

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

MAY 18TH - GOLF AT ODYSSEY C.C.

President's Message

This letter is being written just a week shy of our First Outing/Dinner/Dance which will be held at Riverbend in Lisle on Saturday, May 4. **JoAnn Graske** and **Karen Stika** have been busy preparing for the big event which includes 9 holes of golf and/or dinner plus dancing. I am so looking forward to re-connecting with fellow golfers at the links and at the "19th hole".

The pre-season social events were quite fun this year. A huge thank you goes out to JoAnn and Karen for providing great opportunities for our Chicago ASGAers to mingle while awaiting our golf season to begin. We have a couple more events planned such as a night at Ravinia with the group Chicago. Keep a lookout as to what's happening in this newsletter and future email blasts.

The Golf Coordinator's Meeting was hosted by our Coordinator's Extraordinaires **Tim Dowling** and **Bill Forcade** on the last Thursday of this past April. Tim and Bill have lined up a great roster of events this year. As always, make sure you check our website, this newsletter and email blasts for the outings that have been planned for your enjoyment. I also want to express my gratitude to not only Tim and

Bill but to all of the ASGAers who have stepped up to volunteer as a coordinator this season. We could not run the outings without you!!!

Three final notes, if you are an experienced ASGAer, make sure that you make the newbies feel welcomed, please take ownership in creating a pleasant golfing experience for all and let's be mindful of "pace of play" this season.

Hope to see many of you on the 4th of May!!! ~Chris

Past Events

Twenty four real golfers took up the challenge to play a simulated round at Pebble Beach at Bogie's on April 6th. The evening began with a delicious Italian dinner followed by a brief lesson by the golf pro (see tip of the month). All prizes were provided by Bogie's. **JoAnn Graske** won the drawing for a 30 minute golf lesson. **Ken Kusumoto** and **Keith Reifel** were closest to the pin. **Dave Halper** and **Tim Ryan** won a round for four at Village Greens. The rest of the golfers were content on getting some rust off their swing and not hitting any shots off the cliffs into the ocean.

Upcoming Events

All locations are in Illinois. Check website for course address. All outings have a limit on number of golfers, so book early to save a spot. Add \$5 to cost for guests.

- **Saturday, May 11**, Springbrook GC, Naperville. First tee time 12:06. Sign up by May 3rd with Fred McEwan. Cost is \$55, Dinner at Quigley's in Naperville
- **Sunday, May 12**, Prairie Landing, West Chicago. First tee time at 12:00. Sign up by May 3rd with Bill Forcade. Cost is \$65 riding, \$50 walking for men, ladies pay only \$20 to ride.
- **Saturday, May 18**, Odyssey CC, Tinley Park. First tee time 12:00. Sign up by May 10th with Tony Kopp. Cost is \$48, carts only. Dinner at Traverso's Pizza, 15601 S. Harlem Ave., Orland Park
- **Sunday, May 19**, Mt. Prospect GC, Mt. Prospect. First tee time 11:00. Sign up by May 10th with Marie Bush. Cost is \$58 riding, \$38 walking. Dinner TBD.
- **Saturday, May 25**, Seven Bridges, Woodridge. First tee time 1:00. Sign up by May 17th with Karen Stika. Cost is \$63 ride or walk. Dinner TBD.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see 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.](#)
- **Palm Beach County's Gulf Coast Shootout 2013** - June 14-16, 2013. Two nights, two rounds of golf at the beautiful Lely Golf Resort in Naples, FL. For details and registration form, [go here](#)

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

(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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last minute changes
<http://www.asgachicago.org/>

• **Saturday June 1**, Green garden CC, Frankfort. First tee time, 12:00. Sign up by May 24th with Melanie Jones. Cost is \$53, carts only. Dinner at the course.

• **Sunday June 2**, White Tail Ridge GC, Yorkville. First tee time 11:00. Sign up by May 24th with Nanct Hill. Cost is \$53, carts only. Dinner at the course.

• **Saturday June 8**, Thunderhawk GC, Beach Park. First tee time, 10:30. Sign up by May 31th with Mary Lou Newbold. Cost is \$75, carts only. Dinner at the course.

• **Sunday June 9**, Oak Meadows. Check website.

Golf coordinators, you will receive only one coordinators coupon per season no matter how many events you coordinate. Please prepare the golf event form located on the website under event forms and return as soon as possible.

The Chicago Chapter Golfs The World

Hawaiian Golf, Chicago Style

By Michael Daugherty

I participated in the March ASGA National trip to Maui, Hawaii. Let me tell you, it was the trip of a lifetime. There were over 60 people from different ASGA chapters that attended including seven from the Chicago Chapter. Those from the Chicago Chapter also included **Michelle Morrison, Melanie Jones, Bob Ptak, Cindy Paus-tic, Loren Mercola** and **Pam Baldwin**. We had the largest representation of any chapter there. We had perfect weather, no rain, great dinners, breakfasts, mai tais and superb golf.

I arrived on Friday PM along with my roommate, Bob Ptak, tolerating Maui's 6 hour difference in time zones. We met up with fellow ASGA-Chicago members, Michelle Morrison and Melanie Jones, for dinner that night. On Saturday, Bob and I played an extra round of golf at the Mokena golf course and then met all the ASGA golfers at a welcoming cocktail party at the Ritz-Carlton.

Sunday was St. Patrick's Day, so the group took a motor coach to Wailea where a couple of hundred people were partici-

pating in an outdoor Irish celebration. We had traditional Irish food. The music wasn't to our liking but the overall experience was pretty good.

On Monday, we played the Bay Course at Kapalua at the Ritz-Carlton. It was a totally awesome experience, especially the Par 3, No. 5 where we had to hit over a 200 foot cliff. Even if we hit a bad shot, we could look out over the ocean and watch the whales spraying or breaching. March is birthing season for whales. They come down from Alaska and for some reason, deliver their baby whales in the area between Maui and Lanai. Maybe to watch us play, I don't know. So there's always a lot of activity during this time period. And after our golf round, we had an amazing dinner at the Pineapple Grill at the course. For dessert, probably the best pineapple upside down cake I've ever had.

Tuesday and Thursday were our "days off," so we could do whatever we wanted. On Tuesday, two foursomes of ASGA friends including myself played an extra round of golf at the Pukalani Country Club and dined afterwards at Kimo's in Lahaina. On Thursday AM, I and Michelle Morrison took a helicopter excursion over the west end of Maui and to the island of Molenka to see a different but beautiful view of the two islands and then I went zip lining in the hills overlooking Kaanapali that afternoon with Melanie Jones.

Tip of the Month

During the outing at Bogie's the golf pro gave us some tips, mainly stressing the basics. The grip should be just light enough to hold the club and the club held with the fingers, not in the palm. Choice of baseball style, overlapping, or interlocking is up to the individual. The crease between your thumbs and forefinger should point at your back shoulder at address. Feet should be about shoulder width for proper balance and turn. With the driver he suggested placing the ball forward off your front instep and about midline for fairway shots.



About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Patrice Al-Saden - 05/23
Pam Baldwin - 05/22
Susan Barton - 06/04
Kathi Brown - 05/18
Dave Colbert - 05/21
Kim Collins - 06/08
Christine Coyne - 06/07
Paulette Dittrich - 05/13
Mike Edens - 05/15
Beverly Fisher - 05/06
Ed Horak - 05/27
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04
Tony Kopp - 05/19
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07
Jane Leary - 05/01
Jim Mulbrandon - 05/30
Julie Rosch - 05/20
Martha Staky - 06/01
Walter Thiel - 05/25
Kyle White - 05/19
Bob Wier - 05/10
Ted Zillmer - 05/31

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Susan Barton - 05/31/2013
Kevin Berg - 05/31/2013
Kathy Braun - 05/31/2013
Allen Chester - 05/31/2013
Stephanie Corredino - 05/31/2013
Mike Edens - 05/31/2013
John Edmonson - 05/31/2013
Kathy Fox - 05/31/2013
Cathy Grossi - 05/31/2013
Lee Ann Hedeem - 05/31/2013
Nancy Hill - 05/31/2013
Caroline Isaacs - 05/31/2013
Catherine Kauffman - 05/31/2013
Tony Kopp - 05/31/2013
Brian Krauss - 05/31/2013
Katherine Maraffino - 05/31/2013
Rebecca Marquardt - 05/31/2013
Mari Lou McCann - 05/31/2013
Loren Mercola - 05/31/2013
Greg Mieczynski - 05/31/2013
John Miller - 05/31/2013
Margaret Onken - 05/31/2013
Donald Stading - 05/31/2013

Welcome newest members:

Amy Bakalar - Joined 03/19/2013
Louise Baylis - Joined 04/25/2013
Karen Bequette - Joined 04/09/2013
Susan Boose - Joined 03/19/2013
Joe Fevola - Joined 04/26/2013

Kurt Kupitz - Joined 04/22/2013
Janet Marciniak - Joined 04/12/2013
Julie Rosch - Joined 04/08/2013

These members recently renewed:

Kimberly Armatus
Deborah Brice
Hank Calzaretta
Paulette Dittrich
Marcella Dub
Lee Fayette
Eileen Graziano
Gary Gunderson
Will Hsiung
Melanie Jones
Louise Malmin
Mary O'Brien
Nancy Pierz
Susan Schaefer
Paul Ullrich
Tom Ullsperger
Valerie Vizgirra
Jim Voinovich
Bob Wier

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Darlene Belter - 04/30/2013
Leonard Benbenke - 04/30/2013
John Bitner - 03/31/2013
Debra Brooks - 03/31/2013
Clay Chenoweth - 04/30/2013
Ann Engelmann - 04/30/2013
Bill Forcade - 04/30/2013
George Frerichs - 03/31/2013
Dana Green - 04/30/2013
Robert Lewandowski - 03/31/2013
Paul Moss - 03/31/2013
Margaret Muller - 04/30/2013
Becky Nicholson - 04/30/2013
Susan Ouchterloney - 04/30/2013
Barbara Panek - 03/31/2013
Charles Passarelli - 04/30/2013
Lois Porebski - 04/30/2013
Robin Rash - 04/30/2013
Maggie Smith - 03/31/2013
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2013
Mary Ellen Tobin - 03/31/2013
Donna Wiggins - 03/31/2013
Eileen Zittnan - 04/30/2013

Our chapter currently has 152 members.

Golf Humor

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

I said, "It is all under control. It has been a very busy day. I haven't stopped to take a break all day."

"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."

A young man and a priest are playing together. At a short par-3 the priest asks, "What are you going to use on this hole, my son?"

The young man says, "An 8-iron, father. How about you?"

The priest says, "I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray."

The young man hits 8-iron and puts the ball on the green.

The priest tops his 7-iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards.

The young man says, "I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down."

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes" says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club, and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know — put me down for a five."

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between 2 trees he thought he could hit through.

Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

The man replied: "Got here in two, didn't I?"