

CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF SINGLES GOLF IN AMERICA

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

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

MARCH 15TH - BOCCE BALL AT PINSTripES

President's Notes

We have had some great social events, especially the "Chili Cook Off" which was a big success. Thanks to **Cathy Hill, Dave Halper, JoAnn Graski** and others who made this happen. The social calendar has some wonderful and new upcoming events which the ASGA Board hopes will be highly attended.

As far away as it seems we have our first golf outings in early May. One of our goals this year in addition to increased membership and adding some new and different social events is to focus on our "Pace of Play" as a group.

The goal is not to rush or make it stressful, but create awareness as a group of maintaining a pace of play that is best for the group as a whole, the golf course, and just a basic common courtesy to your fellow playing partners. This year we will introduce a "Pace of Play Tracker" for each foursome that will monitor how well their group is keeping up with the group ahead. If a particular group is falling behind, it will be the responsibility of the ap-

pointed "Tracker" in that group, to politely remind all that the group is falling behind. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the season regarding this pilot program.

There is more information in this newsletter regarding USGA pace of play guidelines. I urge you to read them and reflect as to how we can jointly have an awareness of our pace of play.

We have received questions on the 2014 schedule and we are hopeful to have this finalized for the next newsletter in April. Many courses are closed and finalizing will take a bit more time. I can assure you that our Golf Chairmen are working hard to put together this schedule.

I hope to see you at our upcoming social events.

~Dave Colbert

Pace of Play

In 2014, **spring begins with the vernal equinox** on March 20th at 12:57 P.M. That is just around the corner and I am looking forward to that day and the approaching warmer weather. I believe I can speak for many of us that sunshine and warm weather can't come soon enough and I am anxiously waiting to get outside to play my first round of golf. As Dave mentioned in the President's notes our group will be focusing on **Pace of Play** this year. The USGA website has done a great job of bringing attention to this initiative. USGA focuses attention on Place of Play issues with 5 major areas they are identifying to help improve the pace of play and ultimately the enjoyment of a round of golf. I would encourage everyone to visit the following website <http://www.usga.org/>



Happy St. Pat's Day



NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Orlando's Sunshine Fling** March 21-23, 2014 - Mission Inn Resort, FL. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/SunshineFling
- **Weekend in Sedona, AZ**, March 21-23, 2014. Hosted by ASGA Phoenix Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Sedona
- **Memorial Day Weekend** - May 22-25, 2014. Colonial Williamsburg, VA. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/MemDay2014
- **Sacramento's Western Reunion** - May 30-June 1, 2014 in Carson City, NV. Details at SinglesGolf.com/WesternReunion
- **ASGA in Scotland** - 9-Nights / 10-Days July 24-August 2, 2014 - St. Andrews, Gleneagles, Edinburgh. Visit www.SinglesGolf.com/Scotland for details.
- **Rocky Mountain High - Fairways to Heaven** - Hosted by Denver. August 15-18, 2014. Visit www.SinglesGolf.com/RockyMountainHigh

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

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

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Mingle: Thursday, March 27th, 2014

Mingle Location: Dino's Sports Bar

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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to read in detail the initiative to improve **Pace of Play**. You can show your support by signing a pledge at the USGA website for the good of the game. Included in the pledge are the following:

My Pace of Play Pledge

- As one who loves golf, I understand my critical role in improving pace of play.
- I will examine my own habits on the golf course to identify ways that I can pick up the pace.
- I will Tee It Forward and play from the set of tees best suited to my driving distance, in an effort to speed up play and have more fun.
- I will practice "ready golf" during stroke play; I will hit when I am ready to play, but only when it is safe to do so.
- I will serve as an example for those around me and I will strive to inspire and guide my fellow golfers to improve their pace of play.
- I understand that golf course design and setup can affect pace of play, and I promise to support those who manage the facilities where I play to find solutions for optimizing pace of play.
- I will seek out golf professional to help me improve my game and my pace of play.
- I will embrace opportunities to play nine holes when my schedule doesn't allow for an 18-hole round.
- I will encourage others to take the Pace of Play Pledge, for the good of the game.
- I will play more quickly, play better and have more fun!

At the very least, take a look at what the Initiative is about. It will have a positive impact on anyone who enjoys the game of golf.

Here are some spring tips to get you golf ready for the upcoming season:

- Inspect your equipment and make sure it is in good shape
- Check to see if you need new grips
- Stock up on the essentials such as golf ball, tees, markers
- Head to the driving range to work on your swing
- Practice your short game
- Focus on working out your core to pre-

vent injuries and back pain

- Visit TPI (Titleist Performance Institute to look for golf-centric stretches). <http://www.mytpi.com/exercises>
- Continue to work on your cardiovascular fitness
- Put it all together with a checklist you want to accomplish this year and you'll be ready to hit the ground running now that spring is here and you'll be embarking on your best season ever.

Past ASGA Events

More than 35 people attended the 3rd annual chili cook-off, held in Geneva, hosted by **Cathy Hill** and **Dave Halper**.

Greg Mieczynski and his throw down challenge proved no match for the other contenders as backed up his trash talking winning 1st place and a \$50 Golfsmith gift card. Photo finish was held for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place, with prizes won by **Margaret Muller**, **Lynn Dickinson**, and **Joanne Jacobs**.

After desserts of yummy brownies, cookies, cheesecake along with Pepto Bismal and Tums, the gang gathered round to play the dice game Left, Right, Center. North side table winners of the first three games were **Marie Bush**, **Phyllis** and **Mike Colligan**. Hostess, **Cathy Hill**, encouraged a 4th game, which turned into a 3-game rally, and surprisingly a \$107 pot won by Hill.

Thank you to all for bringing tasty chilis, appetizers, desserts, beverages and most of all your friendship. What a fabulous evening!

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 15 - Bocce Ball (Coach Gentile is getting his team Bocce ready)

7 to 9 pm at Pinstripes, 7 Oak Brook Mall Center

Cost \$15 (Cash bar and order food off the menu) RSVP to JoAnn Graske graske3141@comcast.net cell 630-732-3549 and Paul Gentile paulvgentile@sbcglobal.net 708-403-2226 or 708-403-0777

Sunday April 13 – Sunday at the Master's

Village Links Restaurant/Bar, 485 Winchell Way, Glen Ellyn

What better place to watch the Master's

but on 13 large HD monitors – where there is not a bad seat in the place! More details to follow.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS GOLF BEGINS IN MAY!! (More details to follow)
Saturday May 3 - Tee Off Event

River Bend Golf Course, 5900 South RT 53, Lisle

9 Hole Scramble Golf followed by Tee Off Dinner with appetizers, buffet and dancing. (Option for Dinner Only)

GOLF PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

JoAnn Grasko, graske3141@comcast.net
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Saturday May 10 - First Official Outing

Springbrook Golf Course, 2220 West 83rd Street, Naperville

Continuing our ASGA tradition Fred McEwen – *Golf Coordinator Extraordinaire* – kicks off our golf season in Naperville!

Mingles

Thursday March 27 – ASGA Mingle

Trivia starts at 8:00 pm, Dino's Sports Bar, 338 East Army Trail Road, Glendale Heights.

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.

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There were some great events that took place in February and many more coming up so spread the word and invite your friends to join our group!



Thoughts to Ponder and Put a Smile on Your Face

Three unmarried men were waiting to tee off when the starter walked up to them and said, "You see that beautiful blonde practicing her putting?"

"Her? Wow, she is beautiful," they all said.

"She's a good golfer," he continued, "and would like to hook up with a group. None of the other groups will play with a woman. Can she play with you? She won't hold you up, I promise." They looked at each other and said, "Sure! She can join us." Just as the starter said, the woman played well and kept up. Plus, they kept noticing, she was very attractive.

When they reached the 18th hole, she said that if she sank her 18-footer, she'd break 80 for the first time. "Guys, I'm so excited about breaking 80 that I have to tell you something. I had a great time playing with you. I can tell you all really love golf. I want you to know that I'm single and want to marry a man who loves golf as much as I do. If one of you guys can read this putt correctly and I make it, I'll marry whichever of you was right!"

All three jumped at the opportunity. The first one looked over the putt and said, "I see it breaking 10 inches left to right." The second looked it over from all sides and said, "No, I see it breaking eight inches right to left."

The third man looked at the woman, looked at the ball, and said, "Pick it up. It's good!"

~Margaret Onken

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Deborah Brice - 04/15

Tom Cech - 03/24

Barbara DiBiase - 04/03

Lyn Dickinson - 03/14

Bill Erickson - 03/26

Donald Gagne - 03/03

Dana Green - 03/07

Christina Hollis - 03/25

Wayne Koerner - 03/04

Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13

Tom Metzger - 04/11

David Moretti - 03/31

Janet Nigrelli - 03/06

Nancy Pierz - 03/03

Carol Reichart - 03/26

Keith Reifel - 03/14

Tim Ryan - 03/08

Jay Thompson - 03/07

Christine Zemlik - 03/25

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Kimberly Armatys - 03/31/2014

Amy Bakalar - 03/31/2014

Susan Boose - 03/31/2014

Deborah Brice - 03/31/2014

Hank Calzaretta - 03/31/2014

Robert Geeve - 03/31/2014

Will Hsiung - 03/31/2014

Ray Kalal - 03/31/2014

Stephen Kehr - 03/31/2014

Louise Malmin - 03/31/2014

Bob Wier - 03/31/2014

Welcome newest members:

Florence Brennan - Joined 02/13/2014

Marina Fontaine - Joined 02/19/2014

These members recently renewed:

Deborah Bradel

Arthur Garwin

Ken Kusumoto

Margaret Quinn

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kay Banks - 01/31/2014

Dennis Cowhey - 02/28/2014

Marcella Dub - 01/31/2014

Paul Gentile - 02/28/2014

Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2014

Tamara Sorg - 01/31/2014

Elyse Stuart - 01/31/2014

Joe Torcivia - 02/28/2014

Jim Voinovich - 02/28/2014

Our chapter currently has 150 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

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. 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

**For more info, contact John Tuel at proudpol@cox.net
or Jeanne Tillman at jtillmann@cox.net**

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 nights² 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

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

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.

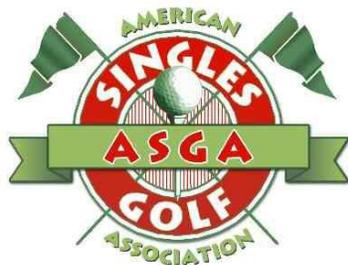
We have scheduled golf on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st allowing those to travel home late on the 1st or take Monday off and travel then. Golf is scheduled for Dayton Valley on Saturday and Sunridge on Sunday, both beautiful layouts. We have a two night, two golf day package with a dinner on 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
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)

----- 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

FILL OUT AND MAIL IN ONLY THIS PAGE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION



ASGA-Denver's 2014 Multi-Chapter Event:
"ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH - FAIRWAYS TO HEAVEN"
KEYSTONE RANCH, RIVER COURSE @ KEYSTONE,
COPPER CREEK, AND RAVEN @ THREE PEAKS
August 15-18, 2014



Fun-Fellowship-Fairways!

SPONSORED BY: DENVER CHAPTER, AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION
SEE EVENT DETAILS AT: www.SinglesGolf.com/RockyMountainHigh



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

YOUR NAME: _____; GENDER: () MALE () FEMALE; HOME CHAPTER: _____;
HOME ADDRESS: _____; CITY: _____; STATE: _____; ZIP: _____; Handicap/Avg. Score: _____
HOME PHONE: () _____; WORK / CELLPHONE: () _____; E-MAIL: _____

CHECK DESIRED BASE PACKAGE PLUS ANY OPTIONS: (Note: Discounts apply if your payment by check is received NLT 5/31/2014)

- () \$455.00 — STANDARD BASE PACKAGE: You'll have a roommate (You may choose your own, or we'll assign a same-sex roommate for you).
() \$577.00 — ROOM-BY-YOURSELF BASE PACKAGE: Includes everything in the Standard Package, except you'll room by yourself.
() \$76.00 — OPTIONAL HORSE-DRAWN WAGON / COWBOY BBQ DINNER at Keystone Ranch: 6 PM on Sunday August 17th.
() \$69.00 for optional golf round on Aug. 15th at Copper Creek GC. () \$98.00 for optional golf round on Aug. 18th at Raven @ 3 Peaks GC.
() Optional \$30.00/round golf clubs rental at the Keystone courses on Aug. 16-17 (x2 for both days); for those who wish to travel light.

If you have selected your own roommate (insert their name): _____ (NA if rooming by yourself or if ASGA-Denver assigns your roommate). (Please see the special processing policies on event's webpage which apply only if you select your own roommate).

You prefer a room with () One Queen Bed; () Two Double Beds. Notes: 1. Room preferences are first come first served, and only the hotel controls availability of room types; 2. Therefore, we will register you regardless of preference; and 3. We will try, but cannot guarantee, to find your roommates on extra hotel nights (if desired).

On the courses, you request to be paired with (insert name) _____ () for one round; () for all rounds. Notes: 1. This request is only valid if your name is also cross-requested on your requested partner's registration form. 2. Limited to twosomes, in the interest of fostering better inter-chapter camaraderie.

YOU ARE REMITTING: \$ _____ for your Base Package (selected & indicated above), if received by May 31, 2014.
+ \$ _____ ADD 10% of base package amount (above) if your payment will be received between 6/01/2014 and 7/15/2014.
+ \$ _____ for _____ additional hotel night(s) at \$110/night (Room-by-Yourself) or \$55 (w/roommate). List extra date(s): _____
+ \$ _____ for optional round(s) of golf on Friday Aug. 15th and/or Monday Aug. 18th [per choice(s) checked above.]
+ \$ _____ for optional golf clubs rental on Saturday Aug. 16th and/or Sunday Aug. 17th.
+ \$ _____ for optional "Adios, Partner!" Horse-drawn Wagon Cowboy BBQ Dinner at Keystone Ranch on Sunday Aug. 17th.
= \$ _____ TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT (Enclosed: Check No. _____ made payable to "Denver Chapter-ASGA" then mailed to: Denver Chapter ASGA, P.O. Box 370714, Denver CO 80237.

* There is a \$30 service charge for checks returned unpaid by the bank (plus your & our bank fees).

COMPLETE ONLY IF PAYING BY CREDIT: + \$ _____ ADD 3.5% of "TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT" above: (Note: Leave this blank if paying by check).
= \$ _____ TOTAL CREDIT AMOUNT (Please also complete authorization section below if paying by credit card)

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: I decline to pay by check to save 3.5% on my total package. Therefore, I hereby authorize Denver Chapter, ASGA to charge/debit my (Circle one): (Visa) (MasterCard) (Discover Card) account for: \$ _____ (Insert your "TOTAL CREDIT AMOUNT" derived above).

Card No.: _____ Expiration: _____ CVV2 Code: _____ Signature: _____

Your registration form indicates acceptance of Payment and Cancellation & Refund Policies and other terms & conditions set forth in event's webpage (see web address in the header). Limited to 72 members, with a FIRM 7/15/2014 late-payment registration cutoff date — so don't delay! We'll confirm receipt of your reservation by email; if you don't receive confirmation within 14 days, please notify us.

QUESTIONS? Please e-mail them to 'ASGA-Denver_MCE@outlook.com' — OR if you prefer a phone call, please email your phone number and best time to call — and an MCE Planning Committee member will respond promptly.