

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

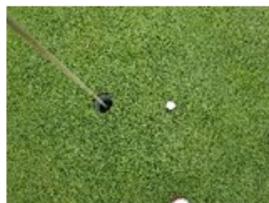
Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - February 2018

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



## President Message

It is another fine evening (Feb 5) here in the Central Coast of Australia. I know most of you are probably dreading the forecast for the Chicago area and believe me when I say my thoughts are with you with the impending snow. We finally had a little rain here. Most everyone is concerned how dry it is. That however has helped my golf game. I played Morissett Country Club last week and came to within 10" of a hole in one thanks to the long roll I got on my tee shot! The golf has been interesting. A different set of rented clubs at each course, signs warning of poison-



Tee Shot

ous snakes, and kangaroos instead of deer on the golf course. Wednesday I am playing at the private Magenta Shores Golf Club. Will send pictures next time.

On to our upcoming year. The board has met again and we are really moving forward on this year's golf schedule. We have an opening day scramble, our 2-day Chicago Challenge, our club championship, and an outing in memory of Susan Ouchterloney. We also have some great social events too. Check the website and start dreaming of warmer days.

G'day mates! Hittum straight

~Ruth



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## Current 2018 Golf Events

As of today, sixteen events have been booked or are in progress -- seven in May and nine in June. The Ryder Cup and Championship outings as mentioned in January's article are additional events booked by Tom U. and Tim D. for July and August.

The Memorial golf outing for Sue Ouchterloney will be held on June 2, 2018 at Arrowhead Golf Course in Wheaton.

Tim Dowling, Jane Leary, Robin Rash and others will be coordinating the Memorial event to make it a special tribute to Susan.

So far one coordinator, Cindy Pausic, has volunteered to coordinate the Mount Prospect Father's Day outing. I will start posting all the events and their dates in the March article so that you can make your summer golf plans and hopefully allow you to volunteer to be a coordinator for at least



## 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](http://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. Tom Alsop will be doing site visits in January, selecting hotels, courses and restaurants. Some general information posted at [www.SinglesGolf.com/Ireland](http://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](http://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)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

Go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount) to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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one of the outings.

Please let me know any suggestions for courses you would like to see on our list of outings for 2018.

For anyone needing to contact me my email address is [thomasschweih@comcast.net](mailto:thomasschweih@comcast.net).

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**



Well, it's February – cold and dreary, but the days are staying sunny (ok, maybe just lighter) later, a sure sign spring is not far away. A few of us got together on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, to loosen up our golf muscles at the Links and Tees golf dome and then had a nice dinner at Toscani in Wood Dale. I'd like to reprise that on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, and a blast will be coming out soon with more details, but likely about 4pm, this time at the golf dome at White Pines in Bensenville with a dinner afterwards too.

Currently on the agenda is the Chili Cook Off graciously hosted at **Cathy Hill's** in Geneva on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bocci organized by **Paul Gentile** and **Joe Torcivia** at Mama Vesuvios Restaurant in Palos Heights on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and a Masters viewing party hosted by **Keith & JoAnn Reifel** in Lockport on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Details and RSVP information for all will be on the ASGA Calendar shortly with some email blasts.

Let me know what you want to do for social this year. Send me an email at [tgm1111@gmail.com](mailto:tgm1111@gmail.com) with your suggestions. I hope to have more events this year.

See you on the links,

~Greg Mieczynski



**Trip Report**  
**ASGA National New Year's 2018 event**



4 of us from Chicago attended the ASGA New Year's event at Amelia Island in Florida the first week of January --- myself, **Ed Horak**, **Paul Gentile** and **Larry Nelligan**.

We couldn't have picked a nicer time to be

in northern Florida – NOT – I don't think it got above 45 degrees the entire week we were there, and a couple of mornings we awoke to ice outside. But, that didn't stop about 170 intrepid ASGA members from around the country getting together at the Ritz Carlton to socialize, spa, eat, drink, dance and play at least some golf.

Paul led the charge for playing pool and other games (I think games are his second occupation – what with bocce too!). Ed did what Ed always does, which is to be Ed and enjoy himself while socializing and more socializing (and occasionally playing golf). I didn't see Larry much but I trust he had fun too. I enjoyed most of the trip, had a couple hiccups, and stayed up way too late on occasion, but all and all it was a fun trip, seeing many people I've had the pleasure to meet from around the country and making some new friends.

A few of us from around the country then went further north with Tom Alsop to St. Simons Island, GA (because it just wasn't cold enough in north Florida) to scout out Sea Island as a possible future ASGA event site. The PGA holds the RSM Classic there each November at the Seaside Course at the Sea Island Golf Club, which we played in sunny, but chilly weather. A really nice course, ranked 32<sup>nd</sup> on the current Golf Digest list of public courses.

If you like to travel, the trips are a lot of fun, even, as it turns out, when it's a bit chillier than normal (and it was still about 30-35 degrees warmer than Chicago that week!). I've now signed up for the proposed Northern Ireland trip this summer, which should also be a great time.

~Greg Mieczynski



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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 Meetup 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.



## Chili Cook-Off

After a hiatus in 2017, back by popular demand is the 6th Chili Cook-off. ASGA members and guests are invited to attend the event at **Cathy Hill's** home in Geneva, aka The Hilpers.

With so many past winners, **Marie Bush, JoAnn Riefel, Greg Mieczynski** and more, the competition is certain to heat up for this year's event. And what about all those newbies to challenge the past chefs?

No need to be a pro at making chili .... review your recipes and gather your spices. This year's contest is sure to be another fun-filled ASGA event. Planning on competing? Reserve your spot today as we have space for about 10 chefs! It's preferred for the chefs to bring their creations in a crock-pot. There is plenty of counter space in Cathy's kitchen, plus room for 4 additional pots on the kitchen stove. Gift cards for prizes will complement the 1st place award of the "Golden Ladle."

Can't cook, don't worry. Just bring your taste buds. We need YOU to come join the fun and be one of the many tasters / judges! Those who are not making chili are asked to bring something - beverages, appetizer or dessert. Utensils, chili toppings, some beer and wine will be provided.

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 pm until ?

**Tasting:** Will begin at 7 pm

**Hosts:** Cathy and Dave

**Address:** 39W037 Herrington Blvd S, Geneva, IL 60134

Cathy lives about 4 blocks east of Mill Creek Golf Course in Geneva

**Phone:** [630.546.1564](tel:630.546.1564)

Also, be sure to bring your singles .... after the voting commences, the dice game LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER, will be underway.

Please RSVP to [cathylhill@gmail.com](mailto:cathylhill@gmail.com) and let her know you're attending AND if you're planning on being a chef or tasting participant.

See you soon,

~Cathy



## Volunteer Opportunities

Two golf volunteer opportunities:

- Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship at Exmoor Country Club: <https://events.trustevent.com/index.cfm?eid=2781>
- KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Kemper Lakes Golf Club: <http://www.kpmgwomenspgachampionship.com/news-and-media/news/volunteer-in-2018>



~Bonnie Linklater



## Calling All Swag

Time to do some early spring cleaning and dig out all those ASGA banners, tees, golf balls, tee shirts, or other promotional materials not being put to good use. Membership will use for recruiting/retention efforts. Please bring to events or contact one of the Membership Board Members.

~Cindy Pausic



ASGA Chicago website link:

<http://asgachicago.org/>



## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 02/07/2018)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Kathy Braun - 02/17  
 Kathleen Burns - 03/07  
 Lyn Dickinson - 03/14  
 Tim Dowling - 02/08  
 Nancy Grayheck - 02/23  
 Susan Herman - 02/28  
 Penny Link - 02/12  
 Douglas MacFarlane - 03/13  
 Tom McCarthy - 02/17  
 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)  
 John Christian - 02/28/2018  
 Paul Gentile - 02/28/2018  
 Ken Kusumoto - 02/28/2018  
 Michael Madden - 02/28/2018  
 Margaret Quinn - 02/28/2018  
 Madelon Silgalis - 02/28/2018

### These members recently renewed:

Nancy Grayheck

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
 Pam Baldwin - 01/31/2018  
 Deborah Bradel - 01/31/2018  
 Donald Gagne - 01/31/2018  
 Arthur Garwin - 01/31/2018  
 Tamara Marshall - 01/31/2018

To renew your dues today, go to [Singles-Golf.com/renew](http://Singles-Golf.com/renew) If you wish to renew over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2 Eastern Time.

Our chapter currently has 107 members.



