

CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago, Illinois Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - February 2014

## FEBRUARY 22ND - CHILI COOK-OFF

### President's Notes

We have had our first Board Meeting of the Chicago ASGA chapter and I am learning that there is a lot of work that goes into running this organization smoothly. The new Board Members are figuring things out as we go and we have a lot of knowledge and experience from our remaining board members and those who have stepped down. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

I am pleased to see the great turnout we had for Bunco. This was a great time had by all, and I am certain the upcoming events will draw many people as well. In part of our effort to grow this group, please try to invite a friend to one of the upcoming events and perhaps they will see what a great group of people we have. **Karen Stika** and **JoAnne Graska** did an excellent job in organizing this event.

It is also nice to see that we have a number of members renewing their ASGA membership over the last month. If you are due for renewal please take a few minutes and renew your membership.

I know that with all of these "Polar Vortex's" and snow storms it is difficult to think

about golf. All one can do is find the nearest golf dome and hit a few in hopes to keep the swing in tact or hit the road for a warm place. It won't be long now before we see the snow melt and the courses open. In the meantime stay warm and stay healthy.

~Dave Colbert

### Staying Golf Ready During the Winter Months

Extreme cold, Chiberia, and Deep Freeze were a few of the words that described the recent weather we have experienced in the Midwest. How ironic and coincidental that the movie "Freeze" happens to debut during this ferocious winter blast. I know that I am anxiously waiting for the opportunity to play golf again in much warmer temperatures.

Many of our members have shared some experiences playing in warmer climates including Florida, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Arizona just to name a few. The feedback was great fun, beautiful golf courses, wonderful camaraderie with friends and an escape from the cold

weather. To get us in the mind set for the next golf season we could at least start thinking about spring even if it is wishful thinking at this point. As a teacher working with high school students, we often set goals for our students in academics to help guide them to success both academically and socially. I thought some of the same types of goals could apply to your golf game. Some tips to remember are goals should be specific, measurable and realistic (for me I would not make a goal of breaking 80, that would not be realistic) time sensitive (improvements take time and patience), make goals challenging and they should excite you. Remember you can be flexible with yourself and adjust and tweak whenever necessary. **Three time PGA Tour Winner Lon Hinkle puts it best:** "Golf is golf. You hit the ball, you go find it. Then you hit it again." Often, golfers make the game unnecessarily difficult, inflicting self-induced pressure and sucking the fun out of the game, all because of a tiny little piece of card. Remember above all else, have fun.

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **Orlando's Sunshine Fling** March 21-23, 2014 - Mission Inn Resort, FL. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/SunshineFling](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/SunshineFling)
- **Weekend in Sedona, AZ**, March 21-23, 2014. Hosted by ASGA Phoenix Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Sedona](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/Sedona)
- **Memorial Day Weekend** - May 22-25, 2014. Colonial Williamsburg, VA. Details at [www.SinglesGolf.com/MemDay2014](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MemDay2014)
- **Sacramento's Western Reunion** - May 30-June 1, 2014 in Carson City, NV. Details at [SinglesGolf.com/WesternReunion](http://SinglesGolf.com/WesternReunion)
- **ASGA in Scotland** - 9-Nights / 10-Days July 24-August 2, 2014 - St. Andrews, Gleneagles, Edinburgh. Visit [www.SinglesGolf.com/Scotland](http://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](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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## Past ASGA Events

Forty players enjoyed a fun evening of **Bunco** at the VFW hall in Villa Park. Special acknowledgement to Karen Stika's family for filling in as players, drink runners, and all around good sports. Bunco Winners were: **Deb Bradel** –dozen golf balls and Bunco Hat, **Dominic Gervasio** - 1st Place \$50.00, **Jim Voinovich** 2nd Place \$40.00, **Judy Johnson** 3rd Place \$30.00, **Mike Colligan & JoAnn Graske** tied for 4th Place - \$15.00, **Joanne Jacobs**: Ryder Cup Ball Markers. Additional Prizes Awarded: \$10 Starbucks **Scott Wilson**, Best one liner "It's so cold Miley Cyrus froze to her wrecking ball" **Cindy Pausic** and **Dave Halper** \$10 Starbucks. **Thanks to Karen Sitka, and JoAnn Graske for coordinating this great event.**

Some other creative "It's so cold" phrases from our Bunco night:

- **It's so cold** today's forecast is 'holy crap I can't feel my freaking face' degrees
- **It's so cold** Starbucks now comes on a stick
- **It's so cold** Chris Christie stopped sweating
- **It's so cold** Al Gore is pushing a plan to increase global warming
- **It's so cold** politicians have their hands in their own pockets
- **It's as cold** as hell in Chicago...the Cubs must have won the World Series
- **It's so cold** out that I'm starting to look forward to hot flashes!
- **It's so cold** seniors are saying "When I was your age -- nah, screw it, this is colder."
- **It's so cold** football coaches are getting concussions when blocks of Gatorade are dumped on them
- **It's so cold** that even Tommy U is looking forward to seeing a 'chick-flick' film
- **It's so cold** lobsters are throwing themselves into boiling pots
- **It's so cold** Miley Cyrus froze to her wrecking ball
- **It's so cold** in Chicago that if people came here from Phoenix, they would die. We just close our windows.
- **It's so cold** Richard Simmons is wearing pants

At DJ's Sports Bar and Grill on Thursday January 30 - Team Trivia **In the Hole** - **Mike, Robin, Linda, Ray, Terry, Karen, Tom, Michael** won FIRST PLACE beating

out ten other teams. Team In The Hole took a strong first place lead and never gave it up, answering questions such as ... Which one of Michael Jackson's brothers changed the spelling of his last name to "Jacksun"? Answer *Jermaine*.

**Nancy Pierz** opened her home to 30+ ASGA members for our Super Bowl Party with delicious food and drinks. While the Seahawks were crushing the Broncos there was still lots of action happening from our Game Director - **Tom Ullsperger** - of Squares, Strip Cards and Quarter Cups with many winners and \$\$ awarded. Thank you Nancy for your hospitality and everyone else who helped make Super Bowl an enjoyable evening.

## Upcoming Events/Mingles

### Chili Cook Off

Back by popular demand the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Chili Cook Off** (Bring your best pot of Chili and compete for the title of Chili Champ! All participants please bring their chili in a crock pot, plenty of counter space in **Cathy's** kitchen. In addition, there is room for 4 pots on the kitchen stove, but crock pots will make it easier. Prizes will be awarded. Also, be sure to bring your singles, after the voting commences, the dice game "left, Right, Center" will be underway. Cathy lives about 4 blocks east of Mill Creek Golf Course. Please RSVP to [cathylhill@gmail.com](mailto:cathylhill@gmail.com) and let us know what you will be bringing to the party. When - Saturday February 22, 2014 6:30 pm Where - Cathy Hill's home in Geneva 39W037 Herrington Blvd. S Geneva, IL 60134 630-546-1564

### Trivia Night

7:30 pm Thursday February 27  
DJ's Sports Bar and Grill  
222 East Chicago Avenue, Westmont  
No need to RSVP - just show up. Come early for dinner and/or drinks -- we'll be there about half hour before to reserve our tables.

### Bocce Ball

Saturday March 15, 2014  
Pinstripes in Oak Brook

### Masters Tournament

Sunday, April 13, 2014  
location: to be announced

## Thoughts to Ponder and Maybe Put a Smile on Your Face....

It was a sunny Sunday morning, and Murray was beginning his preshot routine, visualizing his upcoming shot, when a voice came over the clubhouse loud-speaker. "Would the gentleman on the ladies' tee please back up to the men's tee." Murray remained in his routine, seemingly unfazed by the interruption. A little louder: "Would the man on the women's tee kindly back up to the men's tee!" Murray raised up out of his stance, lowered his driver, and shouted, "Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly shut up and let me play my second shot?"

~Margaret Onken

## Rules and More Rules

### Can flagstick be adjusted to a more favorable position?

Q. It was our typical weekend foursome grumpy old men golf game. On hole #6 Larry was off the fringe, chipping for par. That sounds so much better than saying scrambling to save bogey. The flagstick was leaning away from his ball (an advantage). And he used this advantage as his ball was rolling a bit fast, hit the pole, and fell in. He strutted like a peacock. On the next hole Larry was once again in the same predicament, off the fringe chipping for par. This time the flagstick was leaning toward his ball. Larry asked Tom to adjust the flagstick and center it so that it did not lean.

That's when Scott called foul. He reasoned that you must play the flag as you find it. Scott said, "you can't move the flag to gain an advantage. Centering the flagstick in this situation improves the course

as found. What would prevent someone from leaning a centered flagstick away from their off the green ball to gain an advantage while chipping?"

What is the correct ruling?

- A. Scott is correct. If you elect to leave the pin in the hole when playing from off the green, you must leave the flagstick as found.
- B. Scott is incorrect. If you elect to leave the pin in the hole when playing from off the green, you can play with the flagstick as found or adjust flagstick to a neutral (centered vertical) position.

AND THE ANSWER IS.....

The answer is B, Scott is incorrect. A player off the green may play to the green with the Flagstick as found or have the stick adjusted / centered in the hole.

The flagstick may not be intentionally adjusted to a more favorable position than centered. Decision 17/4 pertains.

## About Our Members

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Kathy Braun - 02/17  
 Jennifer Connolly - 02/12  
 Lyn Dickinson - 03/14  
 Tim Dowling - 02/08  
 Donald Gagne - 03/03  
 Martell Gangler - 02/09  
 Dana Green - 03/07  
 Susan Herman - 02/28  
 Wayne Koerner - 03/04  
 Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13  
 Louise Malmin - 02/04  
 Margaret Muller - 02/12

Janet Nigrelli - 03/06  
 Margaret Onken - 02/10  
 Nancy Pierz - 03/03  
 Keith Reifel - 03/14  
 Tim Ryan - 03/08  
 Madelon Silgalis - 03/02  
 Jay Thompson - 03/07  
 Tom Ullsperger - 02/20

### These members are up for renewal: (date shown is last day of membership)

Dennis Cowhey - 02/28/2014  
 Paul Gentile - 02/28/2014  
 Ken Kusumoto - 02/28/2014  
 Margaret Quinn - 02/28/2014  
 Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2014  
 Joe Torcivia - 02/28/2014  
 Jim Voinovich - 02/28/2014

### Welcome newest members:

Joan Bednarczyk - Joined 12/16/2013  
 James Doane - Joined 12/16/2013  
 Carol Stawick - Joined 12/05/2013

### These members recently renewed:

Kathi Brown  
 Michael Daugherty  
 Donald Gagne  
 Gretchen Oie  
 Karen Stika  
 Ted Zillmer

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
 Kay Banks - 01/31/2014  
 Marcella Dub - 01/31/2014  
 Frank Hollesen - 12/31/2013  
 Tamara Sorg - 01/31/2014  
 Elyse Stuart - 01/31/2014

Our chapter currently has 153 members



*The Phoenix Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association is again sponsoring the Sedona Golf Weekend. There will be more info as we get closer to the event. The cost of the rooms includes a continental breakfast. Contact Jeanne Tillmann for more info: 602-980-0011 or email [jtillmann@cox.net](mailto:jtillmann@cox.net)*

# **ASGA PHOENIX CHAPTER 3RD ANNUAL SEDONA GOLF OUTING MARCH 21, 22, 23, 2014**

***TWO OUTSTANDING GOLF COURSES WITH BEAUTIFUL RED ROCK VIEWS***

**MARCH 22 - SEDONA GOLF RESORT, HILTON INN**

35 RIDGE TRAIL DR. SEDONA

COST \$71.00 INC. GOLF FEES, CART, RANGE BALLS, TAX

9:00 SHOTGUN START

**MARCH 23 - OAKCREEK COUNTRY CLUB**

690 BELL ROCK BLVD. SEDONA - 928 284 1660

COST \$76.00 GREEN FEES, CART, RANGE BALLS, AND \$10.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE

TO BE USED IN PRO SHOP

9:00 SHOTGUN START

**SIGNUP AT [www.PHOENIXASGA.COM](http://www.PHOENIXASGA.COM). YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER FOR EACH DAY OF GOLF.**

WE HAVE BLOCKED OUT ROOMS AT LAQUINTA INN SEDONA FOR MARCH 21, 22

6176 STATE ROUTE 179 SEDONA, AZ **928 284 0711**

Great SPECIAL rate at \$99.00+ tax per room per night Two person occupancy (approx. \$53.00 ea. Per night)  
Adding a 3rd person to the room for \$10.00 per night You must call in your reservations no later than Feb 21.

**Be sure to tell them you are with ASGA. The inn will take your credit card info, but will not charge it till you check out on the 23rd.**

**THIS IS A MULTI-CHAPTER EVENT, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. OPEN TO ALL ASGA MEMBERS.**

You must be an ASGA member to attend. To join, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

**For more info, contact John Tuel at [proudpol@cox.net](mailto:proudpol@cox.net)  
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# ORLANDO'S SUNSHINE FLING—MARCH 21-24, 2014

We are returning to the beautiful Mission Inn Resort for the 2014 ASGA Orlando Sunshine Fling. Come enjoy the SUN and temperatures in the low 80's and evening lows in the 70's. We all had such a wonderful time in 2013 we decided to return for all the fun.

Once you arrive all beverages will be HAPPY HOUR priced until you depart. That is the first new twist. We also added a second night of dancing in the lounge and pool deck area with games and pool tables.

In 2013 we had 94 ASGA members from all over the country and we look for 120 members to attend the fun this year. Please register early and mail your check to have your spot for this fun event. Don't be left in the cold.

Mission Inn is an inspired Spanish colonial architecture surrounded by lush rolling hills, located just 35 minutes north of Orlando and it's attractions. You get two championship golf courses, plenty of outdoor rec-reation, well-appointed rooms, and award winning culinary delights. Activities include fitness center, marina and boat rentals, skeet shooting, archery, tennis, spa, outdoor pool, hiking trails and volleyball. The resort traces back to 1916 carved out of orange groves and named the Floridian Country Club. Since 1969 another course was added, a clubhouse and the resort. The Mission Inn championship golf courses are like no other in central Florida. The historic El Campeon course has 85 foot elevation changes and the Los Colinas course offers rolling terrain and very long, both courses have very challenging greens. These courses are not cookie cutter courses, they offer scenic mature oaks, pines and palm trees, ponds, creeks, sand and the sighting of Osprey, Alligator and other wildlife.

Arrive early or stay late and check out the Lakeridge Winery, a 2 mile drive away, or visit Mt. Dora, a quaint little town 20 minutes away. In addition, we're offering:

- Special ASGA room rates for those that want to stay extra nights at a cost of \$115.00 per night
- Optional golf on Friday the 21st at Deer Island Golf Club, cost \$50.00
- Optional golf on Monday the 24th at Mission Inn, cost \$47.00

To register for the optional golf or extra nights<sup>2</sup> stay, call and book thru Mission Inn direct and mention you're attending the ASGA Sunshine Fling. Their number is 1-800-523-2289.

Don't wait. Register NOW, you don't want to miss the FUN that the Orlando chapter has planned for their friends! For registration form, copy this URL into your web browser:

[http://www.singlesgolf.com/pdfs/2014\\_Orlando\\_Fling.pdf](http://www.singlesgolf.com/pdfs/2014_Orlando_Fling.pdf)

Barney Coomes  
Orlando ASGA Golf Chairperson  
bcoomes@cfl.rr.com

P. S. Bring a friend, and remember, you must be an ASGA member at the time of the event in order to attend this event. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

# ASGA WESTERN REUNION May 30-June 1, 2014

Every year we have a May golf outing and National has one back east over Memorial Weekend. They annually call theirs “The Reunion”. So this year we have tabbed ours “The Western Reunion.” We have also picked a location that most of the members of western chapters of ASGA can get to easily. It’s Carson City, home of “The Devine Nine,” located 30 minutes south of the Reno-Tahoe Airport in Nevada’s Capital City.

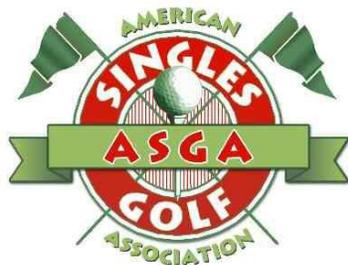
We have scheduled golf on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st allowing those to travel home late on the 1<sup>st</sup> or take Monday off and travel then. Golf is scheduled for Dayton Valley on Saturday and Sunridge on Sunday, both beautiful layouts. We have a two night, two golf day package with a dinner on Saturday night plus breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday. The standard package includes lodging, golf, two breakfasts and Saturday dinner. We have both single and double occupancy available. We will be staying at the Gold Dust Resort Hotel and Casino. The rates are as follow: Standard package:

Junior Suite: Dble Occ. \$250/person, Single Occ. \$340/person  
(double queens or king available)

If you want to get in early and play golf, we have a “bonus” round available at Silver Oak, for an additional \$50. Additional nights’ stays are available through Gold Dust West.

Any questions, please e mail Dwight Pattison at [Dwight@Pattisonappraisals.com](mailto:Dwight@Pattisonappraisals.com)  
or call at 916-714-3010 Monday thru Friday, 8-5 Pacific Time.

**REGISTRATION FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE . . .**



**ASGA SACRAMENTO  
PRESENTS  
THE 2014  
"WESTERN REUNION"**

**May 30 – June 1, 2014  
Carson City, NV**

**This is an ASGA Multi-chapter event open to all ASGA members.**

Cost includes Golf with cart, Saturday & Sunday; Lodging Friday and Saturday Nights  
Breakfast Saturday & Sunday, Saturday Banquet

- Option 1: Double Occupancy - Cost: \$250
- Option 2: Single Occupancy - Cost: \$340
- Option 3- Bonus Round-Friday - Cost: \$50
- Friday Golf: Silver Oak
- Saturday Golf: Dayton Valley
- Sunday Golf: Sunridge



Additional nights can be reserved through Gold Dust West Resort:

**Payment Deadline: May 5, 2014**

**Note: Lodging may become limited, so get your reservation in soon.**

*(For further information, please email [dwight@pattisonappraisals.com](mailto:dwight@pattisonappraisals.com))*

----- Detach and mail with your payment -----  
**ASGA "WESTERN REUNION" MAY 30 - JUNE 1, 2014**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ASGA Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf Handicap Index or Average Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to play one day with** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 1 - Double Occupancy- \$250 Roommate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION 2 - Single Occupancy -- \$340**

**OPTION 3 - Golf on Friday.....\$50**

Make checks payable to A.S.G.A. Sacramento

Mail this entry form AND your check to:

ASGA Sacramento Chapter, c/o Dwight Pattison, 7017 Rawley Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757