

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - December 2018

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone! As my tenure of President of the ASGA Chicago chapter comes to a close, I would like again to thank those members who served as officers and committee chairs. Thank you **Tim Ryan, Robin Rash, Eileen Zittnan, Bonnie Linklater, Deb Backman, Linda Ciprella, Greg Mieczynski, and Scott Wilson**. I say a special thank you to **Cindy Pausic** for taking over the newsletter. The quality of the newsletter has definitely improved since that first year when I was attempting it. Thanks for keeping us on schedule also. I hope all of the members say a special thank you to **Tom Schweihs** for serving as golf chair for two years.

What a great job keeping our golf calendar full.

During these short days and cold afternoons, my thoughts turn to warm days and golf. Our new board is looking forward to continuing some of our great summertime traditions, along with adding some new events. We are always looking for new members and ways to stay connected. Serving on the board or on the committees really helped me get to know a lot of the members. Please feel free to contact the board members to help out.

Looking forward to next year and some wonderful golf. Hittum straight,

~Ruth Wiechmann Browne



2018 Golf Events

Marie Bush and I had a meeting in early November. We went over ideas for next year's outings for the 2019 ASGA and exchanged information on the different files needed to make a smooth transition of the Golf Chair duties for the upcoming year. Marie is bound to make the 2019 schedule of events the best ever. Please feel free to email Marie with any suggestion you might have for courses you would like to see added to the list.

When I was in Alabama in October my daughter suggested a book on golf that I just finished. It has a totally different approach to improving your game so don't be surprised if I start playing to at least a 10 handicap with the ASGA starting next May! The name of the book is Play your Best Golf Now. Have a great Winter!

~Tom Schweihs



NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **New Year's in Miami** - The Ritz- Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami, will be our host hotel. Dates: January 2-5, 2019. Full detail of this annual event at www.SinglesGolf.com/NewYears This is a reunion event open to all current and former members (and their spouses, if married).
- **Cabo San Lucas** - April 2019. We're looking at staying 6-7 days, playing 3-4 rounds of golf and exploring what the area has to offer. If you're interested in the trip to Cabo, a deposit is requested to secure our rooms. Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/cabo for details, pricing. Dates are April 6-13, 2019.

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)

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

Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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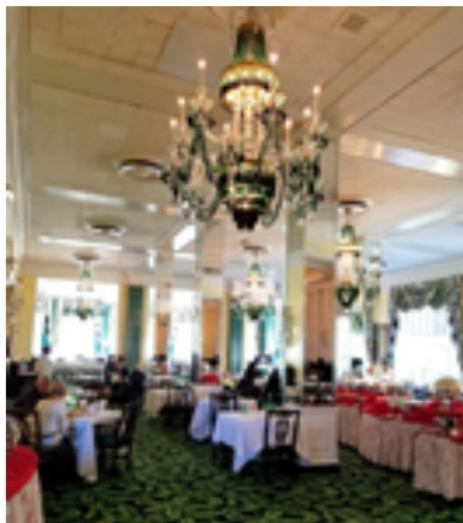
ASGA at the Greenbrier

For the first time ever, the ASGA National office booked a trip to the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. It was three nights, four days, and two official rounds of golf at the stately grand old hotel during the third week of October. Just under 80 people attended, including four of us from the Chicago chapter.

The weather was a bit chilly, but sunny until the day we were leaving, so we fit in our rounds of golf on the TPC Old White and Meadows courses without freezing. Although one of our Chicago members decided to wear shorts each day (and no, **Tim Ryan** was not there), most of us had a couple layers on, but were quite comfortable. The food was great, the hotel was lovely, and the staff was incredibly helpful and gracious.

I took advantage of the casino (or maybe it took advantage of me), while others took the guided tours of the grounds, the hotel, and the underground bunker that was intended to house members of Congress in the event of an attack during the cold war. The ASGA package was a great value, and now I can check that destination off my bucket list. Now it's on to other golf adventures!

~Marie Bush





ASGA Chicago website:
<http://asgachicago.org/>



ASGA calendar:
<http://asgachicago.org/index.php/events/>

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 12/08/2018)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Kate Dudley - 12/10
 Donald Hanson - 12/29
 Cathy Hill - 01/12

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
 Deborah Stanton - 12/31/2018

These members recently renewed:

Linda Blinks
 Karen Boguslawski
 Russell Bruzek
 Peg Connorton
 Douglas MacFarlane
 John Miller
 J. Wayne Thompson
 Dave Vanderveelde
 Scott Wilson

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
 Kathleen Burns - 10/31/2018
 Kim Denkwalter - 11/30/2018
 Marina Fontaine - 11/30/2018
 Bonnie J Linklater - 11/30/2018
 Rebecca Marquardt - 11/30/2018
 Robin Rash - 11/30/2018

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 96 members.



You're Favorite Club Isn't Always the Right Club Around the Green

When you're practicing your short game, are you just dropping a bunch of balls and hitting the same chip, with the same club, over and over? Be honest—a lot of people do it. But what it leads to on-course is you just grabbing that trusty club and trying to make it work for whatever shot you may have. Golf Digest's Chief Digital Instructor Michael Breed says it's not the right tactic. "Limiting yourself to one technique around the greens won't lead you to success," says Breed.

Instead, put your focus on evaluating the situation at hand. Ask yourself a few basic questions: How far do I want the ball to fly? How far do I want the ball to run out? How fast is the green?

If you have a ways to hit it and a lot of green to work with, Breed says to grab a mid-iron, like your 7-iron. Use a smaller swing and let the ball come out low and run. This type of shot will lead to a lot more success than grabbing that 56-degree wedge you love so much, taking a half-swing at it and trying to get it to fly and stop near the hole.

If there isn't much between you and the green, you're going to need to hit a shot that goes higher than the bump-and-run, and that lands softly. Breed has a few moves that make this scary shot easy: First, open the clubface -- it'll get you more loft and launch the ball with more trajectory. Next, stand farther away from the ball than you usually would. This will help you get it up in the air. And finally, as you come into impact, the handle swings through staying close to your lead thigh as the clubhead whizzes by and hits the ball.

~Keely Levins, *Golf Digest*



The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large, multi-story resort building with a swimming pool and palm trees in the foreground. The building is a mix of orange and white, with many balconies. The pool is in the foreground, and there are several lounge chairs and umbrellas around it. The sky is clear and blue.

The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami . . .
. . . bringing in the New Year
2019

All ASGA Members Invited!
January 2-5, 2019

Register Online: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears
or Complete Form on Next Page & Mail-In



Standard Package Includes (Standard Package is for attendees who wish to have a roommate. Room-by-Myself packages also available. See below.)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, taxes and prizes)
- 3 nights lodging at The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne (Miami)
- 3 \$10.00 breakfast vouchers to use towards breakfast each morning
- Wednesday Reception (cash bar) w/hors d'oeuvres, + two (2) dinners (Thur/Fri)

Add'l. Nights: Jan. 1, rate is **\$586.50**, Jan. 5,6,7, rate is **\$347.50** (includes tax/fees)

Add'l. Golf: Day-of-Arrival golf Jan. 2 @ Melreese GC (11am tee times) **\$140.00**

Day-of-Departure golf Jan. 5 @ Miami Beach GC (9:30 tee times) **\$247.75**

All prices quoted herein include taxes and gratuities.

NOTE: This is a **REUNION** event allowing former members, married or not, to attend and bring their spouse. Others join at www.SinglesGolf.com/Join

See details at the event website: SinglesGolf.com/NewYears

GOLF: We'll shotgun start at Crandon Golf Course at 12:30 on Jan. 3 followed by dinner in clubhouse afterwards. On Jan. 4, we play Miami Shores Country Club for an 9am shotgun start. **Scoring:** USGA "Play Own Ball" format; 2 best net balls of foursome. \$25 ASGA prize certificates awarded to winners. Range balls included each day. (Opt. rounds, see "Add'l. Golf" at left.)

PAYMENT: Payment due when you register. There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 12/03/18. Absolutely NO refunds after 12/03/18. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member (\$25 transfer fee). For cancellation policy and other terms and conditions go to SinglesGolf.com/events. 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 registering, you must call us at **980-833-6450, M-F, 9am-2pm, eastern time.**

See info below regarding travel protection deadline.

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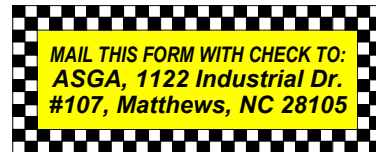
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CHECK APPROPRIATE PACKAGE: (there is a 3% upcharge on all amounts if using a credit card)

- () **\$959.00** — **STANDARD PACKAGE** (you have a roommate or we'll assign same-gendered roommate for you)
- () **\$1,369.00** — **ROOM-BY-MYSELF PACKAGE** (incl. everything in St'd. Pkg. except you'll room by yourself)
- () **\$140.00** — **OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF @ Melreese GC — 11:00am tee times**
- () **\$247.75** — **OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF @ Miami Beach GC — 9:30am tee times**
- () **NON-GOLF PACKAGE** — Deduct \$275.00 from either package above



My roommate will be _____ (We'll assign a same-gendered roommate if you prefer. 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 hotel are first come, first served. Only the hotel controls the availability of room types. We register you regardless of availability.

➔ During () One () All golf round(s), please pair me _____ (limit 3-person request).

By submitting this form, YOU ARE DECLINING travel protection unless box is checked at right: () I will apply for travel protection
Travel protection (trip insurance) must be purchased within five (5) days of registering. See link at bottom of SinglesGolf.com for rates.

I AM REMITTING: () I am paying by credit card (3% upcharge) () I am paying by check.*

\$ _____ for the package indicated above (deduct \$275 on this line if you're doing a non-golf package)
 + \$ _____ for add'l. nights (Jan. 1, rate is \$586.50, Jan. 5,6,7, rate is \$347.50. Indicate extra dates here: _____
 + \$ _____ for Opt. Day-of-Arrival golf on Wednesday, Jan. 2 at Melreese GC — 11am tee times — \$140.00
 + \$ _____ for Opt. Day-of-Departure golf on Saturday, Jan. 5 at Miami Beach GC — 9:30 tee times — \$247.75
 + \$ _____ for mulligans (put \$10 in this space if you want 3 mulligans for each of first 2 days of golf. Mullies not avail. on optional round.)
 + \$ _____ for 25 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space) 2 drawings for 50% each (details @ website). Rate is \$20 for 20 tickets at event.
 = \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT** (Check no. _____ MAKE CHECK* PAYABLE TO "ASGA, INC." and mail to checkered box above.

CREDIT CARD USERS: FAX THIS FORM TO 980-225-0231 or Scan & E-Mail to: Irene@SinglesGolf.com

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION: All major cards accepted. I hereby authorize ASGA to charge / debit my account for the "TOTAL AMOUNT" indicated above on this form. I understand there is a 3% processing fee if a credit card is used.

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

QUESTIONS? E-MAIL Event Host TOM ALSOP at Tom@SinglesGolf.com or Call 980-833-6450



GET READY TO TEE OFF

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4 WAYS TO JOIN:

- ◆ Call Us Toll Free
- ◆ Fax This Toll Free
- ◆ Mail This To Us
- ◆ Online (SinglesGolf.com/join)

APPLICATION TO JOIN ASGA RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP

Note: Meeting locations may vary. Upon joining, you will receive a monthly newsletter telling you about monthly meetings, outings, etc. If you have any questions, contact your local chapter leader or call 1-888-GOLFMATE or 980-833-6450. **Please complete information box at right.**

MONTH & DAY BORN _____
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Dues are **\$79.00** per year (full 12 months) OR **\$158.00 for two years** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!) and can be paid by check or credit card. Credit card users: JOIN BY PHONE: 1-888-465-3628 or FAX COMPLETED FORM to **1-888-465-3295**. Your membership kit will be mailed upon receipt of payment. **No shipping charge if ASGA shirt ordered with application.**

PRINT CLEARLY - THE INFO BELOW SHOWS HOW IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR CHAPTER'S ROSTER. (*SEE OPT-OUT CLAUSE BELOW)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? _____ CHAPTER YOU ARE JOINING OR RENEWING IN: _____

NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDR: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

HOME (_____) _____ WORK/CELL (_____) _____ EMPL. BY _____

POSITION _____ () AVAILABLE FOR WEEKDAY GOLF () WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR CHAPTER

NOTE: ASGA DOES NOT CONDUCT BACKGROUND CHECKS ON APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP OR MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. Golf can be a dangerous sport. Accidents can occur by you or another party striking a golf ball, by a golf cart turning over, or simply falling down steps. PLEASE TAKE ADEQUATE PRECAUTION when playing in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals running golf tournaments are not professionals but are volunteers, and therefore, you must assume additional responsibility for your own safety. Please abide by the safety rules posted inside your golf cart, at the golf course, as well as the official website of the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, please bring it to the attention of the person(s) running an event, your chapter president or golf course management personnel.

LEGAL STUFF

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I, the undersigned Applicant (hereinafter referred to as "Releasor"), in consideration of being permitted to participate in golf activities organized or sponsored by ASGA, Inc., d/b/a American Singles Golf Association, a Delaware Corporation, or its affiliate chapters in the United States and Canada, (the "Releasees") and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency is hereby acknowledged, hereby on behalf of myself and my heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives agree to fully indemnify, defend, hold harmless, and not to sue Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates from and on account of any and all past, present, and future claims, debts, causes of action, damages, personal injuries, wrongful deaths, property loss, and property damage (including attorney's fees and costs relative thereto), whether due or not, direct or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, latent or patent, known or unknown, which in any way concern or relate to any act or omission of Releasees. Except in the event of any gross and willful negligence, I shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation, against Releasees for any economic and non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, property damage, sustained by me in relation to the premises and operations of the golf course, including riding on golf carts or playing the game of golf. I am aware that participation in and/or observance of the golf activities and/or other activities sponsored by Releasees is or may be an inherently dangerous activity and may have health-related risks, and agree that I am voluntarily participating in and/or observing such activities with full knowledge of all dangers and risks involved. In addition, I hereby expressly assume all risks of injury, death, property loss, property damage, and other loss and damage which my occur relative to the participation in and/or observance of such activities. I understand and agree that this Release includes any and all claims based on the past, present and future ordinary negligence, action, and/or inaction of Releasees and/or Releasee's directors, officers, employees, agents, and affiliates. I acknowledge that I have read this Release, have been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental and inherent to the participation in and/or observance of the activities organized and/or sponsored by Releasees, and am fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the Application Form acknowledging this Release. I agree that this Release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of my residency, and that if any portion of this Release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full force and effect.

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For more information, call ASGA at 1-888-GOLFMATE or 980-833-6450.

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