

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

## THE RAIN FINALLY CAME

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

I am not sure about you but, for me, this time of the year has a ying and yang to it. I so look forward to golfing in the months of September and October but it also means the end of another season of hanging out with my fellow ASGAers. Please check out the upcoming events that are set up every weekend during September and a few in October due to rain-outs.

August was a busy month with outings in various regions of the Chicagoland area. The major event in August was the Club Championship run by **Tim Dowling**, Special Events Coordinator. Thanks, Tim, for presenting a well-run Club Championship at Orchard Valley in Aurora. This weekend, Tim and **Karen Stika** will be hosting the **Scramble** to be held at Indian Boundary on the Northwest Side of Chicago. The cost is very reasonable and should be great fun!

Please mark your calendars for these special events which you will find in this newsletter: **Halloween Golf and Lobster Boil** on Saturday, October 20th and **2012 End of the Year Event** on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Since our season is coming to a close, this is also a time in which people who have been on the board for a couple of terms will be stepping down. We have opportunities for others to come forward and give back to a group that has provided new friendships, chances to play at great golfing venues and a healthy dose of entertainment. These are just some of the reasons that I decided to participate on the board. We will be looking for new board members in the next month or so. We would love to have people step forward but if you are approached, please seriously consider helping us out to continue this great group. **The following positions will be open for the 2012-2013 year: Membership, Social Chair, Newsletter and Communications.** If you have any questions about any of these positions, please feel free to contact me or anyone else on the board.

Looking forward to seeing you on the links this Fall.



### The Club Championship Results

**Tim Dowling** orchestrated the 2-day battle against Orchard Valley golf course in Aurora on August 19th and 20th. With the able assistance of **Marie DiVirgilio**, **Peggy Sodini**, **Tom Ullsperger** and **Karne Stika**, 40 competitors took to the links in "A" and "B" flights, based on handicap.

The course proved to be quite tough and yet the following folks took home the trophies for Club Champions: **Ted Zilmer** and **Kathy Braun**. Other winners included: **Wayne Thompson** and **Jane Leary** (Flight B low gross); **Bob Almada** and **Kathi Marafino** (Flight A low net); **Paul Gentile** and **Marie Bush** (Flight A 2nd low gross); **Dave Halper** and **Madeleine Sigalis** (Flight B low net); **Ray Kalal** and **Cathy Hill** (Combined 2nd low net); **Tim Haviland** (Combined 3rd low gross); **Tim Ryan** (4th combined low net); **Scott Wilson** (combined 4th low gross); and **Bob Wier** (combined 4th low net).

Congratulations to all winners and a big thanks to **Tim Dowling** for all of his hard work every year on terrific event.

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **Battle at the Beach** - Dates TBA - most likely, November-ish, 2012. South Carolina coastal area.
- **New Year's in Florida** - - January 4-6, 2013. Yes, it's a "belated" New Year's event again, like we did last year. Airline rates are phenomenally low the first week in January. We'll be at the Ritz-Carlton in Sarasota, playing with those caddie-guys at the Ritz-Carlton Member's Club. Details forthcoming.

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

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### 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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## Recent Outings

### St. Andrews, July 28th:

Kathi Marrafino, with the assistance of Madelon Sigalis, JoAnn Graske, Bob Geeve and Marie Bush, welcomed 27 golfers to this fun West Chicago course. In perfect weather, contest hoels were won by: Margaret Onken, Dan Noel, JoAnn Graske and Tim Haviland (all closest to the pin); Becky Marquardt and Kyle White (longest putt); and Cathy Hill and Bob Ptak (Least putts - Bob Ptak tied with Bob Geeve but took the prize in a coin toss). Congratulations to all for playing in under 4 and a half hours.

### Cantigny, August 4th:

Well we started in dry weather but no one was able to finish as the skies opened and drenched the course. Pat Porter and Donna Wiggins made every effort to provide for a fun day on this wonderful course but couldn't bring the sun back out. Thanks for trying, Pat.

### Stonewall Orchard, August 5th:

Ted Zilmer, with the help of Jane Leary, welcomed almost 40 golfers. No details on the contest hole winners but we all had fun on this beautiful Sunday.

### Fox Bend, August 11th:

Debora Braun and Marty Gangler hosted at this annual favorite. No details were available.

### Highlands of Elgin, August 12th:

Kevin Berg welcomed 37 players to this challenging course on a lovely Sunday afternoon. With Marolou Mccann's help, awards were made to the following players: Chris Coyne, Gerg Mieczynski, Susan Schaefer and Tim Dowling (closest to the pin); Susan Oucherterloney and Armond Cozzi (longest drive); and Becky Marquardt and Kurt Kupitz (longest putt). The wedding in the clubhouse prevented lots of after partying but some of the group found a great close-by Italian restaurant - Elgin won't be the same.

### Thunderhawk, August 25th:

Thirty-five players were welcomed by Dave Colbert on a beautiful afternoon. Awards were won by: Mark Sadowski, Robin Rash (2), Ed Horak, Chris Coyne,

Lee Fayette, Carol Reichert and Dave Colbert (who knows why they won - only Dave!).

### Links of Carillon, August 26th:

This outing was rained out - thanks for trying, Eileen Zittnan.

### Seven Bridges, September 1st:

This outing was rained out but has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 6th. Thanks, Karen!

### Makray, September 2nd:

Will Hsuing, with the assistance of Steve Mueller, was joined by 298 players and some how managed to keep the rain away. The group even managed to finish before night-fall with a later afternoon start. Awards were made int eh clubhouse to: Robin Rash and Kurt Kupitz (closest to the pin); Patsy Albrecht and Tim Haviland (longest drive); Bob Ptak (longest putt); and Mary Ellen Tobin and Steve Mueller (shortest drive).

## Upcoming Events

### 2nd Annual ASGA Halloween Golf and Lobster Boil, Saturday - October 20th

Come out and join your fellow ASGA'ers for the second annual "Halloween Golf and Lobster Boil", hosted by Mike Colligan, Penny Link and JoAnn Graske at Mike's home in Bartlett, IL. Time 5:30 ish or right after golf. Mike's house is about 6 miles north of the course (10-15 minutes). Wine and beer will be available along with dessert and various munchies. Feel free to bring a dish and or your own wine/beer if you wish. Beef tenderloin will be available for all you carnivores.

You can choose to participate in the Golf and Lobster Boil or Just the Lobster Boil if you don't want to golf that day. Halloween attire is encouraged during golf and the boil and will add to the fun of the day. So how can one miss: golf, wine, beer, meat, lobster, and good company.

GOLF Details: The golf event will be hosted at St. Andrew's Golf Course, 2241 Route 59, West Chicago, IL 60185 - (630) 231-3100

Tee times will begin at about 12:00 with 18 holes of golf. We will have some number of tee times reserved but you will have to pay the course directly. The golf is not an ASGA coordinated event.

Note: The Golf is optional and its cost is not included in the cost of the Lobster Boil. More Golf details to follow.

Signup Details: This is a Prepay event for the dinner. Dinner cost is \$40. Make all checks payable to Mike Colligan and send to Mike at 528 Hampton Circle, Bartlett IL 6010. Checks received by Wed. 10/17 will determine the number of servings of Lobster, meat etc. we will plan for.

Please RSVP to Mike Colligan ([mike@mcolligan.com](mailto:mike@mcolligan.com)) as soon as possible followed by your check. All signup requests will be acknowledged by email response. Checks will also be acknowledged when they are received.

If you need directions the day of the event feel free to call Mike's home at 630-213-7770 or Mike's cell at 630-258-6091

### End of Season Dinner

Saturday, November 3rd. White Pines Golf Club, Bensenville. Details to come.

## Now Let's End with Some Laughs

*(thanks to Nancy Pierz):*

### \*36 Laws of Golf\*

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, you should have Inner peace knowing that a shittier one is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water. Expensive clubs have been known to be partly made with this most unusual natural alloy.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to miff a shot, all His playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 9: Sand is alive. It will swallow your balls.

LAW 10: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 11: All 3-woods are demon-possessed. Your Ex-Mother-in-Law, does not come close.

LAW 12: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water. See LAW 3.

LAW 13: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

LAW 14: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you.

LAW 15: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 16: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 17: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.

LAW 18: Since bad shots come in groups of three, your fourth consecutive bad shot is really the beginning of the next group of three.

LAW 19: When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you should have continued watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

LAW 20: The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about your swing.

LAW 21: If it isn't broke, try changing your grip.

LAW 22: Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.

LAW 23: A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

LAW 24: It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 8.

LAW 25: Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

LAW 26: Nonchalant putts count the same as chalang putts.

LAW 27: It's not a gimme if you're still 4 ft. away.

LAW 28: The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

LAW 29: You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10% of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90% of the time.

LAW 30: Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

LAW 31: If you want to hit a 7-iron as far as Tiger Woods does, simply try to lay up just short of a water hazard.

LAW 32: There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands: how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

LAW 33: Hazards attract; fairways repel.

LAW 34: You can put "draw" on the ball, you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball.

LAW 35: A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

LAW 36: Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

\*Remember: Craig Stadler once changed putters in the middle of a tournament. When asked about it, Craig said, "The other putter couldn't swim!"\*

## About Our Members

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Kevin Berg - 09/23  
Julie Boone - 09/10  
Clay Chenoweth - 09/01  
Mike Colligan - 09/04  
Michael Daugherty - 09/16  
Nancy Ellis - 09/16  
Lori-Jo Fergle - 09/16  
Robert Geeve - 09/19  
David Halper - 09/06  
Lee Ann Hedeem - 09/02  
Paul Hervey - 10/10  
Mary Joy - 10/11  
Catherine Kauffman - 10/04  
Paul Moss - 10/01  
Mary Lou Newbold - 09/11  
Becky Nicholson - 09/08  
Arthur Rubalcaba - 09/14  
Donald Stading - 10/15  
Elyse Stuart - 10/04  
Joe Torcivia - 09/15  
Paul Ullrich - 10/12  
Raymond Vogel - 09/28  
John Weitzner - 09/06  
Scott Wilson - 10/03

### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*  
Beverly Fisher - 09/30/2012  
Carol Francis - 09/30/2012  
Don Hanson Jr. - 09/30/2012  
Judy Johnson - 09/30/2012  
Richelle Schneider - 09/30/2012  
Sandra Trilli - 09/30/2012

### Welcome newest members:

Royal Basich - Joined 07/11/2012  
Al Bement - Joined 08/13/2012  
Kim Collins - Joined 07/02/2012

Ed Horak - Joined 07/30/2012

### These members recently renewed:

Mike Colligan  
Jennifer Connolly  
Kamal Dagher  
Kate Dudley  
Nancy Ellis  
Susan Herman  
Joanne Jacobs

### These members did not renew their dues:

*(date shown is date membership expired)*

Bill Beckey - 08/31/2012  
Karen Bulanda - 07/31/2012  
Elizabeth Cummings - 07/31/2012  
Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2012  
Donna Ellis - 08/31/2012  
Susan Keating - 08/31/2012  
Elizabeth Landers - 08/31/2012  
Robert Lyons - 08/31/2012  
Lisa McGuirt - 07/31/2012  
Joe O'Malley - 07/31/2012  
Susan Schmidt - 07/31/2012  
Elaine Vernoia - 08/31/2012  
Denyse Vos - 07/31/2012  
Alice Zyks - 07/31/2012

### Our chapter currently has 165 members.

## Rules and More Rules

### Procedure for hitting multiple provisional balls

What happens when you hit multiple provisional balls in the following scenario, yes it was not my best round:

- 1) Original stroke (possibly lost)
- 2) Provisional ball (iffy)
- 3) Provisional ball (iffy again)
- 4) Provisional ball (topped near to the ladies tee box and playable)

The original ball and first two provisionals were much further ahead of the 3rd provisional near ladies tee box.

In the interest of time, the 3rd provisional ball is played again from near the Ladies tee box (my 7th stroke). After playing the shot, however, my original ball is found. Can I then play my original ball (without penalty) even though I have already hit the 3rd provisional ball again before looking for the original ball?

Answer:

The sole purpose of hitting a provisional ball is to save time. That is why the rule (27-2) is in the book. Your procedure was correct. You hit the provisional that traveled a shorter distance than the original and the two prior provisionals, and then found the original before hitting the provisional from the place where the original was likely to be. Once the original was found (presumably within the five-minute period allotted for search), you must abandon the provisional and proceed with the original. You have incurred no penalty strokes.

In the event that you had not found your original ball, and you hit several provisionals, this is how it would have been scored:

- If you don't find the original, and you do find the first provisional, then you lie three with the first provisional, and your next shot will be your fourth.
- If you don't find the original or the first provisional, and you do find the second provisional, then you lie five with the second provisional and your next shot will be your sixth.
- If the only ball that can be found is the third provisional, that ball lies seven where it settled near the women's tee, and your second strike of that ball is your eighth shot on the hole.

Don't ever be embarrassed to hit several provisional balls. Even if you have to hit three or more, it still takes less time than a trek back to the tee when your original turns out to be lost.

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

Be sure to renew so you won't miss receiving a newsletter.

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