

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

IT JUST CAN'T BE AUGUST!

A Letter From Our President, Christine Coyne:

I hope you are able to enjoy this great golf season. We certainly can't complain about rain - only one rain out this golf season. We have been challenged with some high temps but it hasn't deterred many of our hardy golfers. A huge thank you goes out to **Tom Ullsperger**, Captains **Patsy Albrecht** and **Bob Geeve** for their effort in providing 40-some golfers a fun Chicago Ryder Cup Challenge at George Dunne. Congratulations to Team Patsy for a resounding victory.

Thanks to all who attended the Golfsmith Mingle for Singles at the Downers Grove location in July. The event was organized to provide an opportunity for new and prospective members to meet with some of our seasoned members. There were some new faces who showed up which was encouraging. I would certainly like to hear from our membership as to how we can reach out to people who might be interested in Chicago ASGA.

We have some great venues coming up during the month of August which I am so looking forward to visiting. If you have not signed up for the Championship, please do

so. **Tim Dowling**, Special Events Coordinator Extraordinaire, has a great weekend planned for the participants at Orchard Valley in Aurora.

Bill Forcade, who has done a fine job as our Golf Coordinator this year, will be stepping down after this season. Because of mandatory surgery, Bill had to take a leave from playing golf this season. We certainly have missed his dry humor, positive presence with our group and those orange golf balls on the course. We will be looking for a new Golf Coordinator for next season. So please consider helping out our organization and taking on this position.

Hope to see you, on the links, in August!

The Chicago Challenge at George Dunne Golf Course: *PAULA'S CREAMPUFF'S CRUSH* *FUZZY'S NAVEL 33 - 22*

The 9th Annual Chicago Challenge was held at George Dunne National on the weekend of July 14-15. The two-day event is a Ryder Cup-style competition with four different match play formats intended to test all levels of play. This

year's captains, Paula Creamer (**Patsy Albrecht**) and Fuzzy Zoeller (**Bob Geeve**), each led their teams into the event with terrific enthusiasm and passion. Their idea for this year's theme was Legends and Characters of the Game, a great way to give an identity to the competition and players.

As for the contest itself, Paula's Cream-puffs seized command on Day One and never looked back. Solid performances by the pairings of Stewart Cink (Jim Voinovich) / Judy Rankin (Eileen Graziano); Tommy Gainey (Kurt Kupitz) / Wendy Ward (Madelon Silgalis); & John Daly (Ray Kalal) / Lexi Thompson (Marie Di Virgilio) led the way for the Puffs. Despite Fuzzy himself, paired with Christie Kerr (Jane Leary), sweeping the first two matches of the day, Paula's team took a 13-1/2 - 8-1/2 lead.

Considering all the preparations made by the captains, the one element that could not be controlled was the weather. For the first time ever in the event, heavy rain delayed play for more than an hour with the possibility that the course might be rendered unplayable.

With more than half of the matches still in progress on the back nine, there was

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Sacramento+Seattle's Northwest Invitational II** - September 6-9, 2012. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/events
- **Battle at the Beach** - Dates TBA - most likely, November-ish, 2012. South Carolina coastal area.
- **New Year's in Florida** - - we may do Dec. 29-Jan 1 or Jan. 4-6 - - we're working on it!

Office Hours: 9:00am to 2:00pm, M-F (Eastern)

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LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

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Mingle Location: TBD

Our Website: www.ASGAChicago.org

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

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some question on how the results of the day might be determined if play wasn't completed. This led to a spirited, even contentious, debate on how to proceed. Fortunately, the rain stopped and the course was reopened for play, making any decisions unnecessary.

After golf, everyone went to Hackney's in Palos Park for food, drink and rehashing the day's play. Paula and Fuzzy each spent time putting together their pairings, with Fuzzy especially shuffling his line-up to challenge the Puffs.

Alas, all Fuzzy's efforts were not enough. While the Navel's mounted a small rally by winning four of the first six matches in the Scramble, the Puffs swept the last five pairings to increase their lead to eight before the individual matches. From there, they were able to stretch out the final total to a 33-22 rout. Leading performers for the Puffs were John Daly (Ray Kalal) and Stewart Cink (Jim Voinovich), both undefeated in all their matches. Top point-getters for the Navels were Karrie Webb (Kathy Braun) and Hollis Stacy (Marie Bush).

When all the scoring was complete, prizes were distributed to the winning team. Both Paula and Fuzzy were publicly commended for their participation. Their effort and attitude made for another memorable year. A big thanks to **Tom Ullsperger** for pulling together such a fun weekend. It takes a great amount of time and patience to pull this effort together.

We can all look forward to 2013, the 10th year of the event. Patrice Al-Saden and Ted Zillmer have already accepted their roles as next year's captains. The trash-talk has already begun.

RESULTS

SATURDAY - TEAM MATCH PLAY

Christie Kerr (Jane Leary) / Fuzzy Zoeller (Bob Geeve) (FN) 3 & 2 over Kay Cockerill (Susan Herman) / Ken Duke (Paul Ullrich) (PC)

Lucas Glover (Wayne Thompson) / Ray Floyd (Marty Gangler) (PC) 3 & 1 over John Senden (John Edmondson) / Hubert Green (Len Benbenek) (FN)

Paula Creamer (Patsy Albrecht) / Fred Couples (Tim Dowling) (PC) 3 & 1 over Annika Sorenstam (Susan Ouchterloney) / Carl Petterson (Rob Lewandowski) (FN)

Juli Inkster (Jeanne Schneeberger) / Peter Jacobson (Dave Colbert) (PC) 3 & 1 over Sandra Gal (Debra Braun) / Graeme McDowell (Bob Almada) (FN)

Hollis Stacy (Marie Bush) / Tim Herron (Tim Ryan) (FN) 2-up over Sophie Gustafson (Patrice Al-Saden) / Tom Lehman (Michael Daugherty) (PC)

Judy Rankin (Eileen Graziano) / Stewart Cink (Jim Voinovich) (PC) 2-up over Billy Mayfair (Mike Colligan) / Curtis Strange (Tom Metzger) (FN)

Wendy Ward (Madelon Silgalis) / Tommy Gainey (Kurt Kupitz) (PC) 2 & 1 over Amy Alcott (Stephanie Corredino) / Gary McCord (Jay Thompson) (FN)

Lorena Ochoa (Mari Lou McCann) / Angel Cabrera (Joe Torcivia) (PC) 3 & 2 over Morgan Pressell (Cathy Hill) / Kenny Perry (Norm Rzeszutko) (FN)

Lexi Thompson (Marie Di Virgilio) / John Daly (Ray Kalal) (PC) 1-up over Suzanne Petterson (Chris Coyne) / Hale Irwin (Tom Ullsperger) (FN)

Karrie Webb (Kathy Braun) / Darren Clarke (Don Hanson) (FN) 3 & 1 over Nancy Lopez (Kathi Maraffino) / Fred Funk (Jim Mulbrandon) (PC)

Angela Stanford (Robin Rash) / Mark Wilson (Scott Wilson) (PC) 1-up over Beth Daniel (Mary Lou Newbold) / Ian Poulter (Ted Zillmer) (FN)

SATURDAY - ALTERNATE SHOT

Jane Leary / Bob Geeve (FN) 5 & 3 over Susan Herman / Paul Ullrich (PC)

John Edmondson / Len Benbenek (FN) 1-up over Wayne Thompson / Marty Gangler (PC)

Susan Ouchterloney / Rob Lewandowski (FN) 1-up over Patsy Albrecht / Tim Dowling (PC)

Jeanne Schneeberger / Dave Colbert (PC) HALVE Debra Braun / Bob Almada

Marie Bush / Tim Ryan (FN) 2-up over Patrice Al-Saden / Michael Daugherty (PC)

Eileen Graziano / Jim Voinovich (PC) 2-up over Mike Colligan / Tom Metzger (FN)

Madelon Silgalis / Kurt Kupitz (PC) 2 & 1 over Stephanie Corredino / Jay Thompson (FN)

Cathy Hill / Norm Rzeszutko (FN) 2 & 1 over Mari Lou McCann / Joe Torcivia (PC)

Marie Di Virgilio / Ray Kalal (PC) 3 & 1
over Chris Coyne / Tom Ullsperger (FN)

Kathi Maraffino / Jim Mulbrandon (PC)
over Kathy Braun / Don Hanson (FN)

Mary Lou Newbold/ Ted Zillmer (FN) 3 &
1 over Robin Rash / Scott Wilson (PC)

SUNDAY - SCRAMBLE

Stephanie Corredino / John Edmondson
(FN) 1-up over Jeanne Schneeberger /
Tim Dowling (PC)

Susan Ouchterloney / Norm Rzeszutko
(FN) 3 & 1 over Madelon Silgalis / Kurt
Kupitz (PC)

Patsy Albrecht / Dave Colbert (PC) 1-up
over Chris Coyne / Ted Zillmer (FN)

Marie Bush / Jay Thompson (FN) 5 & 3
over Susan Herman / Jim Mulbrandon
(PC)

Patrice Al-Saden / Ray Kalal (PC) 5 & 3
over Jane Leary / Don Hanson (FN)

Kathy Braun / Len Benbenek (FN) 3 & 1
over Marie Di Virgilio / Joe Torcivia (PC)

Michael Daugherty / Wayne Thompson
(PC) 3 & 1 over Bob Geeve / Bob Almada
(FN)

Mari Lou McCann / Marty Gangler (PC) 1-
up over Cathy Hill / Rob Lewandowski
(FN)

Eileen Graziano / Jim Voinovich (PC) 2 &
1 over Debora Braun / Mike Colligan (FN)

Kathi Maraffino / Paul Ullrich (PC) 2 & 1
over Mary Lou Newbold / Tom Metzger
(FN)

Robin Rash / Scott Wilson (PC) 1-up over
Tim Ryan / Tom Ullsperger (FN)

SUNDAY - INDIVIDUAL

Stephanie Corredino (FN) 4 & 2 over
Jeanne Schneeberger (PC)

Tim Dowling (PC) 3 & 1 over John
Edmondson (FN)

Madelon Silgalis (PC) 2 & 1 over Susan
Ouchterloney (FN)

Kurt Kupitz (PC) HALVE Norm Rzeszutko
(FN)

Patsy Albrecht (PC) 4 & 2 over Chris
Coyne (FN)

Ted Zillmer (FN) 3 & 2 over Dave Colbert
(PC)

Marie Bush (FN) 3 & 1 over Susan Her-
man (PC)

Jay Thompson (FN) 2 & 1 over Jim
Mulbrandon (PC)

Patrice Al-Saden (PC) 2-up over Jane
Leary (FN)

Ray Kalal (PC) 2-up over Don Hanson
Marie Di Virgilio (PC) HALVE Kathy
Braun (FN)

Joe Torcivia (PC) 3 & 2 over Len Ben-
benek (FN)

Michael Daugherty (PC) 4 & 2 over Bob
Almada (FN)

Wayne Thompson (PC) 2 & 1 over Bob
Geeve (FN)

Marty Gangler (PC) HALVE Cathy Hill
(FN)

Rob Lewandowski (FN) 3 & 1 over Mari
Lou McCann (PC)

Debora Braun (FN) 2 & 1 over Eileen
Graziano (PC)

Jim Voinovich (PC) 2-up over Mike Col-
ligan

Kathi Maraffino (PC) 3 & 1 over Tom
Metzger (FN)

Mary Lou Newbold (FN) 3 & 1 over
Paul Ullrich

Robin Rash (PC) HALVE Tim Ryan
(FN)

Scott Wilson (PC) HALVE Tom Ullsper-
ger (FN)

ANNUAL YARROW TRIP

After what has been a brutally hot summer, 24 of our members travelled to the Chicago chapter's favorite haven in Michigan. Feeling more seasonal temperatures during our visit to the Yarrow Golf and Conference Resort felt downright cool by comparison. The great weather and relaxed environment always makes for an enjoyable trip. Add in the golf, the food and drink, and especially the way we are treated, it is really hard to beat. Thanks, **Tom Ullsperger**, for putting together another fun weekend (especially after The Chicago Challenge just the week before!).

This year, due to some conflicts in people's schedules, we had less participation than in the past. In some respects, this was beneficial in allowing more social interaction. Every year we attract new members to the trip. It certainly gives everyone that comes a chance to meet more people within the chapter.

Plans have already been made for next year's trip. We have reserved rooms for the last full weekend in July, 2013. The goal is for more of our members to take advantage of this terrific experience.

July's Other Golf outings:

Fresh Meadow, July 1st: the first rain-out of the season! Many tried to play but it just wasn't meant to be in the first big rain storm of the summer.

Harborside, July 4th: Tony Kopp, with the help of **Lois Porebski**, welcomed 12 golfers on another 100 degree plus golf day in Chicago. Contest holes were won by: Stephanie Whitman, Cathy Hill, and Paul Gentile. Happy 4th of July everyone!

Cog Hill, July 7th: Doug MacFarlane provided for a really fun outing for 35 players in 102 degree weather (thankfully it cooled off as evening approached). Helpers included: **Mary Lou Newbold, Tom Metzger, Ken Kusumoto, Tim Dowling, Dave Halper, Cathy Hill and Sue Herman**. Foursomes played "The Hunger Games" with one player in each foursome trying not to lose the team ball. Four teams managed to keep their golfballs, with bottles of wine awarded to winning teams. Contest holes were won by: Loren Mercola, Ken Kusumoto, and Rob Lewandowski (closest to the pin); Sue Herman and Dave Halper (Tee shot on the green, farthest from the pin); Deb Bradel and Christina Hollis (longest putt); and Hank Calzaretta and Christina Hollis (tee shot closest to the line).

White Deer Run, July 8th: The fun just kept coming in July as **Mary Lou Newbold** welcomed 35 players on a beautiful Sunday. **Tom Metzger and Len Benbenek** get started as the following players claimed contest holes: Chris Coyne and Marty Gangler (closest to the pin); Patrice Al-Saden and Jim Voinovich (longest drive); Dave Colbert (longest putt), Gary Gunderson (most sand traps); Len Benbenek (most putts); and Frank Holleson (least putts). A big thanks to **Sue Herman** for hosting players at her home after golf for beer and pizza.

Tamarack, July 22nd: Patsy Albrecht welcomed lots of golfers - details to be provided next month.

St. Andrews, July 28th: Kathy Marrafino also welcomed lots of golfers - details to be provided next month.

Big Run, July 29th: Wayne Thompson closed out the month with a Sunday full of fun at Big Run (which, if you've never played, feels like you're riding a roller coaster hole to hole). **Karen Stika and Tim Ryan** helped welcome 32 players on a beautiful day (lower temperatures, thankfully). Contest holes were won by: Mary Lou McCann and Michale Daugherty (longest drive); and Chris Coyne and Paul Gentile (closest to the pin). The best awards were given for just showing up to: Pat Porter, Debora Barun and Rob Lewandowski. On the difficult par 3, 13th hole, Len Benbenek dunked his first shot into the water but followed up by putting his 80 yard drop hot right into the cup. What a par! And to show you what a great president we have, Chris Coyne returned to the clubhouse after starting her drive home when she realized she had not paid her bill. Now that's an honest president!

SAVE THE DATE for the 2012 ASGA End of Year Event: Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 3rd, 2012 and make plans to come out to celebrate the end of a great golf season with your fellow ASGA golfers at the 2012 End Of Season Party! This year's golf celebration will be held at White Pines Golf Course in Bensenville. Further information to follow, but be certain to mark your calendar!

Come join the ASGA for the Second Annual Lobster and Golf event on October 20th, 2012. The event will include a round of golf followed by a lobster boil at **Mike Colligan's** home in Bartlett. More information to follow.

THIS MONTH'S HUMOR:

One day a man decided to retire...

He booked himself on a Caribbean cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life, that is, until the ship sank.

He soon found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing, only bananas and coconuts.

After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up

to the shore.

In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

She replies, "I rowed over from the other side of the island where I landed when my cruise ship sank."

"Amazing," he notes. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you." "Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of some raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from gum tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm tree branches, and the sides and stern came from a Eucalyptus tree."

"But, where did you get the tools?"

"Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found that if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron and I used that to make tools and used the tools to make the hardware."

The guy is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says "and I'll give you a tour." So, after a short time of rowing, she soon docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a long stone walk leading to a cabin and tree house. While the woman ties up the row boat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumb struck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Please sit down."

"Would you like a drink?" "No! No thank you," the man blurts out, still dazed. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice." "Oh it's not coconut juice," winks the woman. "I have a still. How would you like a Tropical Spritz?"

Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk. After they exchange their individual survival stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower and shave? There's a razor in the bathroom cabinet upstairs."

No longer questioning anything, the man goes upstairs into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone. Two shells

honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism. "This woman is amazing," he muses. "What's next?"

When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but some small flowers on tiny vines, each strategically positioned, she smelled faintly of gardenias. She then beckons for him to sit down next to her.

"Tell me," she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've both been out here for many months. You must have been lonely. When was the last time you played around? She stares into his eyes.

He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean..." he swallows excitedly as tears start to form in his eyes,

"You've built a Golf Course?"

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

- Patsy Albrecht - 08/26
- Bill Beckey - 09/13
- Karen Blocker - 08/23
- Julie Boone - 09/10
- Karen Bulanda - 08/03
- Marie Bush - 08/28
- Clay Chenoweth - 09/01
- Mike Colligan - 09/04
- Stephanie Corredino - 08/17
- Marcy Dub - 08/05
- Dawn Duquaine - 08/21
- Ann Engelmann - 08/23
- Carol Francis - 08/27
- Paul Gentile - 08/17
- Eileen Graziano - 08/14
- David Halper - 09/06
- Lee Ann Hedeon - 09/02
- Robert Lewandowski - 08/08
- Mary Lou Newbold - 09/11
- Becky Nicholson - 09/08
- Robert Ptak - 08/29
- Margaret Quinn - 08/21
- Arthur Rubalcaba - 09/14
- Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
- Maggie Smith - 08/22
- Joe Torcivia - 09/15
- Valerie Vizgirda - 08/15
- John Weitzner - 09/06

These members are up for renewal:

- (date shown is last day of membership)*
- Bill Beckey - 08/31/2012
- Kamal Dagher - 08/31/2012
- Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2012
- Donna Ellis - 08/31/2012
- Susan Herman - 08/31/2012

Joanne Jacobs - 08/31/2012
Susan Keating - 08/31/2012
Elizabeth Landers - 08/31/2012
Robert Lyons - 08/31/2012
Elaine Vernoia - 08/31/2012

Welcome newest members:

Royal Basich - Joined 07/11/2012
Julie Boone - Joined 06/08/2012
Kim Collins - Joined 07/02/2012
Armond Cozzi - Joined 06/22/2012
Timothy Haviland - Joined 06/27/2012
Christina Hollis - Joined 06/11/2012
Ed Horak - Joined 07/30/2012

These members recently renewed:

Patrice Al-Saden
Patsy Albrecht
Bob Almada
Kevin Berg
Debora Braun
Kathy Braun
Tom Cech
Jim Coates
Dave Colbert
Christine Coyne
George Dammer
Tim Dowling
JoAnn Graske
Tony Kopp
Greg Kujawinski
Stephen Mueller
Margaret Onken
James Poppett
Jeanne Schneeberger
Kyle White

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Michael Anderson - 06/30/2012
Larry Arnold - 06/30/2012
Jeffrey Dolan - 06/30/2012
Michael Hoepfner - 06/30/2012
Ken Kingsbury - 06/30/2012
Gayle Kolb - 06/30/2012
Judi Loria - 06/30/2012
Lucy Polk - 06/30/2012

Our chapter currently has 176 members.

Rules and More Rules

Recreating ball lie in bunker

Recently I played a shot into a bunker where my ball came to rest touching my partner's ball. Subsequently I marked my ball a club length away with a tee in the sand and allowed my partner to clear her ball out of the bunker first. Before replacing my ball and playing my shot, I raked the sand to flatten the surface. I placed my ball back on its original spot (not dropping it from shoulder height) and then hit my shot.

I wonder whether in doing so I have improved my lie, as the sand was wet and hard until I raked it, which helped to loosen the sand and gave me an easier shot to handle. Did I breach any rules and would there be an appropriate way to resolve such a scenario?

Answer

When you lift a ball out of a bunker because it interferes with another golfer's play, and his shot subsequently alters your lie, you are required to re-create that lie as well as you can and place the ball in that lie [Rule 20-3b (iii)].

It would appear from your narrative that you improved your lie. The penalty for doing so is two strokes (loss of hole in match play).

When it is clear that another player's shot is going to alter the lie of a ball you were asked to lift, you should make careful note of your lie and request that a fellow competitor or opponent observe your procedure. In your situation, you should have filled in the hole made by your partner's stroke, tamped it down to restore the hard surface, and placed your ball on the spot where it originally lay.

If the two balls had not been in a bunker, then you would place your ball in a similar lie within a club-length and no closer to the hole.

Logic should dictate that the Rules of Golf would not permit you to improve the lie of a ball that you were required to lift and replace. You should also know that this is a situation where you are not permitted to clean the ball. Lift and hold it carefully between two fingers and do not drop it into your pocket.

