

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

## JUNE IS JUMPING WITH GOLF

### A Letter From Our President, Christine Coyne:

Golf season is in full swing. The weather gods have been pretty good to us which has given me the opportunity to participate in all of the events that I have signed up for thus far. It's been great catching up with members that I haven't seen since last year plus encouraging seeing some new members participating in our outings. I do hope we can all try our best to make the new members feel welcomed.

Hats off to everyone who attended our fun and festive Cinco De Mayo Tee-Off Event. The venue, food, music and, most of all, people, made the evening such a success. A special note of thanks goes to **Penny Link** and **JoAnn Graske** for their work and effort.

We have one other social outing which will occur on **Saturday, June 9 at Ravinia in Highland Park**. One of my favorite groups, **Earth, Wind and Fire**, will be performing. Penny and JoAnn will have more details for you in this newsletter. I do hope to see some of you there!

In my last newsletter, I had mentioned that we would be holding a May Mingle at the Golfsmith store in Downers Grove.

The event was postponed for a few reasons. To make it worth both Golfsmith and ASGA's effort and time, we need to have at least 25 people to attend. We are hoping to have the event in mid-July but will need to have commitments from our membership. More details will be forthcoming in our email blasts and July newsletter.

I have been looking at our golf calendar and we have some great courses that are being offered to our group. Hope you are checking the list and signing up with our golf coordinators. Speaking of golf coordinators, they are doing a fabulous job!!! Pace of play has been a concern for our membership. I have been checking with many of the coordinators. It seems that most everyone is putting forth effort to keep up with the group ahead of them. Coordinator **Fred McEwen** was quite creative at the Springbrook outing by rewarding the last group in with a free drink if they made it to Quigley's by a certain time.

Contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Looking forward to seeing you on the links!

### Past Events

**No May Rainouts!** For the first time in many years, no outings were rained out in May. Look at all of the fun we had:

#### Mt. Prospect, Saturday, May 12th:

The first outing of the season was a resounding success - no rain! **Debbie Bradel** clearly has a connection to the weathermen and provided a water free day. Becky Nicholson, Jay Thompson and Allen Chester helped 40 golfers start the season. Among the golfers were 5 new members, a guest (who wants to join ASGA - really!) and a member of the Milwaukee chapter. Awards were given to: **Loren Mercola, Jay Thompson**, and **Kathy Brown** (closest to the pin); **Becky Nicholson, Deb Brice, Bob Geeve** and **Tim Dowling** (longest drive); and **Karen Stika** and **Paul Hervey** for longest putt. **Jim Licata** won a round for 2 (provided by the golf course). After dinner in the clubhouse, 9 golfers crashed a singles party at Moretti's. We have no idea what happened to them.

#### Buffalo Grove, Sunday, May 13th:

**Marie DiVirgilio** provided the perfect place for Mother's Day golf. Wonderful weather accompanied 22 players all day

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **ASGA in Ireland** - July 20-July 30, 2012. Dublin + Killarney + Limerick. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)
- **Denver's Colorado Rocky Mountain Golf Adventure** - August 23-26 2012, Golf at Headwaters and Pole Creek GCs. More details soon.
- **Sacramento+Seattle's Northwest Invitational II** - September 6-9, 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:** 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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long. No extras "games" this year - Marie thought everyone would be too rusty! Awards were made for closest to the pin to **Mary Lou Newbold, Tim Dowling, Karen Blocher** (in her 1st event!), and **Len Benbenek. Kurt Kupitz** and **Mary Lou Newbold** sunk the longest putts. Special thanks to **Tim Dowling, Mary Lou Newbold** and **Tom Metzger** for their assistance.

**Springbrook, Saturday, May 19th:**

**Fred McEwen** welcomed 32 golfers to such a fun outing (bribing golfers with drinks at Quigley's if they played the fastest!). Another day of great weather helped the following golfers win awards: Closest to the pin - **Debora Braun** (the LPGA is investigating the fact that she won 2!), **Joe O'Malley** and **Kurt Kupitz**; Longest Putt - **Nancy Hill, Greg Straley, Jean White** and **Dave Halper**. Rumor has it that **Karen Stika** tried to show off her score for the back 9 but her score card was unreadable as it was soaked with a martini. Way to go Karen (on both counts!).

**Odyssey, Sunday, May 20th:**

Even with the NATO conference bringing parts of Chicago traffic to a halt, **Tony Kopp** managed to get folks out on this beautiful course. Be sure to chat with Tony sometime about this outing - no details were available at the time of publication (something wild must have happened!).

**Mill Creek, Saturday, May 26th:**

Memorial Day weekend found the outings with fewer golfers but no less fun. **JoAnn Graske** welcomed 23 golfers to Mill Creek with the assistance of **Jean White** and **Scott Wilson**. Two potential new members (courtesy of **Marie DiVirgilio**) joined the group on this sometimes challenging course. Closest to the pin awards were given to **John Bitner, Kathy Braun, Patrice Al-Saden** and **Kurt Kupitz**. **John Bitner** also took home an award for longest putt, as did **Eileen Zitnan** (welcome back Eileen!). Chicken nachos were enjoyed in the clubhouse by those who stuck around - a few beers were washed down with them (what a surprise).

**Heritage Bluffs, Sunday, May 27th:**

We capped off the warmest Memorial Day weekend in Chicago on record at this somewhat secluded course. Co-ordinator **Deb Brice** couldn't keep count of the golf balls lost by the 18 players but **Will Hsu-ing** won the award (only he remembers how many). Awards were also made to: **Paul Hervery** and **Chris Coyne** (closest to the pin), **Gary Gunderson** (longest drive), and **Dana Green** (most sand traps). Hero's in Joliet welcomed the group with lots of cold beer after a hot and sometimes confounding day.

**Oh, What a Tee-Off Party:**

The Cinco de Mayo Tee Off Dinner Dance found 60 plus members dancing the night away. A dozen new members were introduced - we'll see if they show up again! This May 5th season starter at River Bend Golf Club in Lisle proved the perfect place for to reconnect and meet new friends. Many thanks to **Penny Link** and **JoAnn Graske** for pulling together such a fun evening - lots of food, drinks, and dancing.

**Upcoming Non-Golf Event**

**A Night At Ravinia:**

Enjoy music under the stars with Earth, Wind, and Fire on Saturday, June 9th. Gates open at 5:00, performance 7:30. Lawn tickets are \$35. We will be gathering as a group to enjoy the music, feel free to bring your own food or purchase something at the venue. Please RSVP to **JoAnn Graske** [graske3141@comcast.net](mailto:graske3141@comcast.net) by April 21st to hold your ticket. Send your \$35 check made out to ASGA to JoAnn Graske, 3141 Raphael Court, St. Charles, IL 60175.

**Monthly Humor**

**"The Dreaded Call"**

*(courtesy of Nancy Pierz)*

My boss phoned me today. He said, "Is everything okay at the office?"

I said, "Yes, it's all under control. It's been a very busy day, I haven't stopped."

"Can you do me a favor?" he asked.

I said, "Of course, what is it?"

"Pick up the pace a little. I'm in the four-some behind you."

## About Our Members

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Kimberly Armatys - 07/05  
Susan Barton - 06/04  
John Bitner - 06/04  
Jim Coates - 07/10  
Christine Coyne - 06/07  
Marie Di Virgilio - 06/24  
George Frerichs - 06/23  
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04  
Susan Keating - 07/09  
Carolan Klapper - 07/13  
Elizabeth Landers - 06/06  
Karen Marcotte - 07/12  
Lisa McGuirt - 06/15  
Greg Mieczynski - 07/02  
Barbara Panek - 06/27  
Martha Staky - 06/01  
Marie Trankina - 06/18

### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*

Patsy Albrecht - 06/30/2012  
Bob Almada - 06/30/2012  
Michael Anderson - 06/30/2012  
Larry Arnold - 06/30/2012  
Tom Cech - 06/30/2012  
Jim Coates - 06/30/2012  
Dave Colbert - 06/30/2012  
Jeffrey Dolan - 06/30/2012  
Michael Hoepfner - 06/30/2012  
Ken Kingsbury - 06/30/2012  
Gayle Kolb - 06/30/2012  
James Licata - 06/30/2012  
Judi Loria - 06/30/2012  
Tom Metzger - 06/30/2012  
Stephen Mueller - 06/30/2012  
Mary Lou Newbold - 06/30/2012  
Nancy Pierz - 06/30/2012  
Lucy Polk - 06/30/2012  
James Poppette - 06/30/2012  
Arthur Rubalcaba - 06/30/2012

Jeanne Schneeberger - 06/30/2012  
Martha Staky - 06/30/2012  
Marie Trankina - 06/30/2012  
Raymond Vogel - 06/30/2012  
Stephanie Whitman - 06/30/2012

### Welcome newest members:

Darlene Belter - Joined 04/18/2012  
Leonard Benbenke - Joined 04/17/2012  
Clay Chenoweth - Joined 04/02/2012  
Mike Edens - Joined 05/08/2012  
Dana Green - Joined 04/24/2012  
Cathy Grossi - Joined 05/29/2012  
Gary Gunderson - Joined 04/19/2012  
Caroline Isaacs - Joined 05/31/2012  
Catherine Kauffman - Joined 05/23/2012  
Norman Rzeszutko - Joined 04/16/2012  
Susan Schaefer - Joined 04/19/2012  
Eileen Zittnan - Joined 04/25/2012

### These members recently renewed:

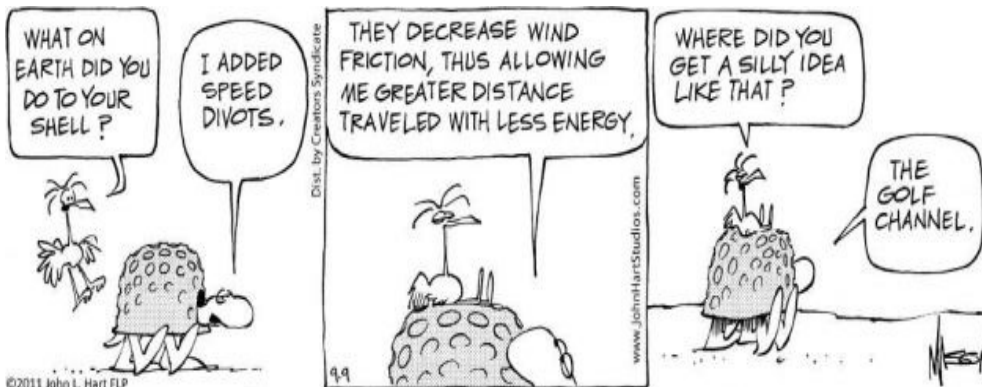
Debra Brooks  
Paulette Dittrich  
John Edmonson  
Ann Engelmann  
Martell Gangler  
David Halper  
Lee Ann Hedeem  
Melanie Jones  
Mary Joy  
Jane Leary  
Douglas MacFarlane  
Loren Mercola  
Margaret Muller  
Becky Nicholson  
Janet Nigrelli  
Cynthia Oliver  
Susan Ouchterloney  
Lois Porebski  
Patricia Porter  
Jay Thompson

### These members did not renew their dues:

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Kevin Berg - 05/31/2012  
Linda Blatnik - 04/30/2012  
Kathy Braun - 05/31/2012  
Jennifer Connolly - 04/30/2012  
Stephanie Corredino - 05/31/2012  
Nancy Hill - 05/31/2012  
Madeleine Hohe - 04/30/2012  
Irene Jones - 05/31/2012  
Tony Kopp - 05/31/2012  
Penny Link - 05/31/2012  
Rebecca Marquardt - 05/31/2012  
Carol Mayer - 05/31/2012  
Mari Lou McCann - 05/31/2012  
Daniel Noel - 05/31/2012  
Margaret Onken - 05/31/2012  
Judy Reinhardt - 04/30/2012  
Lee Robertson - 04/30/2012  
Amy Rybicki - 04/30/2012  
Michael Shain - 05/31/2012  
Donald Stading - 05/31/2012  
Monte Van Kooten - 04/30/2012  
Carl Wagner - 04/30/2012  
Meridel Wesely - 05/31/2012  
Peter Wisniewski - 04/30/2012

**Our chapter currently has 168 members**



## CONTACTING FELLOW MEMBERS

The roster of members in our chapter is **updated daily**, that is, any day there are changes to our chapter's roster, the National Association office updates it.

Want to play weekdays? Our roster indicates who's available! Need to contact a chapter leader, go for it!

To see a roster of our members, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/roster](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/roster) and key-in your username and password. If you don't have that info, just follow the prompts and we'll e-mail your information to you.

Once you are logged-in, you can also update your personal information.

## 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Course	Where	Coordinator	Coordinator Confirmed	Course Confirmed	Contract Signed
Saturday, May 12, 2012	Mt. Prospect	N	Deb Bradel	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, May 13, 2012	Buffalo Grove	N	Marie DiVirgilio	Y	Y	None
Saturday, May 19, 2012	Springbrook	S	Fred McEwen	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, May 20, 2012	Odyssey	S	Tony Kopp	Y	Y	None
Saturday, May 26, 2012	Mill Creek	N			Y	Y
Sunday, May 27, 2012	Heritage Bluffs	S			Y	Y
Saturday, June 02, 2012	WhiteTail Ridge	S			Y	Y
Sunday, June 03, 2012	Mission Hills	N			Y	Y
Saturday, June 09, 2012	Silver Lake	S	Nancy Pierz	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, June 10, 2012	Ruffled Feathers	S			Y	Y
Saturday, June 16, 2012	Pine Meadow	N	Jane Leary	Y	Y	None
Sunday, June 17, 2012	Oak Brook	S			Y	Y
Saturday, June 23, 2012	Countryside	N	Jay Thompson	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, June 24, 2012	Prairie Landing	S			Y	None
Saturday, June 30, 2012	Tanna Farms	N	Bob Geeve	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, July 01, 2012	Fresh Meadow	S			Y	Y
Wednesday, July 04, 2012	Harborside	S	Tony Kopp	Y	Y	None
Saturday, July 07, 2012	Cog Hill #3	S	Bill Forcade	Y	Y	None
Sunday, July 08, 2012	White Deer Run	N			Y	None
Saturday, July 14, 2012	Ryder Cup George Dunne	S	Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Sunday, July 15, 2012	Ryder Cup George Dunne	S	Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Thursday, July 19, 2012	Yarrow		Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Friday, July 20, 2012	Yarrow		Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Saturday, July 21, 2012	Yarrow		Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Sunday, July 22, 2012	Tamarak	S			Y	Y
Sunday, July 22, 2012	Yarrow		Tom Ullsperger	Y	Y	Tom
Saturday, July 28, 2012	St. Andrews	N			Y	Y
Sunday, July 29, 2012	Big Run	S		Y	Y	Y
Saturday, August 04, 2012	Cantigny	S			Y	Y
Sunday, August 05, 2012	Stonewall Orchard	N	Ted Zillmer	Y	Y	Y
Saturday, August 11, 2012	Fox Bend	S	Debra Braun	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, August 12, 2012	Highlands of Elgin	N			Y	Y
Saturday, August 18, 2012	Championship - Orchard Valley	S	Tim Dowling	Y	Y	Y
Sunday, August 19, 2012	Championship - Orchard Valley	S	Tim Dowling	Y	Y	Y
Saturday, August 25, 2012	Thunderhawk	N			Y	Y
Sunday, August 26, 2012	Carillon	S			Y	Y
Saturday, September 01, 2012	Seven Bridges	S			Y	Y
Sunday, September 02, 2012	Makray	N			Y	Y



# ASGA NATIONAL NEWS

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AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION — JUNE, 2012

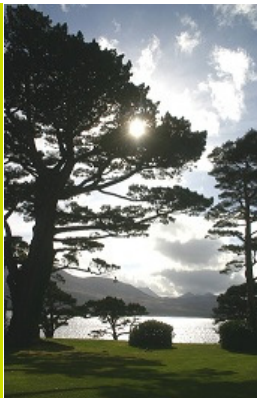
## LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP FOR IRELAND! *Play K-Club, Ballybunion, Old Head...*

### June 20 Deadline to Sign-Up

Sixty (60) members have signed-up for the Ireland trip, July 20-30. We will spend three days in Dublin, three in Killarney and three in Limerick. You'd fly into Dublin but return home from Shannon Airport near Limerick. When online registration is available, please have your roommate sign-up the same time you do. Details and itinerary at

[www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland)

*Killarney Golf & Fish Club, Site of 2011 Irish Open and one of the courses we'll play in July.*



### Get High On Golf this August

If you're a down-home country boy like me, you don't get out much. Yes, I've traveled the world but places in my own backyard have never been pleased by my presence. Living in North Carolina, we sometimes think anything west of the Mississippi is another country. The landscape changes. Roads are straight and you can see places you don't want to see for miles.

But as you head west, I mean really, really west, you bump into a rock. Locals call it the Rockies. And within those Rockies is one of our newest chapters, the ever-so-young Denver group.

Several months ago, Denver contacted the national office with a desire to blow-away the membership. They wanted to host a multi-chapter golf weekend, where else, but in the Rocky Mountains. That place way up in the sky.

"But you're such a young chapter, are you sure you want to do this?" I asked. "Absolutely!" they replied. "We are energetic and we know we can offer the members from all over the country an experience like no other." So game on. Denver's "Colorado Rocky Mountain Golf Adventure" is now official. It's golf with an attitude. Or, was that altitude?

At 9,000 feet elevation, this *will be* an adventure. The reason most Denver chapter members have single digit handicaps is because balls travel 400 yards out there. (Ball retrievers are four times longer as well.) Winter Park, Colorado will be the venue and the dates are set for August 23-26.

So the only question remains: will you engage yourself in this kind of experience? Will you get high with your fellow chapter members? Will you meet friends you never thought you had? So enough questions. Go to the website and register. Do it now.

This and other events are at [www.SinglesGolf.com/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events)

### Update Your Info on Your Chapter's Roster

People still call us wanting us to change the phone number, or handicap or address in the database (roster). For a couple of years now, you've had the ability to update your information on the roster yourself. This updates the national database.

Got an address or phone change? Want to add your cell number, change your handicap? Go to the **MY ACCOUNT** button at our website, SinglesGolf.com and log-in.

Forgot your log-in? It's real easy; just follow the simple instructions and your log-in information comes to you right away.

### The National Website: *Where Can We Improve?*

Ever been to SinglesGolf.com? The national site receives some 30,000 visitors per month, some for the first time, and others are returning members. The site is, to a certain extent, an electronic brochure about our organization but it's also a place members go to find out what's going on next. Most chapters who use our software access their local website by entering their chapter name, followed by the national site, e.g. [www.KansasCity.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.KansasCity.SinglesGolf.com). Local sites are free to chapters but other chapters host their own sites entirely independent of the national site. We also want to make sure the national site is satisfying your needs. If there's something you'd like to see that's not there, let us know. And if you'd like to submit a photo for our moving photos section, send it to [Gol-fASGA@aol.com](mailto:Gol-fASGA@aol.com)

### Hawaii 2013: Time to Return

Yes, time to return for a low score and aloha! Everyone knows that your golf score in Hawaii doesn't really mean anything. Hit a bad shot, it doesn't matter, just look beyond the beautiful hill of flowers and see whales frolicking off the coast. Hit a good shot, well, it's just another day at the office.

Yes, again, we're looking at a return visit to Hawaii. We seem to show-up there about every other year. No details yet, but as usual, before we can discuss things with hotels, we need to know if you're interested. Will we have 28 or 82 attend? We never know until we start seeing some action on your part.

So if you'd like to go to Hawaii at some time between the last week in January through mid-March, go to our "Hawaii" website and just put your name on the list. There's no financial or other obligation at this point, just a show of hands. The site's at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Hawaii) An announcement should be made by the end of this month or mid-July at the latest. Mahalo!

- Tom Alsop, President / Founder  
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July 21-30, 2012

Dublin +  
Killarney +  
Limerick

Play K-Club  
Portmarnock  
Old Head  
Dromoland  
Ballybunion

All ASGA Members Invited!

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