

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - August 2018

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - AUGUST 11TH & 12TH - BARTLETT HILLS GC



President's Message

Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening -- and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented (Arnold Palmer). After the way I played the last couple of rounds,

I couldn't agree more. Of course, I hit three great shots on the number 18, so I will be back to play again, right!!!

Hello everyone and welcome to classic summer golf in Chicago. The fairways have dried out, the balls are rolling farther and the greens are fast. Since the July newsletter, we have had some great local outings, the Chicago Challenge,

and the Indianapolis trip. I would personally like to thank **Tom Schweih**s, **Tom Ullsperger**, and the coordinators for all their hard work. Along with great golf, the post golf gatherings, the pairings party at Caddyshack, and the dinners have been wonderful. I have heard many comments about how much fun everyone has had. We added a few new members this spring and it is great to see them participating not only in the Challenge but as coordinators as well.

Now that August has arrived, my thoughts turn toward next year and preparations for a new Board of Directors. If anyone is interested in a board position, please contact me. We will be planning for our year-end banquet, most likely in October. Watch for details. Hittum straight,

~Ruth



Chicago Challenge

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **River Cruise - Paris, France**, September 11-18, 2018 - This cruise is SOLD OUT, however, you can get on the wait list. This will be a river cruise up the Seine River. We'd like to spend 10-12 days in France. Of course, if you have the time, you can spend some extra days in Paris with friends. Secure a cabin-mate and save \$\$\$. Details at SinglesGolf.com/RiverCruise - the site has a cost chart and list of who's coming. To see a video of the river cruise, go to SinglesGolf.com/RiverCruiseVideo
- **Cabo San Lucas** - Late February or Early March, 2019. We're looking at staying 6-7 days, playing 3-4 rounds of golf and exploring what the area has to offer. Details out in August, 2018.

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.)

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Current 2018 Golf Events

As of today, eighteen outings have been played this year. Four outings had to be cancelled due to rainy weather and the heat. All of these outings have been rescheduled to either August or September. That leaves us with only fourteen more left for the 2018 calendar year. July was a great month for ASGA golf with six outings, the Challenge (did I mention that The Brew Crew won) and a trip to Indianapolis. August will be a great one with 6 more outings, another midweek outing on August 22nd at Mistwood and The Championship booked by **Tim D.** on the eleventh and twelfth.

All needed Coordinators are booked for the outings on our schedule for this year. There may be more coordinators needed for September. I will keep you posted. Enjoy the outings we have left!!!

For anyone needing to contact me, my email address is thomasschweih@comcast.net.



~Tom Schweih



Sixteen golfers attended the July 7 outing at Chalet Hills in Cary.

Deborah Backman was the outing coordinator and **Kathi Brown** assisted. Unfortunately, Deb wasn't able to play but the event went very smoothly due to all her efforts. After a long spell in Chicago, we finally had a perfect day with pleasantly warm temps and beautiful clear blue skies. The course staff was very helpful and good to work with. They generously provided two free rounds of golf as prizes which were won by **Tim Dowling** and **Tom Schweih** via a drawing. The straightest drive for women was won by **Ruth Wiechmann Browne** and for men by **Rick Bachman**. **Kurt Kupitz** had men's closest to the pin; a drawing was held for women's closest and won by **Kathi Brown**.



Robert Geeve coordinated the Tanna Farms event on July 21. Ten golfers attended on an excellent day for golf.

There was a chance for showers in the afternoon but the day turned out to be sunny and dry. Tanna Farms staff was very accommodating to the groups and it was a shame that more golfers didn't get to enjoy this challenging course. The golfers gathered at Boonies

Bar & Grill where a raffle was held for \$15 coupons. Winners were **Kamal Dagher**, **Rob Lewandowski** and **Mike Colligan**.



The Stonewall Orchard (Grayslake) golf outing was held on July 22 and coordinated by **Alice Zyks**. Nine golfers played on what turned out to be a pleasant day with rain stopping just after the group teed off. **Lyn Dickinson** and **Debi Stanton** joined for their last ASGA Chicago outing as they are retiring to Arizona. Lyn passed on his closest-to-the-pin coupon to **Rick Bachman** in honor of his "longest drive" (99 miles each way) which he said was worth the drive given that it was a lovely and challenging course. Dinner was enjoyed at Crossroads. Besides **Lyn's** win, **Robin Rash** won the women's proximity award and **Michael Madden** won the longest putt contest.



Tom Schweih coordinated the July 25 golf outing at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Ten golfers attended including **Jeanine Pasquisi**, a new member who received the coveted New Member Coupon. Everyone at Pheasant Run was very helpful in setting up the event and the course was in great shape. The weather was just beautiful making it into the 70's with no wind. Big winners were **Tom Schweih** for men's proximity and **Mary Kozlov** for women's proximity. Members stayed after the outing for drinks and/or dinner at the Pheasant Run Jambalaya Lounge. The food was great; the service so-so ... but all had a great time.

Brew Crew Bests Wine Club At 15th Annual Challenge



In a stunning day 2 blitz, the Brew Crew broke open a closely contested match versus the Wine Club. The competition, conducted at the George Dunne Golf Course in Oak Forest, pitted teams with differing libation preferences in a Ryder Cup-like event. The final tally was 29 1/2 - 19 1/2 in favor of the Brew Crew.

The run-up to the actual event began with the selection of the 2018 captains.

Selected at last year's competition were **Ruth Wiechmann Browne**, our chapter president, and **Tom Schweis**, our golf chair. Each would bring strategies and personality to their teams. This year's theme, BEER vs. WINE, gave players a chance to align themselves with their favorite drink. Tom was brewmaster for the BEER team, while Ruth was chief wine steward for the WINE team.

In preparing for the competition, the captains and their teams met for a kick-off dinner at Murray Bros. Caddyshack in Rosemont. An evening of food and drink, with a dash of trash talk, ended with the day 1 pairings. Both captains and their teams left the restaurant convinced that had the better team.

As day 1 arrived, players were met with heavy rain. The two-hour downpour prior to the scheduled start was certain to affect the quality of play. Considering the amount of rain that fell, competitors were fortunate that they were not faced with cart-path only. Almost on cue, the rain eased up, the skies began to clear, and the competition went off on time.

Bolstered by some good team play, the Brew Crew took an early lead in the Team Match Play format. With a 6 ½ - 3 ½ edge after nine holes, Tom's team had established command. Ruth's team chipped away at the lead during the two-person scramble format. At the end of day 1, the margin was one point, with the Brew Crew holding a narrow 10 ½ - 9 ½ edge over the Wine Club.

After golf, over 30 players gathered at Hackney's in Palos Park for food, drink and other festivities. Much of the day 1 competition was re-hashed, trash talk bandied about, and the pairings for day 2 announced. A good time was had by all.

From the start on Day 2, it was evident that the Brew Crew was determined to get off to a solid start. The Alternate Shot format of the event is often the most difficult to predict. Close matches at the top of the pairings seemed to support that thinking. Unfortunately for Ruth and her team, the bottom half of the draw gave way to the Brew Club steamroller. After Day 2's front nine, the Brew Crew had expanded their lead to 16 - 13.

With more points on the line in the Indi-

vidual Match Play, the Wine Club sought to cut into Brew Club's advantage. Despite some early success for Ruth's team, it took little time for Tom's team to exert their final dominance. With a series of wins in the middle matches, the rout was on. The Brew Crew won the format 13 ½ - 6 ½. It led to a convincing and powerful performance by Tom's team.

In the clubhouse after the competition, awards and prizes were passed out to all the winners. Special recognition was given to the captains. The efforts and leadership of Ruth and Tom greatly contributed to success of the event. Each year the goal is to have an event that is something different than the typical ASGA outing. In many ways, 2018 was wildly successful.

Finally, one of the most important traditions of the event is the selection of the captains for the following year. It is becoming more and more difficult to find people to choose for the role. This year, instead of naming people, it was asked who may want to take on the duties. Stepping up were **Alice Zyks** and **Ray Kalal**. Look out 2019!!!



Captains



2019 ASGA Chicago Travelogue: Indiana Wants Me



For the last 15 years, ASGA Chicago has provided its members with an opportunity to spend a 3-day weekend playing golf at various midwest locales. This year the State of Indiana was the destination. The Hoosier State, with its connection to native son, Pete Dye, has many outstanding courses to play. For the last weekend of July, under some this summer's best weather, 22 ASGA members ventured to our neighboring state.

Our first course, the Kampen Course at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, is his Pete Dye's gift to his alma mater. As one of their most respected alumni, he donated his course design and architectural fees to the university for \$1.00. It is an impressive facility and a great place to start the trip.



From there, we drove an hour south to the Indianapolis suburb of Fishers. We stayed at a new Marriott Fairfield Inn that was both convenient and comfortable for our members.

Friday night dinner was at a restaurant close to the hotel called Bubba's 33. It specialized in bar food, such as burgers, sandwiches and wings. It turned out to be so popular that several golfers went there after golf on Saturday for appetizers.

Saturday's golf was played at another Pete Dye masterpiece. The Fort Golf Course, well-known to many ASGA members, is a must-play if you are traveling to Indianapolis for golf. Mr. Dye developed land previously occupied by the Fort Benjamin Harrison Army Base and is wrapped inside one of Indiana's beautiful state parks. It is a spectacular tree-lined layout with stunning elevation changes. Our golfers raved about the beauty of the property.

Dinner Saturday night was at small bistro in Carmel called Ristorante



Roma. The place proved to be very special as everything was authentic Italian cuisine. From their pastas to their sauces to the desserts and gelato, everything was hand-made on the premises. With seating for only 65 diners, we took over a third of the restaurant. The food was great, the service terrific and their gratitude for our group choosing their place was genuine. A great deal of thanks goes to **Joanne Jacobs** and **Ray Kalal** for putting together the weekend's food opportunities.

Sunday golf (and getaway day) took us to The Trophy Club in Lebanon. The course was new to everyone in ASGA. It was another well-conditioned, rolling layout cut out of the cornfields of central Indiana. The architect, Ted Liddy, was a protégé of Pete Dye, and comments from some of members indicated that he was more DYE-abolical than Mr. Dye himself.

ADVANCE TRAVELOGUE INFO 2019 --
Early April, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama





Event Coordinators: Please be sure to provide a recap of your event to clpausic@aol.com.

Your fellow ASGA members are looking forward to hearing about the event ... and perhaps seeing their names in print. Also, a photo of your smiling face and photos of the event with the recap would be appreciated.

~Cindy Pausic



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ASGA calendar:
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About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 08/07/2018)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Marie Bush - 08/28
Michael Colligan - 09/04
Ann Engelmann - 08/23
Kathleen Gallo - 08/17
Paul Gentile - 08/17
David Halper - 09/06
Robert Lewandowski - 08/08
Donald McGill - 08/08
Mary Olen - 08/22
Robert Ptak - 08/29
Margaret Quinn - 08/21
Deborah Stanton - 08/19
Gregg Straley - 08/07
Joe Torcivia - 09/15
Ruth Wiechmann Browne - 08/17

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Dorothy Connolly - 08/31/2018
Peg Connorton - 08/31/2018
Kamal Dagher - 08/31/2018
Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2018
Susan Herman - 08/31/2018
Joanne Jacobs - 08/31/2018
Diane Watry - 08/31/2018

Welcome newest members:

Richard Bachman - Joined 06/30/2018
Bernadette Glass - Joined 07/06/2018
Tom Jensen - Joined 06/07/2018
Rebecca May - Joined 07/31/2018
Donald McGill - Joined 07/09/2018

These members recently renewed:

Patrice Al-Saden
Michael Colligan
Bill Erickson
Kathleen Gheen
Gary Gunderson
Robert Lewandowski
Madelon Silgalis
Gregg Straley

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Tom Cech - 06/30/2018
Joseph Dasko - 06/30/2018
Lyn Dickinson - 07/31/2018
JoAnn Graske - 07/31/2018
Blair Oldfield - 07/31/2018
Jeanne Schneeberger - 06/30/2018
Michael Shain - 07/31/2018
Dave Vandervelde - 06/30/2018
Scott Wilson - 07/31/2018
Ted Zillmer - 07/31/2018

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.

Our chapter currently has 95 members

USGA New Golf Rules for Seniors Circa 2018

In effect for the 2018 Season

Rule 1.a.5

A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior player should **not** be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B)

A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it **had not hit** the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G)

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course, and will eventually be found and

pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h)

If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.

Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k)

There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(z)

There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S)

Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, **one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.**

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy. Golf is a game of integrity.

"Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, how you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark."



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