

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2015

4TH ANNUAL BUNCO NIGHT - JANUARY 24TH

Message from the President

First and foremost the ASGA Board Members and I would like to wish everyone a healthy, happy 2015. I am excited to work with the returning, and new members of our Board of Directors and we will work hard to make 2015 a great year for the Chicago ASGA Chapter.

I am happy to report that we donated \$1,400.00 to The First Tee of Greater Chicago (TFTGC). A copy of their thank you note is included in this newsletter. **Jay Thompson** has been elected as an "Ambassador" for The First Tee which puts him on the TFTGC advisory Board. This will offer ASGA members additional opportunities with TFTGC fundraising events such as the Luke Donald Wine Tasting, Fashion Show, Golf at The Dunes in New Buffalo, Marshalling for The First Tee at the Encompass & BMW tournaments and more. I am hopeful that our chapter will get more involved in this great charity in 2015.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming winter events

~Dave Colbert

American Singles Golf Association -
Chicago Chapter
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Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Dear American Singles Golf Association -
Chapter Chicago

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and volunteers, we sincerely thank you for your generous 2014 gift of \$1,480 to further support The First Tee's Charitable mission in Greater Chicago.

Because of you, we are a growing development organization that is introducing golf and character education to 15,000+ Chicagoland children through programming taking place at golf courses during spring, summer and fall, in P.E. classes at 50 elementary schools in the city and suburbs and at partnering youth service agencies including YMCA and Boys and Girls Club locations.

Additionally, we are increasing our Chapter Leadership Series offerings for the participants with the additions of our PwC Financial Literacy Week, Girls in the Game partnership, participant rewards

program and the continuation of our award-winning Humana Healthy Habits Camp. Again, our chapter would not be in a position to take on these initiatives, if not for your involvement and generosity.

For your IRS purposes, please let this letter serve as an official receipt for your gift and to certify that no goods or services were provided in consideration. If you should have any questions at all, please contact me at (847)729-5700 x103.

Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Respectfully,
Lisa Quinn
Development Director
The First Tee of Greater Chicago
Charitable ID# 31-1746890

The Chicago Chapter ASGA is delighted to be part of an organization that provides young people with character building and life skills lessons while learning the game of golf. Thank you to all our members who contributed to such a worthy cause. Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season, and although we are in the midst of winter in the midwest, our golf season is right around the corner.

~Margaret Onken

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Events Include (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **ASGA National's (Belated) New Year's Event** - Orlando Area - January 4-7, 2015. Details at www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears
- **ASGA in Hawaii** - March 1-7, 2015. Play three rounds at Wailea Golf Resort and stay at the Andaz. More info at SinglesGolf.com
- **Orlando's Sunshine Fling** - March 12-15, 2015. For more information, contact Barney Coomes at bcoomes@cfl.rr.com
- **Phoenix ASGA's Sedona Arizona Weekend** - April 12-15, 2015. Includes two rounds of golf on very picturesque courses. Contact John Tuel (ProudPol@cox.net) or Jeanne Tillmann (JTillman@cox.net) for more info. Details posted in the near future.

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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Upcoming Events/Mingles

Save the Date for the 4th annual Bunco Night!

When: Saturday, January 24

Time: Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for mingling, game starts at 7 p.m.

Location: All Saints Lutheran Church; 13350 LaGrange Road; Orland Park (located just south of Carl Sandburg High school on the west side of LaGrange Road). Plenty of free parking in front.

Cost: \$10 includes snacks

NOTE: Bring along your own booze!

Back by popular demand it's Bunco night! Since it's being held at Nancy Pierz's church, praying for good luck will be entirely appropriate.

RSVP to Nancy at npierz@comcast.net or 708-257-1280 - or Susan Barton at 312-543-3522 or babala1@sbcglobal.net

Please reserve by January 22. Hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays!

New Year's Resolutions for Golfers

1. Play 5 new courses in 2015. These don't have to be five new courses, just five we haven't played before. We all get stuck in a rut of going to the same courses over and over again. Bonus points if these courses are out of state – or the country! Even if we're on a golf vacation, we vow to play courses we haven't before to find a new favorite.

2. Improve one aspect of your game and stick with it. The best athletes in the world always focus on one aspect of their game during the off-season. Basketball players focus on their post-up game. Tennis players work on their lob shot. Golf should be no different, and there's no reason why we can't improve on aspect in 2015. We may go with putting, because that's one of the quickest ways we can cut some strokes off our scores. One way to start is by writing down our putting strokes on every hole. Add them up at the end of the day to see just how many putts we make.

3. Take a golf vacation with your friends. What better time than the start of a new year to plan a golf trip with our buddies. This is the time when everyone's calendars should

be relatively open. How often do we get to take a trip with our friends and just golf? Simple answer, not often enough.

4. Enjoy golf. Let's face it. Sometimes we all take the game a little bit too seriously. Sure, golf requires so much discipline, focus and concentration, but the main reason we play is for fun, right? Golf takes us outside, away from the office, away from the stresses of life. This may be a simple resolution, but it's a good one for life in general. Let's enjoy the ride in 2015 – whether it's on a golf cart or not!

A new year is a time to have fun, be positive and look forward to an opportunity to start fresh. Let everyone else have their diets, savings accounts and workout plans. We'll be working on our golf game. We always thought that the ball they drop each year in Times Square resembled a fancy golf ball anyway!

~taken from www.myrtlebeachgolf.com

About Our Members

Happy Birthday to these members:

Hank Calzaretta - 01/05
Allen Chester - 01/31
Tim Dowling - 02/08
John Edmonson - 01/16
Bill Forcade - 01/22
Martell Gangler - 02/09
Cathy Hill - 01/12
Deborah Johnson - 01/11
Katherine Maraffino - 01/21
Richard Michael - 01/12
Margaret Muller - 02/12
Margaret Onken - 02/10
Mark Sadowski - 01/14
Shirley Wodynski - 01/15

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Pam Baldwin - 01/31/2015
Kay Banks - 01/31/2015
Deborah Bradel - 01/31/2015
Donald Gagne - 01/31/2015
Arthur Garwin - 01/31/2015
Gretchen Oie - 01/31/2015
Tammy Sorg - 01/31/2015
Ted Zillmer - 01/31/2015

These members recently renewed:

Laurence Nelligan
Deborah Stanton

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Marie Wakeman - 11/30/2014

Our chapter currently has 143 members



ANDAZ MAUI

Golf at Wailea

Ranked # 4 in All of Hawaii

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN SINGLES GOLF ASSOCIATION See Full Details At: SinglesGolf.com/Maui
 ASGA Phone: 704-889-4600 Hotel Website: Maui.Andaz.Hyatt.com Hotel Phone: 808-879-1234 Wailea Golf Phone: 808-875-7450



Standard Package Includes (see prices below):

- 3 days of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls, prizes)
- 6 nights / deluxe rooms at the 5-Star **Andaz Maui**
- **Food:** 1 cocktail party*, 4-\$25 breakfast credits, 3 dinners
- All taxes, fees, portorage, welcome gift and golf prizes
- Trip insurance (see SinglesGolf.com/Maui for details)

Room-by-Yourself package available (see rate below)

Add'l. Nights: If you wish to check in a few days early or stay a few days later, room cost is \$449/night if rooming by yourself or \$224.50 if you have a roommate. **Excursion Activities:** We will have an excursion representative available at the hotel our first night to discuss any excursions you would like to do.
 *cash bar at cocktail party

GOLF COURSES: We'll play the three world renowned courses: Wailea Blue (Mar. 2), Gold (Mar. 4) and Emerald (Mar. 6). 12:30pm tee times, dinners follow after each round. Play your own ball. Wailea stores your golf clubs overnight.

PAYMENT: Pay full amount now or pay one-third now and balance in January and February, per below. Payment(s) can be made by check or credit/debit card. If by card (in installments) a 3% fee applies. Register by calling ASGA at **704-889-4600** (9-2 eastern) or go online. Absolutely NO refunds after 2/1/15. If your plans change, **you can sell your position to another member with \$25 transfer fee.** A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within 10 days of registration, you must contact us. **TRIP INSURANCE for Standard and Room-by-Yourself packages is included in your price. Airline insurance add'l.**
See full event details at www.SinglesGolf.com/Maui

ONE FORM PER PERSON, PLEASE PRINT. SUBMITTING THIS FORM AUTHORIZES ASGA TO PUBLISH YOUR NAME ON EVENT WEBSITE'S LIST OF "WHO'S COMING*."

NAME AS TO APPEAR ON NAMETAG _____ () MALE () FEMALE () *Don't publish on "who's coming"

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ CHAPTER NAME _____

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

CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE (all non-upgraded rooms are ROH / Run of House):

- () \$1,988.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE / WITHOUT GOLF - I'll have a roommate
- () \$2,395.00 — STANDARD PACKAGE WITH 3 ROUNDS OF GOLF - I'll have a roommate
- () \$3,133.00 — ROOM-BY-YOURSELF / PKG. WITHOUT GOLF (Incl. everything in the St'd. Package, but no golf and you'll room by yourself)
- () \$3,629.00 — ROOM-BY-YOURSELF PACKAGE WITH GOLF (Incl. everything in the St'd. Package, except you'll room by yourself)
- () \$ 88.50 / Night / Room (Upgrade to partial ocean view) () \$175 / Night / Room (Upgrade to full ocean view) (these price in addition to pkg price)
- () I am renting a car in Hawaii and would be willing to give others a ride to the golf courses and other venues.

**You Must Be an ASGA Member
 In Order To Attend This Event.
 To Join ASGA, go to SinglesGolf.com/Join**

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.*

During () one () all golf events, pair me with _____. (Don't pair yourself with someone unless you **KNOW** they want to play with you!)

I AM REMITTING: \$ _____ for the package/options checked above (calculate into your price any ocean view upgrades in this section. Roommate must do same.)
 + \$ _____ for ___ add'l. nights at \$449/night (rm. by myself) or \$224.50 (w. rmmate). Extra nights are _____ (rate valid 3 days before or after event)
 + \$ _____ for 3 mulligans each day (enter \$15.00)
 + \$ _____ (add \$20) for 25 "50/50" raffle tickets. (See how we do raffles at the website: www.SinglesGolf.com/Maui)
 = \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT (Check no. _____ Make Check* Payable to: "ASGA, Inc." or fill-out CC info below.

CHECK PAYMENTS**: () I am enclosing TOTAL AM'T. shown with this form () Enclosed are 3 checks dated now, Jan. 15 and Feb. 15
 CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT***: () I am paying TOTAL AM'T. shown now () Charge card 1/3rd now, 1/3 on Jan. 15 and 1/3 on Feb. 15

*** NO CREDIT CARD SERVICE FEE IF YOU PAY FULL AMOUNT BY JANUARY 15, 2015 Fee applies afterwards!

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. A 3% charge applies to all credit card installment transactions. I hereby authorize **ASGA and/or Andaz Maui** to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form or as indicated otherwise above. Name & address on your credit card statement if different from above: _____

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

OTHERWISE, MAKE CHECK(S)* 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.

Hotel ??'s: Call 704-889-4600 or email Irene@SinglesGolf.com All other ??'s: Email [Tom Alsop @ GolfASGA@aol.com](mailto:TomAlsop@GolfASGA@aol.com)



**ASGA Orlando's 2015 Ultimate Sunshine Fling – "Golf at the Beach" March 12-15, 2015
Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Florida with preferred-rate extended stays and golf.**

Enjoy Fun, Fairways and ASGA Friends with luxury accommodations and legendary golf at this 4-Diamond rated resort.
Event details: www.SinglesGolf.com

The Orlando Chapter is proud to announce their 2015 Sunshine Fling. Due to popular request, we are hosting this event at the beach in style for a true Florida spring vacation. This package would cost \$1400 if you did this on your own but Orlando ASGA has secured a dramatically discounted price for this luxury resort and golf package. Spring is in vogue in Florida and we expect our allotted spots to fill quickly. Our last two events at Mission Inn sold out with over 140 in attendance in 2014.

Golf two legendary on-site courses, play at the beach and enjoy surrounding activities such as the World Golf Hall of Fame, Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, FL. Take in sun and fun with fellow friends. There's golf and then there's legendary golf. The Ocean Course: Golfweek's 2013 Best Courses You Can Play. Six holes put players on the very edge of the Atlantic Ocean. This course is lauded for its charm and beauty and is one of the country's best golf experiences. The Conservatory Course is comprised of dramatic elevation and undulating greens not commonly found in Florida, has 76 acres of man-made lakes and three waterfalls, and offers golfers of all skill levels a unique experience and challenge. The Hammock Beach resort features 320 accommodations, including oceanfront lodging and array of spacious villas and suites located in the 12-story tower.

All Basic and Room-By-Yourself Packages Include: 3 night/4 day w/accommodations of selected room type, 2 rounds of golf Fri/Sat (on top rated Nicklaus Signature Ocean and Watson Signature Conservatory Courses), 3 Private Breakfast Buffets (Fri-Sun), 3 Private Dinner Functions (Thurs-Sat), Dancing, Awards, unlimited use of practice facilities and access to exclusive resort's amenities, taxes, service fees, comp. Wi-Fi and gratuities! Optional golf is available on Thursday at the Palm Harbor Golf Club.

Preferred rates are offered for additional room nights and rounds of golf at this exclusive resort. You will arrange with resort.

Non-Golfer Addition Includes: 3 night/4 day stay, 3 breakfasts and dinners, ASGA functions & amenities.

Commuter Package Includes: 2 rounds of golf, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, ASGA functions & amenities.

Don't Get Stuck Out in the Cold. Register NOW. You don't want to miss this exclusive ASGA event planned for their friends to experience the best that Florida has to offer. We are holding a block of rooms and T-times and cannot guarantee you a spot once these fill up. We must make firm commitments to the hotel by January. These events and policies are dictated by the various courses, hotel and restaurants are not negotiable. Send in your registration and payment by January 15 to assure you a spot.

[PRINT REGISTRATION FORM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION](#)



Orlando's Ultimate Sunshine Fling – "Golf at the Beach" March 12-15, 2015 4 days/3 nights of fun, fairways and friends

Make Checks payable to: ASGA-Orlando. Send with Registration Form to: Steve Hall – 3153 McEwan View Circle Orlando, FL 32812. First come, first served until full. Absolute deadline: February 10, 2015 but this may fill up fast. Secure your spot EARLY.

Name for Your Name Tag (PRINT CLEARLY): _____ () Male Female ()

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Bus/Cell _____ E-Mail: _____

Roommate () _____ Your Chapter _____

Handicap or Avg. Score _____. Notes: _____

Select from Package Rates - Circle Choice Below: Basic Package includes 3 nights/4 days, starting with reception dinner & dancing Thursday night, 2 rounds premium golf Fri/Sat, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, more dancing, awards, use of practice facility, comp Wi-Fi, taxes/resort fees and gratuities. NOTE 11/25: Resort View Villas with 2 double beds in each bedroom are presently sold out. See bedroom layouts currently open below. Get your group of friends to share a villa, or sign up as a single and we'll put you with a group. This outing is booking fast but we will work with you as best possible to get your best arrangements.

Choice	Accommodation Type –	Circle Single or Double Occupancy :	Single Occ.	Double Occ.
*	Resort View Villa 3 BR (Large Common Area. BR1. 1-King. BR 2. 1-Queen. BR3. 2-Twins)		\$972*	\$796*
*	Main Tower 3 BR Ocean View Suite (Common Area w/balcony. 1 King, 1 Queen, 2 Twins)		\$1033*	\$826*
	Main Tower One BR Ocean View Suite (King Bedroom)		\$1310*	\$965*

***Must be at least three single occupancy rates per villa to receive above pricing. If occupancy per unit drops below three people (1 person/bedroom), package price is subject to change.**

Choice	Additional Options: Circle Item That Applies		Price
	Add Non-Golfer to Any Package to your Room	Name:	\$325 w/dbl occ. BR
	Commuter Package (No Accommodations)	All meals and functions	\$635

See Flyer for items included in these packages

Additional Room Nights (Make these arrangements with the hotel and pay hotel separately)	Nightly Rate – Pay Hotel
Resort View Villa 3 bedroom	\$289**
Main Tower 3 BR Ocean View Suite	\$339**
Main Tower One BR Ocean View Suite	\$189**

****Rates for non basic package subject to club service fees and taxes. Current Service Fee is 9.75% and tax is 11%; subject to change. Contact Hammock Beach Reservations at 1-866-841-0287 and state you are an ASGA to get the preferred rates: www.hammockbeach.com**

Check Selected Prepaid Package: __ \$10 Mulligans (for 3 each day) __ \$20 for 25 50/50 tickets __ \$ 20 for 25 Prize Tickets

Total Package and Amount of Check, as selected above (not including additional nights): \$ _____

Note: Your registration indicates acceptance of Payment, Cancellation & Refund Policies and set forth in this package. If your registration is received after the event is full, your check and registration will be returned to you without penalty. If your registration is already processed when you cancel, a 25% cancellation fee applies if you cancel before 02/01/15. There are absolutely NO refunds if you cancel after 02/01/15 for any reason. You may wish to consider buying travel insurance if your plans and availability are subject to change. However, if you cancel, you may find another ASGA member of same-gender (if you both chose Basic Package and had ASGA-Orlando assign your roommate for example), and transfer your paid reservation to them at no penalty (if at least 72 hours before your first scheduled event).

Questions: Contact Barney Coomes (Event Coordinator) at 407-432-6318 or email: bcoomes@cfl.rr.com

Travel Considerations

Nestled on a stretch of unspoiled beach along Florida's Atlantic Coast in Palm Coast Florida, Hammock Beach Resort is an extraordinary treasure. This exquisite oceanfront playground is just south of St. Augustine (America's oldest city) and just north of Daytona Beach. Travel 90 minutes west to all of Orlando's glittering attractions or simply relax on the private beach. Just outside your door, you'll find a pristine coastal landscape, endless recreation, and ocean views that will carry you as far away as your dreams will take you.

Potential Airports: Hammock Beach is close to Daytona (30 minutes), Jacksonville (1.5 hours), Orlando (1.5 hours), Sanford (1 hour) airports, and other airports such as Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm Beach are accessible, depending on your travel plans and best airfares. Get your airfare early to get your best price and best availability.

Shuttle services exist from some airports to Hammock Beach; however, renting a car is your best option.

Check out <http://www.hammockbeach.com/overview/location> (and directions)

To make additional night accommodations outside of the Basic Package at the preferred rate, contact Hammock Beach directly at 1-877-834-8862 and request the "ASGA rate". (Fax: 407-390-3855)

Extend your stay and use Hammock Beach as your destination resort to explore nearby attractions, or venture further to Orlando and Kennedy Space Center.

www.worldgolfvillage.com (golf and golf village and Hall of Fame). See link of things to see/do in St. Augustine including world famous ghost tours, fountain of youth, horse-drawn carriages, night life and outlet malls.

www.wegoplaces.com - things to do near Hammock Beach Resort

www.tripadvisor.com – things to do near Hammock Beach Resort

Optional rounds of golf are offered during your stay at Hammock Beach for a preferred rate of \$135. You can make these arrangements directly with the pro shop at 1-386-447-4611 once you are registered.

Optional Golf for Thursday, March 12 Available Now. We have reserved 40 slots for ASGA play with tee times starting at 11:00AM at Palm Harbor Golf Club, just a short distance from the resort. Call the Pro Shop directly to reserve your spot NOW at 368-986-4653. Cost is \$50 plus tax. You will pay the pro shop upon arrival. Palm Harbor Golf Club, 100 Cooper Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32137 www.palmharborgolfclub.com



