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# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - March 2013

## MARCH 23RD - BOCCE AT PINSTRIPES

### President's Message

We have been fortunate that our winter, so far, has been relatively mild. I don't know about you but I sure am looking forward to our golf season which will be upon us in no time.

Your board met this past Sunday on February 24 at Links and Tees in Addison. We spent time talking about the quite successful Chilli Cook-Off at **Cathy Hill's** home and the upcoming events such as **Trivia Night and Bocce Event**. **JoAnn Grasko** and **Karen Stika**, Social Chairs, are coming up with some great socials this coming season which you will probably hear about in the next month or so either in the newsletter or through the email blasts. As far as signing up for events, please make sure that you contact JoAnn or Karen via email informing them that you will be attending an event. Signing up for an event on our Chicago ASGA Meetup site is not the final confirmation.

**Royal Basich**, Golf Coordinator, has been working diligently on putting together a fantastic golf program for our members. We will be having a Coordinator's Meeting in April. Details of that meeting will be forthcoming through our newsletter and email blasts. **Doug MacFarlane**, Member-

ship Chair, has been reaching out to welcome our new members and trying to find creative ways to attract more people into our group.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 1 pm at Links and Tees in Addison. All are welcome to attend and provide input on how to keep this great organization successful. Hope to see you at our socials, board meeting, coordinator's meeting or the Kick-Off event in May. Think Spring!!!

~Chris

### Past Events

#### Ice Skating

Just like the first Cub's night game to be played at Wrigley Field, our attempt at skating at their rink was rained out. The socializing time was moved up an hour though, where the hot topic of the day was whether the Wrigley Field curse actually does exist.

#### Chili Challenge

Close to 40 members attended the chili cook-off to sample and vote on 9 delicious pots of chili. Taking the crown as 2013 Chili Champion was **Steve Kehr**. Second was garnered by **Dave Colbert**,

third **Jay Thompson**. Steve thanked the Academy, his grocer, his family, the manufacturer of his crock pot, and all those who worked so hard to make his chili a success. Thanks to all who helped **Cathy** clean up afterwards, and hats off to **Marie Bush** for cleaning house big time in the table game. Yeah that's right, the guys may have swept the chili contest, but don't mess with the women when it comes to money.



Memorial Day  
Weekend in  
Pinehurst, NC.  
Site of the 2014  
US Men's & Women's Open  
Play Pinehurst No. 2!  
Details on Enclosed  
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## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **Sacramento's Wine Country Classic** - May 17-18, 2013. Two nights, two rounds of golf, dinners and much more. Windsor Golf Club and Wyndham Resort in Sonoma County, CA. For full details, go here.
- **May 23-26, 2013 - The Annual Reunion: Pinehurst!** Site of the 2014 US Open and Women's Open. Details at [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst)

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

**National Office:** 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

**Next Mingle:** Board Meeting, Sunday April 7th, 2013

**Mingle Location:** Links & Tees in Addison

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

**Upcoming Events**

**Bocce**

**Where:** Pinstripes  
7 Oak Brook Mall Center  
Oak Brook, IL

**When:** Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10 for bocce, \$10 toward food & drink

Court will be in session for a spirited game of bocce, the Italian version of lawn bowling. Not only do the Italians have great food and world renowned art, but they have a fun little game. Never played the game? Rules can be found online, although we will just follow the basic rules, not the official rules of the *Collegium Cosmicum Ad Buxeus*. And you thought you'd never use latin after high school. You need not play, you can groove to the band in the bar or cheer on the players. Please RSVP to **JoAnn Graske**, [graske3141@comcast.net](mailto:graske3141@comcast.net) or **Paul Gentile**, [paulvgentile@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulvgentile@sbcglobal.net), so they know how many courts to reserve. Lastly, remember, there is no *baci* in *bocce*!

**Mingle / Trivia**

**Where:** Shanahan's  
2009 Ogdan Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL

**When:** Thursday, March 28th

**Time:** 8:30 pm - Arrive at 8:30 for team selection, trivia will start at 9:00.

**Indoor Golf Practice**

Sundays, 3:00 pm, Links & Tees, 880 W. Lake St., Addison, IL.  
Cost is \$14.00 / half hour.

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Membership  
Lapse. . .**

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

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**Golf Simulator**

**Where:** Bogies' Indoor Golf Club  
<http://golfbigc.com/>  
2091 W. 63rd St.  
Downers Grove, IL

**When:** Saturday, April 6th, 2013

**Time:** 6:00 pm, dinner. Italian Beef Sandwiches, Mostaccioli, Salad, Dessert, Open Bar - Beer/Wine/Soda

6:30 - 30 minute instructional golf clinic by PGA Professional Kyle Rich

7:00 - Tee off

**Cost:** \$25.00 / person. Maximum 42 players. Pay at event.

Since that course in Augusta was booked on the 6th for some tournament about some green jacket, we will be playing the Pebble Beach front 9 with a 3 person, Peoria handicapped, team scramble. Create your own team or take pot luck and be placed on one. Golf will take approximately 2-3 hours depending on how many sign up. Bring your clubs.

**PRIZES:** (provided by Bogies)

- Foursome of golf at Village Greens of Woodridge
- 30 minute golf lesson for three member team
- Threesome of golf at Bogies

**RSVP no later than Friday March 29 to Karen Stika, [kstika@att.net](mailto:kstika@att.net)**

**Rules and More Rules**

**When can you presume ball is lost in hazard?**

I was playing at Halifax GC in Yorkshire and on one of the holes the tee was behind some derelict farm buildings. I hit a sweet straight drive but because of the obstructing farm buildings I didn't see the ball land.

About 270 yards down the fairway was an open ditch (a staked hazard). This was a large deep ditch with heather and long grass. After spending 5 minutes looking for my ball on and around the fringes of the fairway I concluded that the only place the ball could be was in the hazard. However my fellow competitors told me, because nobody had seen the ball enter the hazard I would have to go back and play 3 off the tee.

I begrudgingly accepted but thought this was unfair. What do you think?

Also, a second question, one of my playing partners told me if I was playing a pro-

visional ball I was not allowed a practice swing. Is this right?

### AND THE ANSWER IS...

The Water Hazard Rule states that you must have knowledge or virtual certainty that your ball is in a hazard in order to proceed under one of the relief options in Rule 26-1. Let's see how this might apply to your situation.

"Knowledge" does not apply in your case, since no one saw the ball enter the hazard. However, "virtual certainty" may apply. Assuming everyone in your group agrees that your drive was hit straight down the fairway and far enough to reach the hazard, you must consider the course conditions in front of the hazard. If the entire area adjacent to the hazard boundary is closely mowed so that a ball that is not found short of the hazard can be presumed to be in the hazard, you are permitted to assume that the ball is in the hazard [Decision 26-1/1].

However, if the area adjacent to the hazard boundary consists of rough, fescue, tall grasses, nearby bushes, or other trouble such that a ball that cannot be found may be lost in this pre-hazard area, you may not assume the ball to be in the hazard. After the five-minute time limit is reached, you must play another ball under stroke and distance (return to where you hit your previous shot and add a one-stroke penalty to your score).

The answer to your second question is that your fellow competitor is incorrect. You may take a practice swing (or more than one) before or after any stroke you

make on the golf course [Note 1 at the end of Rule 7]. If you have just hit an errant shot, you will more than likely want to rehearse the shot before you try it again with your provisional ball. Go right ahead and take that practice swing.

### About Our Members

#### Happy Birthday to these members:

Darlene Belter - 03/22  
Debora Braun - 03/12  
Deborah Brice - 04/15  
Tom Cech - 03/24  
Barbara DiBiase - 04/03  
Donald Gagne - 03/03  
Dana Green - 03/07  
Christina Hollis - 03/25  
Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13  
Tom Metzger - 04/11  
David Moretti - 03/31  
Stephen Mueller - 03/02  
Janet Nigrelli - 03/06  
Charles Passarelli - 03/04  
Nancy Pierz - 03/03  
Tim Ryan - 03/08  
Madelon Silgalis - 03/02  
Jay Thompson - 03/07  
Stephanie Whitman - 03/15

#### These members are up for renewal:

*(date shown is last day of membership)*  
Kimberly Armatys - 03/31/2013  
John Bitner - 03/31/2013  
Deborah Brice - 03/31/2013  
Debra Brooks - 03/31/2013  
Hank Calzaretta - 03/31/2013  
George Frerichs - 03/31/2013  
Paul Hervey - 03/31/2013  
Will Hsiung - 03/31/2013  
Ray Kalal - 03/31/2013  
Robert Lewandowski - 03/31/2013

Louise Malmin - 03/31/2013  
Paul Moss - 03/31/2013  
Barbara Panek - 03/31/2013  
Tim Ryan - 03/31/2013  
Maggie Smith - 03/31/2013  
Walter Thiel - 03/31/2013  
Mary Ellen Tobin - 03/31/2013  
Bob Wier - 03/31/2013  
Donna Wiggins - 03/31/2013

#### Welcome newest members:

Kay Banks - Joined 01/28/2013  
Donald Gagne - Joined 01/22/2013  
Tamara Sorg - Joined 01/30/2013

#### These members recently renewed:

Kathi Brown  
Michael Daugherty  
Stephen Kehr  
Gretchen Oie  
Karen Stika

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

*(date shown is date membership expired)*  
Marcy Dub - 01/31/2013  
Lee Fayette - 02/28/2013  
Lori-Jo Fergle - 01/31/2013  
Donna Freeland - 01/31/2013  
Carol Reichart - 02/28/2013  
Elyse Stuart - 01/31/2013  
Joe Torcivia - 02/28/2013  
Jim Voinovich - 02/28/2013  
John Weitzner - 01/31/2013

**Our chapter currently has 159 members**



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# THE ANNUAL REUNION: PINEHURST!

## Memorial Day Weekend — 2013

Thurs., May 23 — Sun., May 26, 2013 4-days, 3-nights + 2 rounds++

*This is our largest event of the year with opportunity to play Pinehurst No. 2.* Choose to play two, three or four rounds of golf. USGA format or Scramble/Shamble\* format. You can stay 3 additional nights, before or after event, at special ASGA member-only prices. Website: [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst)



Payne Stewart  
1999 Open Champ

Register by April 23rd and Receive  
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See [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst)  
for full details, updates, etc.

### Standard Package Includes (see "Check Appropriate Pkg" below for prices)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes) Pinehurst No's. 1 & 6
- 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 4/24), 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 \$194 for a single room and \$116/person if dbl. occ., regardless of inn you are staying in. Tax & resort service fees are included in these rates. (Roommate must stay or your must pay single occ. rate of \$189/night.) See [Pinehurst.com](http://Pinehurst.com) for details on room types.

**GOLF:** You'll play one resort course and one championship course. Package play dates are Fri., May 24 & Sat., May 25. You choose to play your own ball both days or play Scramble\* on Fri. and Shamble\* on Sat. Optional Day-of-Arrival Golf at Pinehurst No. 2 (2pm tee times) and No. 5 (10:16-11:28am) and Day-of-Departure Golf at Tobacco Road GC (9:30am shotgun start / limited to 44 players).

**Limited Availability, only 80 rooms.** There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 04/24/13. Absolutely NO refunds after 4/24/13. 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 04/28/13, 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 [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join).

**SPECIAL PKGS.:** Non-golf or Pinehurst Chap. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Indicate city if no chapter name.)

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### CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE: (Resort has shuttles to transport you between hotels, courses, etc. Details at [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst))

- ( ) \$549.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- ( ) \$589.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (YOU'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE)
- ( ) \$719.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the HOLLY INN, MANOR INN OR PINEHURST CONDO (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- ( ) \$779.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE staying at the CAROLINA HOTEL (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg.)
- ( ) \$549.00 — ST'D. PKG. 4-bedroom villa (sleeps 8). Must be part of a group of 8, all staying in same villa. Two per room. See [Singlesgolf.com/villa](http://Singlesgolf.com/villa) for restriction.
- ( ) \$74.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF—THUR. AT PINEHURST No. 5 (tee times from 10:16am thru 11:28am)
- ( ) \$89.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—SUN. AT TOBACCO ROAD (9:30am 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. Confirm with them.)

**I AM REMITTING:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the package indicated above

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for add'l. nights (\$194 single / \$116. dbl. occ). Incl. B'fast. Indicate dates (before/after) of add'l. nights: \_\_\_\_\_

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Optional golf on Pinehurst No. 2 (US Open Course) on Thursday. Tee times starting at 2:00pm. \$339.

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Day-of-Arrival golf on Thursday (\$74 @ Pinehurst Resort No. 5)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Day-of-Departure golf on Sun. (\$89 @ Tobacco Road GC) (Includes box lunch)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of your 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)

+ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ SAVE BIG! Add \$69 for additional one (1) year of dues or \$138 for two (2) years. (Save \$10/yr + free shirt if 2 yrs.)

= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ - Make Check\*\* Payable to ASGA, Inc. See Mailing Address Below.)

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

Acc't. No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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\* 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/events](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/events) for complete details of policy and events.

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