

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

President's Notes

This is my final letter as the President for the past two years of such a great group of people who enjoy the game of golf as much as I do. A great big thank you goes out to the following board members who made my job very easy: **Tim Dowling, Bill Forcade, JoAnn Graske, Karen Stika, Doug MacFarlene, Cathy Hill, Tim Ryan, Michael Daugherty, Nancy Hill and Mark Sadowski.**

This upcoming year, we will have the following people take on these roles:

President: **Dave Colbert**

Membership Chair: **Patsy Albrecht**

The following people were nominated and elected to the 2014 Board.

Golf Chairpersons: **Tim Dowling, Bill Forcade**

Social Chairpersons: **JoAnn Graske, Karen Stika**

Communications Chair: **Cathy Hill**

Dave Colbert will announce who will be filling the Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Web Page Manager positions at the January 2014 ASGA Board meeting. As President this year, I will be staying on in an advisory role.

I am hoping that you have a merry time

with family and friends during the 2013 holiday season and wish you peace in the upcoming new year.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on the links in 2014!!

~Chris E Coyne

Upcoming Events

Trivia

First Tuesday of the month

Rookies Hoffman Estates, 4607 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, 847-645-0005. The next get together is Tuesday, December 3rd. There will not be trivia, but you can come for plenty of socializing and to watch Blackhawks game at 7:00 pm.

Third Thursday of the month

DJ's Sports Bar and Grill, 222 East Chicago Avenue, Westmont, 630-986-1029. Next session, Thursday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. There is no reason to RSVP, just show up. Karen and JoAnn will be there about an hour before to reserve tables, so come early for dinner or drinks.

Any questions about trivia nights, contact **Karen Stika** or **JoAnn Graske**.

The Chicago Chapter Golfs the World

~By **Mark Sadowski**

After spending a few days in Las Vegas in late October, I headed for the quiet of St. George in Southwestern Utah for a little golf and hiking. The first course was Coral Canyon. It's holes went through the desert hills. I was fortunate that day to keep all my shots on the grass and not in the desert scrub. I can't imagine trying to hit off the rocky terrain without damaging the club. From some of the many elevated tees, there were spectacular views of the surrounding coral pink hills and distant gray mountains making it difficult to concentrate of golf. Other lower tee boxes near the brush had desert cottontails feeding on the succulent grass. Going down the cart paths, one would see Gambel's quail scurrying about. The brown blurs racing across the fairways were large jackrabbits.

The second course was Green Springs. As the name implies, there was some water on the course. One hole was one of the most devilish I've ever seen with a wet area on the right and a large pond in front of the elevated green that necessitated a long, high, lofted shot to hold the green.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **ASGA's New Year's Celebration** - Orlando's Omni Resort at ChampionsGate - Dec. 29 - Jan. 1 with 3 optional days of golf. SinglesGolf.com/NewYears
- **Orlando's Sunshine Fling** - March 21-23, 2014. Details posted at a later date. For inquiry, contact Barney Coomes at bcoomes@cfl.rr.com
- **ASGA in Scotland** - 9-Nights / 10-Days July 24-August 2, 2014 - St. Andrews, Gleneagles, Edinburgh. Visit www.SinglesGolf.com/Scotland for details.

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/>

After plunking several in the water, I discovered there was a drop area from which I managed to hit the green on the second attempt. To add more insult, it rolled off the back of the green. I'm still counting my strokes from that hole.

There was also a par three over water and another over all desert scrub brush. The signature hole though is a par three over a 60 foot deep gorge. It was 135 from the whites, 100 from the reds. Entry into the gorge was forbidden, so good-bye any balls that fell short. I not only managed to clear the gorge, but the green too and had to chip back for a bogey, but no lost balls this time. The next hole was worse. The fairway went along the gorge and then you had to hit it over again to the green area. This required an accurate layup to give you the best chance of clearing the gorge again. The gorge swallowed a few balls before I kept moving up a club to clear it.

After golf I drove to nearby Zion National Park to hike and take in the sheer cliffs and unique rock formations. This is a beautiful area to visit with nice courses, plenty of sunshine, pleasant temperatures (cold mornings warmed quickly), and spectacular scenery, just 2 hours north of Vegas.

Golf Thoughts

- It's kind of ironic that a golf ball with a "smile" in it really isn't a happy thing at all
- Most golfers will never get a hole-in-one, but all golfers, in their own minds, will at one time have come very close.
- Golf isn't much exercise, except in futility
- A pro shop gets its name from the fact that you have to have the income of a professional golfer to buy anything in there
- If all golfers were honest, the word "mulligan" would become obsolete except as a kind of stew
- A day without golf is probably your wedding anniversary

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Bob Almada - 12/06
Susan Boose - 01/07
Craig Broaddus - 12/30
Hank Calzaretta - 01/05
Dennis Cowhey - 12/29
JoAnn Graske - 12/20
Don Hanson Jr. - 12/29
Cathy Hill - 01/12
Hariharan Kannan - 12/30
Stephen Kehr - 01/03
Rebecca Marquardt - 12/17
Mary O'Brien - 12/01
James Poplett - 12/02
Patricia Porter - 12/01
Terry Ready - 12/21
Mark Sadowski - 01/14
Susan Schaefer - 12/21
Karen Stika - 12/07
Donna Wiggins - 12/16

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Frank Hollesen - 12/31/2013

Welcome newest members:

Marie Wakeman - Joined 11/15/2013

These members recently renewed:

Terry Ready

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Kathi Brown - 10/31/2013
Carolan Klapper - 10/31/2013
Laurence Nelligan - 11/30/2013

Our chapter currently has 153 members





AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION'S
NEW YEAR'S EVENT 2014
ORLANDO AREA'S FOUR STAR
OMNI CHAMPIONSGATE RESORT

Optional Day-of-Arrival and Two Days of Departure Golf
Primary Dates: Sun., December 29th, 2013 - Wed., January 1st, 2014

Fun-Fellowship-Fairways!

SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION
 SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

PAY BY CHECK
GET 3% DISCOUNT!

Standard Package or Room-by-Myself Package Includes:

- 2 rounds of on-site golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes).
- 3 nights stay at the Omni Resort ChampionsGate
- **Also Includes:** Cocktail party on the 29th (cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres), picnic style dinner on the 30th after your round of golf, plated dinner on New Year's Eve and three \$10 vouchers at Trevi's Restaurant (use towards breakfast)
- DJ-hosted dancing on Sunday and Tuesday nights, welcoming gift and prizes.
- Includes all resort service fees, taxes and 10% spa discount (no products).

Add'l. Nights: Up to 3 days early, room rate is \$188/night; stay up to 4 nights extra after event for \$158/night (incl. tax & resort fee). **Indicate extra nights below.**

GOLF: Standard package includes two rounds of golf: the National Course and the International Course on property at ChampionsGate. Shotgun starts on both days. **Opt. Day-of-Arrival Golf** at Lake Buena Vista GC & 2 add'l. golf rounds at Disney Courses on Jan. 1 & 2. + Nighttime Par-3 Competition.

PAYMENT: Pay by check and save 3% off any package. Your spot will be secured on a first-come, first-registered basis. ASGA cancellation policy applies. Absolutely NO refunds after 11/29/2013. However, you may sell your position to another member. Letter or e-mail confirmation sent out upon receipt. If you don't receive confirmation within 14 days of submitting, you must call us (704-889-4600) to verify your registration. This event is for **MEMBERS ONLY**. To join, call 704-889-4600 or go online at SinglesGolf.com/join. Membership is \$79/year.

NAME SHOWN BELOW IS HOW YOUR NAMETAGS WILL APPEAR. ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT.

NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE CHAPTER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Handicap/Ave. Score _____

HOME PH () _____ WORK/CELL PH () _____ E-MAIL _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE AND ANY OPTIONAL ROUNDS OF GOLF (Deduct 3% below if paying by check)

- () \$519.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE - I'll have a roommate
- () \$756.00 — ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE (Includes everything in the Standard Package, except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$79.00 — OPTIONAL DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF at Disney's Lake Buena Vista GC — Noon T-times on December 29th
- () \$79 for opt. round on Jan. 1 (Disney Palm Course) 10am shotgun () \$79 for opt. round on Jan. 2 (Disney Magnolia GC) 9am T-times
- () \$352.00 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL HAVE A ROOMMATE () \$589 — NON-GOLF PACKAGE - I'LL ROOM BY MYSELF

My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-sex roommate if you don't have one.) 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.*

On the course, please pair me with _____ () for one round () all rounds

NOTE: We discourage individuals forming their own foursomes as it could potentially disrupt a fair competition for team prizes.

Play the Disney Courses as Optional Rounds of Golf!

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package/options checked above (Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com/events for details.)

\$ _____ for _____ add'l. nights **BEFORE EVENT** at \$188/ night (rm. by self) or \$94 (w/ rm-mate). Indicate extra dates: _____

+ \$ _____ for _____ add'l. nights **AFTER EVENT** at \$158/ night (rm. by self) or \$79 (w/ rm-mate). Indicate extra dates: _____

+ \$ _____ for _____ optional round(s) of golf on () Sun., Dec. 29 () Wed., Jan. 1 () Thur., Jan. 2
(enter total dollar amount for optional rounds, e.g. if you're playing 2 optional rounds, enter \$79 x 2 or \$158)

+ \$ _____ Mulligans *(add \$10.00 if you want 3 mulligans for each of the st'd. pkg. days of golf. Mullies not avail. on optional round)*

+ \$ _____ Add \$20 for Twenty-Five 50/50 raffle tickets. Rate is \$20 for 20 tickets at event. Details at website.

\$ _____ **SUBTOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO YOUR CREDIT CARD. Complete section below.**

- \$ _____ **SUBTRACT 3% of subtotal amount if paying by check***

= \$ _____ **TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ Make Check* Payable to: "ASGA, Inc." Address shown below.

Consider paying by check and saving 3% on your total package. **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION:** All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA and/or The Omni Resort at ChampionsGate to charge / debit my account for the "SUBTOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form.

Acc't. No: _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK* PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." AND MAIL TO: ASGA, P. O. BOX 848, PINEVILLE, NC 28134

Credit Card Users: Fax This Form To 704-889-4607 or Register by Phone: 704-889-4600.

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL TOM ALSOP at GolfASGA@aol.com OR CALL 704-889-4600 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

* There is a 4% svc. chg. for any check returned unpaid by the bank. Cancellation policy applies. See SinglesGolf.com for complete details of policy and events.