

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

President Message

G'day mates! Happy New Year from the land down under! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. After a delayed start in Chicago and almost a missed connection in LA, I arrived in Sydney on the morning of December 31. Unfortunately, my bags went to Auckland, New Zealand. Thankfully I received them yesterday so all is good. Sorry, but the weather here is perfect and I will try to play some golf this weekend!!!



Sydney Harbor Bridge - New Year's Eve

The board met in December to review last year's season and to plan for 2018. Since most of the board members have returned, I feel that this year will provide great opportunities to golf along with some social events and activities. **Tom Schweih**s is already looking at the golf calendar and is open to suggestions for golf outings. We will also be looking for event coordinators so watch for these events to be posted. I heard many members offer suggestions for courses to try or short day trips to be included. Please offer these suggestions to Tom or Greg so that they can be looked into and possibly be added to the schedule. Last year's review of the golf schedule indicated an even scattering of golf courses throughout the north, south and west suburbs.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone this year and hitting the links. Hittum Straight

~Ruth

President's Annual Report



The purpose of the American Single Golf Association is to promote the sport of golf among single golfers.

My purpose as President was to provide opportunities for the Chicago members to golf and to promote camaraderie and friendship through golf and other social events.

Summary:

- We held 30 regular weekend golf outings.
- Our kickoff event was held at Broken Arrow hosted by **Joanne** and **Keith Reifel**.
- We were a hole sponsor and participated in a charity event hosted by **Jay Thompson** for the First Tee of Chicago.
- We held our Ryder Cup 2-day team tournament organized by **Tom Ullsberger**. Team Looney Toons beat team Disney.

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **7-Night Western Caribbean Cruise** - March 24-31, 2018. Take the Celebrity Equinox out of Miami, Florida, stops in Key West, Puerto Costa Mayo and Cozumel, Mexico, George Town, Grand Cayman and back to Miami. We're planning for three rounds of golf, which are optional. Full details at www.SinglesGolf.com/cruise
- **ASGA National-Sponsored Spring Fling** — Early, 2018. Date and location to be determined. This won't be held in Florida, however, we're seeking a location in the mid-Atlantic region, somewhere midway up the East Coast. Open for ideas!
- **ASGA in Ireland / Northern Ireland** — July, 2018 - Just a thought at this point but we haven't been to Ireland since 2014. We've experienced Scotland twice and Spain once. We'll do a national survey soon about your desire to travel to the land with no snakes. Tom Alsop will be doing site visits in December, selecting hotels, courses and restaurants. Some general information posted at www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland - however, please do not make any plans, reservations, etc. until event is confirmed.

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Website

www.ASGAChicago.org

Meetup Website:

<https://www.meetup.com/ASGAChicago/>

(See next page for list of officers and board members.)

National Office

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

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- Our 2-day Club Championship match, organized by **Tim Dowling**, crowned the women's champion, **Alice Zyks**, and the men's champion, **Tim Dowling**.
- We awarded a \$250 check to **Alice Zyks** for a "Hole in One" at the Club Championship (second year in a row we had Hole in One winners).
- **Jay Thompson** hosted our weekend away golf outing event in Door County, Wisconsin.
- A Glow Ball golf outing was held at Nikel Knoll course and was hosted by **Tim Dowling** and **Marie Di Virgilio**.
- We had only one rainout.
- Our year-end party and lobster boil was held at **Mike Colligan's** house.
- Smaller, informal outings included a 9 and dine at Arrowhead, and a 4th of July red, white, and blue outing. Other informal golf meetups were planned at the end of the season while the weather remained good.

I would like to thank the 2017 Board of Directors:

Golf Chair	Tom Schweih
Social Chair	Greg Mieczynski
Membership Chair	Linda Blinks
Communications Chair	Bonnie Linklater
Secretary	Eileen Zittan
Treasurer	Dave Halper
Webmaster	Tim Ryan
Legal	Robin Rash
Chairman of the Board	Scott Wilson

This group of folks really stepped forward and worked hard to keep our chapter moving forward this year.

My goals for the upcoming year are:

- Encourage and implement a stronger initiative to recruit new members
- Continue to encourage the use of MEETUP for social and, eventually, golf events
- Continue our great weekly golf schedule, along with our team tournament, club championship, getaway weekend event and charity events
- Send out a survey to the active members of the Chicago chapter

Thank you everyone ... looking forward to next year ...

~Ruth

Current 2018 Golf Events



Another golf year will be here before you know it, and it is my job to make it the best ASGA year ever. In my planning the calendar events, I have tried to incorporate some of the suggestions given to me throughout 2017.



To begin with, in May I've booked seven events starting on **May 6th** with a Spring opener **NINE AND DINE** at the **Village Links of Glen Ellyn**. It will be played on the 9- hole course and will be a shotgun start with a scramble format with dinner to follow at The Reserve 22 Restaurant. <http://villagelinksgolf.com/>



Also, on Mother's Day, **May 13th**, we will be playing 18 holes at **Prairie Landing Golf Course** which is providing a special rate for the ladies that play that day. <https://www.prairielanding.com/>

In **early June** we are planning a memorial golf outing for Sue Ouchterloney -- more details to follow next month.

For the rest of June, three events are booked:

- One will be at **Cantigny** on a weekday -- Wednesday, **June 13th**.
- The **Ryder Cup** has been booked by Tom U for the weekend of **July 14 -15**.
- Tim D. has booked the August **Championship** Event for **August 11-12**.

I'm looking forward to working with the many coordinators who will be needed throughout 2018 and to providing all the members with a fun and enjoyable golf year.

~Tom Schweih



Winter Events - Message From Your Social Chair

I'm looking forward to a great 2018.

I hate Januaries. As I write this, I am in cold (alright, not as cold as Chicago) and dreary Florida at the ASGA National New Year's event on Amelia Island. It's supposed to get below freezing here this week, with some highs in the 30s. Not exactly the getaway I was hoping for, but it's always great to reconnect with so many friends I've made on the ASGA trips. If

you haven't been on one, I definitely recommend them.




Anyway, let's shake off the winter doldrums on **Sunday, January 21st** and meet at the **Links and Tees Golf Dome**, 880 W Lake St, Addison, IL 60101. It's about 2 miles east of I-355. Let's meet at 4:00 pm and then about 5ish, we can head somewhere local for dinner. Please RSVP to me at tgm1111@gmail.com by January 18th if you are planning to come – let me know if you are coming to hit balls, if you will stay for dinner or if you just want to go to dinner with us. This will be a pay for yourself event. <http://addisonparks.org/links-tees-indoor-golf-dome/>

I'm happy to say **Paul Gentile** and **Joe Torcivia** are reprising their **bocce ball** event on **Saturday, April 7th** at 6:30 pm at Mama Vesuvios Restaurant, 6361 W. College Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463. The competition was fierce last year, and the pizza delicious. More details to come. <http://www.mamavesuvio.com/>



Also, on **Sunday, April 8th**, **Keith & JoAnn Reifel** are having a Masters party at their home in Lockport.

Weather permitting, we might even be able to golf before watching golf. I'm told Keith is continuing to develop his "Recliner Four-somes" game, and I hear it's something special. Again, more details will be forthcoming shortly.

 What do you want to do? Let me know what you want to do for social this year. Send me an email at tgm1111@gmail.com with your suggestions. I hope to have more events this year.

meetup We are trying to get more involved with Meetup for events this year. It's easy to sign up and is free. Many chapters nationwide have had great success using Meet-up to increase membership. There's a link to our ASGA Chicago Meetup page on our Chicago website. Or, simply go to <https://www.meetup.com/ASGACHicago/>.

In order to join, just click on the red "JOIN US" button on the website.


~Greg Mieczynski



Don't forget to renew your CDGA membership for 2018. It can be easily done online at www.cdga.org. CDGA does much more than just keep track of your handicap! More on this in future newsletters.

~Your CDGA Liaison, Robin Rash

Membership

 The membership committee is focused on bringing new members into our chapter. While a lot of this will involve teaming with the other parts of our organization, we also need your help in achieving our goal of bringing new single golfers to the ASGA Chicago. We are all ambassadors of our chapter, and as such we encourage you to start thinking about how you can help spread the word about our group. In the next couple of months we will provide ideas on how you can help with this task. In the meantime, start thinking about friends, family, coworkers, etc. that you may want to invite to an outing or a social activity.

~Linda Ciprella and Scott Wilson

Sad News

As many of you already know, our dear friend Susan Ouchterloney passed away on November 4, 2017 after a fierce battle with cancer. Susan was a long time and very active member and supporter of ASGA, hosting many memorable outings. It was a pleasure to be with her both on and off the course and we will miss her dearly. An outing to honor Susan is being planned.

ASGA Chicago website link (under construction):

<http://asgachicago.org/>

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 01/08/2018)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Tim Dowling - 02/08
John Edmonson - 01/16
Arthur Garwin - 01/01
Cathy Hill - 01/12
Deborah Johnson - 01/11
Penny Link - 02/12
Katherine Maraffino - 01/21
Margaret Onken - 02/10
Melissa Woodworth - 01/18

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Pam Baldwin - 01/31/2018
Deborah Bradel - 01/31/2018
Donald Gagne - 01/31/2018
Arthur Garwin - 01/31/2018
Nancy Grayheck - 01/31/2018
Tamara Marshall - 01/31/2018

These members recently renewed:

Ann Engelmann

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Holli Salls - 11/30/2017
Gregg Straley - 11/30/2017
Joyce Wilkinson - 11/30/2017

To renew your dues today, go to SinglesGolf.com/renew If you wish to renew over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2 Eastern Time.

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