinsdale location because I know the owner and am familiar with the establishment.) It would be hard for me to host in other parts of Chicagoland area. If there are others out there that think they would like to host a casual ASGA meet-up, please contact me. We would love your help and your effort to spread the word about our great group.

In closing, I want to remind you that we will have another board meeting at the

Dome on March 18, 2012 starting at 1 pm followed by working on our golf game beginning at 3 pm. All are welcome. Think Spring. It's just around the corner!!!

A Report from Golf Chair, Bill Forcade:

The Planning of the Golf Season is Progressing

We are making progress with our 2012 season. So far we have confirmed dates for a total of 30 rounds of golf at 25 courses (some of those 25 courses may drop off if we cannot reach agreement on the terms of the contracts, fees, and deposits.) Of those 26, we have final arrangements and signed contracts with 17 courses. By the Coordinators' meeting, we should have 44 rounds of golf scheduled for this year, 1 less than last year.

Overall, half of the courses we play will be north of the I-290/I-88 demarcation line, half will be south - a plan that matches our membership distribution. The schedule will have one Saturday event north and a Sunday event south. The next weekend the order would be reversed.

Current plans have about 25% of the courses at high end courses, and 25% at

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Wilmington's Beach Blast** - Wilmington, NC - March 16-18, 2012. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/BeachBlast
- **Sacramento's Gold Country Classic** - May 4-5, 2012.
- **ASGA's Memorial Day Weekend Event** - Location TBD. Dates: May 24-27, 2012

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, March 9th, 2012

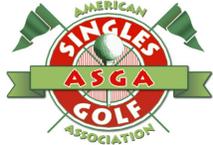
Mingle Location: The Village Cellar/Wine Shop

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

below average costs. Half the courses will be mid-price range courses. We hope to be playing the majority of the courses described as the "best Chicago-land courses" in various internet surveys, if we can reach agreements on cost, deposit and contract terms..

Issues with current course selection

The last few years have been financially difficult for area golf courses. While most of their expenses have risen significantly, their fees have only risen modestly or not at all (for fear of losing attendance). Courses have responded to the decreasing profit margins by becoming more adamant about certain issues. We can expect courses to enforce the "no food or beverage brought to the course" rule far more than in the past. In the past if we were one or two people short of our requested attendance, the course would not charge us. Now we can expect to be charged for any absentees at many courses. Finally, courses have been pushing to have ASGA assume liability for any and all damage done on the course by anyone from our outing (rather than pursuing the individual who caused the damage). ASGA does not have insurance or the financial resources to accept that liability and we are working very hard to get such terms removed from the contracts. But we may lose one or more courses if they cannot accommodate our concerns.

Coordinators' Meeting

The ASGA Coordinators' Meeting will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Nonnies Pizza, 1567 W. 75th Street Woodridge, IL at 5:00 pm. ASGA will cover the cost of pizza, bread, salad and sodas for those who register. Alcoholic beverages are not included and would be the responsibility of each individual. In advance of the meeting ASGA must provide the restaurant with the number of people who will attend, and we will be charged for that number. We request that you register for the Coordinators' meeting by sending an e-mail prior to April 1, 2012 to billforcade@sbcglobal.net with the subject line "Register for Coordinators' Meeting." Those who do not register in advance may be required to purchase their meal

from the menu. Please come and learn about the 2012 course lineup. At the meeting you are encouraged to sign up as a coordinator or assistant coordinator for one or more of the events, bring your calendars.

Coordinators' Supply Boxes

Originally, we had 12 supply boxes for the coordinators. A few of the boxes are now missing. Please e-mail **Bill Forcade**, billforcade@sbcglobal.net if you have one of the supply boxes.

Upcoming Events:

Meet the Chicago ASGA Prez:

At the Village Cellar/ Wine Shop and Wine Bar in Hinsdale on Friday, March 9 and Friday, April 13 from 7 to 9 pm. Chris will be providing one free glass of wine or beer to prospective members. The Village Cellar is located at 24 W. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL, [630.325.8466](tel:630.325.8466)

Wines For Humanity Wine Tasting & Fondue Party

March 31st (change of date), 6:00 p.m. Festivities will take place at Chris Coyne's house in Hinsdale. Sample assorted recipes including cheese, meat, seafood and vegetable fondues, not to mention delicious chocolate dessert fondues. Wine Tasting will be offered by "Wines For Humanity" www.winesforhumanity.com and will be available for purchase. Proceeds for the event will go to P.A.D.S Chicago. Let us know if you have a fondue pot that we can use. RSVP to Chris Coyne at cmec52@comcast.net and send your \$20 check to Chris Coyne, 117 Maumell Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at this exciting spring event

Cinco de Mayo Kick-Off Dinner/Dance:

Come celebrate the start of the 2012 ASGA Golf Season with a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on **Saturday, May 5th at River Bend Golf Club in Lisle**. Traditional Mexican fare will be served. Festivities will begin at 6:00. Enjoy a Margarita and reconnect with your ASGA friends. Bring those sombreros if you have them! The course will be open for anyone who would like to come out early and play. Save the date, more information to follow.

We Had a Fun February

The Chili Cook-off at **Cathy Hill's** house was a huge success. Who knew that there are so many delicious varieties of chili !!! More than 25 ASGA tasters sampled and voted for their favorite chili recipe. After tasting 7 assorted varieties of chili, **Margaret Muller** walked away with 1st prize with her rendition of a classic style chili. The 1st prize was a \$25 gift certificate to none other than Chili's restaurant. **Martha Staky** introduced the group to a fun dice game - LRC - and **Wayne Thompson** walked away with the cash pot! Never knew you could have so much fun with a \$3.00 bet! We will definitely include that LRC game in future events !

From Tim Dowling, Handicap Chairman

The golf season is just around the corner so now is the time to renew your CDGA membership. Didn't have one in 2011... then now is the time to join and start tracking your game.

The renewal process is quick and easy. Just go to "your caddie" at www.CDGA.org and click "renew". The cost is \$20 for membership and a \$2.50 Internet processing fee. At that time you can also upgrade to Gold membership for an additional \$19.50. The Gold membership provides you additional benefits including discounted green fees at Member Day events, magazine discounts and you will also earn "Loyalty Points" every time you play a Member course. The loyalty points can be used to purchase CDGA logo wear and more.

If you were registered with another CDGA club in 2011 or have gone more than a year without renewing I can transfer you to the ASGA Chicago Golf Club for just \$20. This is a savings of 30% over most "green grass" member courses.

If you have never had a handicap, now is the time to start. The benefits of having a certified handicap include being able to play in the ASGA Chicago Ryder Cup, the Michigan Challenge and the Club Championships. Also, there are local CDGA competitions and of course, travel destinations that require a certified handicap to play their courses. The cost is only \$20.

To get a registration form, go to www.asgachicago.org click on "Event

Organizers" in the tool bar and click on HandicapRegistrationForm.doc, download the form, print it, fill it out and mail it, along with a \$20 check made out to ASGA Chicago, to me at the address on the form. I will register you and send you directions to get yourself up and running.

Also, the CDGA has developed a great app so you can post scores, look up golf courses, and see and print your Handicap Label. More information is available at www.CDGA.org

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Debora Braun - 03/12
Deborah Brice - 04/15
Tom Cech - 03/24
Lyn Dickinson - 03/14
Judi Loria - 04/09
Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13
Tom Metzger - 04/11
David Moretti - 03/31
Stephen Mueller - 03/02
Janet Nigrelli - 03/06
Elaine Nissen - 03/18
Nancy Pierz - 03/03
Carol Reichart - 03/26
Tim Ryan - 03/08
Madelon Silgalis - 03/02
Jay Thompson - 03/07
Denyse Vos - 04/02
Stephanie Whitman - 03/15
Peter Wisniewski - 03/04

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Kimberly Armatys - 03/31/2012
John Bitner - 03/31/2012
Deborah Brice - 03/31/2012

Debra Brooks - 03/31/2012
Hank Calzaretta - 03/31/2012
Lyn Dickinson - 03/31/2012
Sharon Hillman - 03/31/2012
William Hsiung - 03/31/2012
Mary Joy - 03/31/2012
Paul Moss - 03/31/2012
Elaine Nissen - 03/31/2012
Barbara Panek - 03/31/2012
Karen Renzi - 03/31/2012
Tim Ryan - 03/31/2012
Maggie Smith - 03/31/2012
Bob Wier - 03/31/2012
Donna Wiggins - 03/31/2012
Barb Youngs - 03/31/2012

Welcome newest members:

Lori-Jo Fergle - Joined 01/17/2012
Donna Freeland - Joined 01/02/2012
Elyse Stuart - Joined 01/24/2012

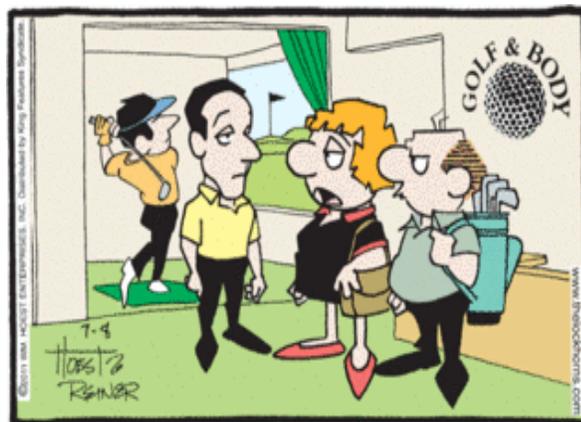
These members recently renewed:

Dennis Cowhey
Lee Fayette
Carol Reichart

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Carol Browne - 02/29/2012
Sue Cronin - 02/29/2012
Nancy Ellis - 02/29/2012
Dee Giese - 01/31/2012
Patrice Jordan - 01/31/2012
Joanne Klumpp - 01/31/2012
Ron McMahon - 01/31/2012
Yvette Mulryan - 01/31/2012
Margaret Quinn - 02/29/2012
Jim Voinovich - 02/29/2012

Our chapter currently has 177 members



"LEROY WOULD LIKE TO HIT THE BALL AS FAR AS HE CAN THROW THE CLUBS."

ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

CELEBRATING 19 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — MARCH, 2012

Members Choose: Memorial Day Weekend at Pinehurst Great Turnout Expected at Site of Upcoming U. S. Open

Event Dates: Thursday, May 24 – Sunday, May 27, 2012

With great excitement and anticipation, we're happy to announce our continued association with the fine folks at Pinehurst Resort in announcing our "Reunion in Pinehurst". Members were polled in mid-February, asking their preference between Pinehurst and The Homestead Resort and again, Pinehurst won-out by about a 29% larger margin than The Homestead.



The Reunion on Memorial Day Weekend has shown to be ASGA's largest-attended event each year with attendance soaring over 400 in years past. It's a great time to see old friends and meet friends you never thought you had.

Dates set for this year are May 24-27, a Thursday through Sunday.

We asked Pinehurst to price this event as if you walked-in on your own and wanted the same exact package on the same dates. The standard package would be \$1216 and the room-by-yourself package would be \$2133 at the Carolina. Our packages start at \$529 per person, based on double occupancy and \$694 per person based on single occupancy, which includes all taxes, resort service fees, gratuities for wait and bell staff, etc.

If you priced this event on its own, you'd easily pay \$1200-\$1300 (dbl. occ.) for all that's included. Optional rounds on the day-of-arrival (Thursday at Pinehurst) as well as day-of-departure (Sunday at Tobacco Road Golf Club — Rated #4 Public Course in the U. S. by *Golf World* magazine and a Top 100 *Golf Digest*) are being offered as well. A registration form is enclosed will be enclosed with this newsletter and you can also obtain one after March 8, 2012 at www.SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst



Of course, outside of everything Pinehurst has to offer, you get to meet hundreds of singles from various ASGA chapters.

As with all ASGA multi-chapter events, you must be a member to attend. To join ASGA, simply go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

Included in the Standard Package:

- 4 days / 3 nights, based on double occupancy
- 2 rounds of golf, cart, range balls, prizes for winners and welcoming gift for all
- 6 food functions: cocktail party (heavy hors d'oeuvres and 2 free drink tickets if you register by April 27), picnic-style cookout Friday after golf, Saturday sit-down dinner and 3 buffet breakfasts in the dining room

- Dancing with our DJ on 1st and 3rd nights (Mike still dances!)
- All resort service fees and taxes. The resort service fee pays for bicycle rental, practice green, afternoon tea, on-site transportation, fitness center, tennis courts, outdoor pools, etc.

In addition, Pinehurst is offering ASGA members a coupon good towards a 20% discount on a spa service or one round of golf club rentals. See SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst for details on this coupon.

Room-by-Yourself packages and non-golf packages are also available. Non-hotel packages are available only to our Pinehurst chapter members.

U. S. Open Returns to Pinehurst in 2014

For the first time in Open history, one venue is the site of both the men's U. S. Open Championship and the women's U. S. Open Championship in the same year. Both championships will be hosted by Pinehurst in 2014. Pinehurst was also the site of the 1951 Ryder Cup as well as the 1999 and 2005 U. S. Opens. The No. 2 course will not be part of our standard package and will actually be closed due to aeration.



Variety of Accommodation Options

Please review the Pinehurst.com website and check out their hotel accommodations. They're offering the Carolina Inn, the Holly Inn, Manor Inn and their condos again. In addition to these hotels, if your chapter (or group of friends) would like to get eight (8) of your members together and get a villa, which has a common living room and kitchen facility, review the Pinehurst.com website and indicate such on your registration form.

Over 50 Have Placed Deposits on Ireland

Yes, without knowing full details, over 50 ASGA members have placed \$100 deposits on the Ireland trip that will most likely occur in July of this year. Final details should be out by the end of March.

We're shooting to stage a full field of golfers on each course each of our four days of golf with a maximum of 124 players, so please go to the Ireland website, www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland for more updates, or go to the "deposit website" at www.SinglesGolf.com/IrelandDeposit to put your \$100.00 deposit down.

We'll Miss Dr. Tom

One of our long-time members, Dr. Tom Butt, pass away this past December. Tom, as some of you "old timers" may recall, would occasionally interrupt our deejay at our events to sing some of his favorite hillbilly songs, usually accompanied by his horn.

Tom was a retired dentist from Wytheville, Virginia and will be missed by many.

Tom Alsop
President / Founder
GolfASGA@aol.com



Reunion at Pinehurst!

Memorial Day Weekend — 2012

Thurs., May 24 — Sun., May 27, 2012 4-days, 3-nights + 2 rounds++

This is our largest event of the year. Over 200 attended this event in 2011! Choose to play two, three or four rounds of golf. You can stay 3 additional nights, before or after event, at special ASGA member-only prices. Details at SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst Online registration form available after 3/8/2012.



Register by April 27 and Receive 2 Free Drink Tickets!

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www.SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst RESORT WEBSITE: www.Pinehurst.com Hotel Phone: 800-487-4653

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

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 Pinehurst Resort (see details below)
- 6 food functions: 1 cocktail party (heavy hors d'oeuvres; also 2 drink tickets if you reg by 4/27), 3 "lavish" breakfasts at the Carolina, 1 cookout and 1 sit-down dinner
- DJ dancing on 1st and 3rd nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. *Resort services include on-site transportation, bicycles, afternoon tea, practice putting, driving range and more.*

Add'l. Nights: If you come early or stay late, add'l. nights, which includes the buffet breakfast, are **\$189** for a single room and **\$94.50** /person if dbl. occ., regardless of inn you are staying in. Tax & resort service fees are included in these rates. (Roommate must stay or you must pay single occ. rate of \$169/night.) See Pinehurst.com for details on room types.

GOLF: You'll plan one resort course and one championship course. Package play dates are Fri., May 25 & Sat., May 26. You choose to play your own ball both days or play scramble Day 1 and shamble Day 2. Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf at Pinehurst course and Day-of-Departure Golf (8:30-9am shotgun at Tobacco Road. (Last year, 72 players played Tobacco Road - an exciting course!)

PAYMENT: Full payment due by April 25th. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 04/25/11. Absolutely NO refunds after 4/25/11. 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 04/29/11, you must call us at above number.

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.

SPECIAL PKGS.: Non-Golf, Pinehurst Chapter members, see website or call us. *All rooms at the Pinehurst Resort 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: (Resort has shuttles to transport you between hotels, courses, etc. Details at SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst)

- () \$529.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- () \$561.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- () \$694.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- () \$757.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- () \$529.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE / 4-bedroom villa (sleeps 8). Must be part of a group of 8, all staying in same villa. Two per room.
- () \$69.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT PINEHURST No. 3 (11am-ish tee time or shotgun if we have 48 players)
- () \$79.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT TOBACCO ROAD (8:30-9am shotgun) - Includes box lunch

INDICATE YOUR PLAY FORMAT HERE: () PLAY MY OWN BALL BOTH DAYS () SCRAMBLE DAY ONE + SHAMBLE* DAY TWO

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 _____ (Golf partner must play same format as you're playing!)

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

+ \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights (\$189 single / \$94.50 dbl. occ). Indicate dates (before/after) of add'l. nights: _____

+ \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thurs., 11:00am approx. starting time (\$69 @ Pinehurst Resort)

+ \$ _____ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$79 @ Tobacco Road GC) (Includes box lunch)

+ \$ _____ 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)

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

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA or the Pinehurst Resort to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. There is no credit card processing fee for this event. **Card to be charged on or after May 9, 2011.**

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

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

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

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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