

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2019

SUPER BOWL PARTY - FEBRUARY 3RD AT VALLEY LODGE



President's Message

Happy 2019!! Hope everyone had a great holiday season. I'm excited to start my term as president and hope to live up to the standards set by the many capable golf enthusiasts who preceded me. First, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the officers and chairpersons – past and current – who make ASGA Chicago a fun and thriving group. Your dedication, time and efforts are much appreciated.

The board will be meeting this month to review the past year and make plans for the coming season. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please pass them on to one of us.

One hope for the year is to organize some social events, especially while the weather is not golf friendly. We still need a Social Chair – volunteer(s) welcome – to coordinate these events. Past outings included a golf dome, trivia nights, dinner, sports-viewing parties, etc. **Bonnie** has started the year off with a Super Bowl party outing – see her article for more information.

I'm looking forward to another great golf season in 2019 and the fun and friendships it will bring. Safe travels if you are heading south this month to play golf (don't forget to brush up on the new rules – more on that next month.)



~Alice Zyks



2019 Golf Events

Greetings from your new golf chair. I hope all of you are looking forward to another year of wonderful golf adventures, and for those of you temporarily in warmer climates, I'm sure you're already hitting the links. Even though I stayed up

north for the holidays this year, I am a bit tempted to venture out myself, since as I write this, the temperature hit 50 today, and tomorrow's forecast is even warmer! But alas, I'm recovering from a touch of food poisoning to start the new year, so will not be swinging my clubs this weekend.

We have some planning already underway for some of our bigger events. **Tom U** has confirmed the Chicago Challenge will occur on July 13 and 14 this year, and there may be a trip the weekend of July 27/28, but he's not quite sure yet.

Tom U, Tim D, Robin, and Jane are planning the 2nd annual golf outing honoring Susan O and are hoping to outdo last year's fundraising for the fight against cancer. The date is Saturday June 1, and it will be at the Village Links of Glenn Ellyn.

Tim D has scheduled the annual Club Championship for the weekend of Aug 10/11 at St. Andrews.

I'll be reaching out to the local golf courses to set up the rest of our schedule over the next few months. I'm going to do my best to get us some great rates at some great courses, and to stagger them geo-

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- **Cabo San Lucas** - April 6-13, 2019. We're looking at staying 7 days, playing 3 rounds of golf (with optional rounds if you choose) and exploring what the area has to offer. Deposit necessary. Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/cabo for more details.

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

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graphically around the Chicagoland area from week to week. I'm also thinking of adding some more mid-week rounds for those of you who can get out, as we should be able to get some really good prices during the week, and hey, some of us don't have to work! Let me know if that's something you'd be interested in.

If there are any courses and dates you would like to be the organizer for, please send me that info. We are always looking for new and returning organizers to make the season run smoothly. My email is shrub8@hotmail.com.

Happy New Year!

~Marie Bush



**The First Tee of
Greater Chicago
sponsors...**

A Super Bowl Party
February 3rd 3pm at
Valley Lodge Restaurant and Bar
2132 Waukegan
Glenview, IL 60025
\$35 pp. covers snacks and buffet
Alcohol sold separately

The Chicago chapter of ASGA is supporting this fundraiser. We are taking reservations from members and guests **NOW!** To attend you must **first buy a ticket directly** from the **First Tee website** (see link below) and **next email Bonnie Linklater to reserve your spot at our table.** Doors open at 3pm. Since golf is not yet an option, you may as well watch the big game with your golf friends. Come out to support your favorite team and The First Tee will benefit from your support.

Click on this link or copy and paste into your browser:
<https://www.thefirstteegreaterchicago.org/biggame/>

NOTE: You will have to do 3 clicks to complete your registration. Read the event information, click purchase tickets, fill in your name etc., then click submit to put in your credit card information. You will receive an email confirmation.

Finally, reserve your spot with:
Bonnie Linklater bjlgolfer@comcast.net

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!



ASGA National Miami Golf Trip

About sixty golfers made the post-New Year's trip to Miami with seven Chicago members attending --- all in all, a really nice group of people. We had great weather that ranged from low 70's to mid 80's with no rain. The courses were challenging but fun. It was a treat to have a forecaddie for the first round. There was lots of wildlife on the courses --- iguanas, coyote, alligator, raccoon (jumped right up into the cart) and lots of interesting waterfowl and birds. Great food at both the Crandon course as well as at PM Fish and Steak House. Also, couldn't beat the Ritz Carlton for great service!





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



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

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 01/08/2019)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Tracy Rae Crow - 01/27
 Tim Dowling - 02/08
 John Edmonson - 01/16
 Cathy Hill - 01/12
 Brian Kane - 02/12
 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)

Deborah Bradel - 01/31/2019
 Donald Gagne - 01/31/2019
 Nancy Grayheck - 01/31/2019
 Mary Olen - 01/31/2019

Welcome newest members:

Candace Tidwell - Joined 12/05/2018

These members recently renewed:

Bonnie J Linklater

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kim Denkwalter - 11/30/2018
 Marina Fontaine - 11/30/2018
 Rebecca Marquardt - 11/30/2018
 Robin Rash - 11/30/2018
 Deborah Stanton - 12/31/2018

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 97 members.



Golf Tip

An Easy Accuracy Tip For Consistency

Stare down the ball: Not with your eyes, with your clubface

Every bad result in golf can be traced back to a root cause. If you're struggling to hit accurate drives, the issue is a lack of clubface control.

Many amateurs start their backswings by whipping the driver way inside the target line and opening the face. From there, they re-route the club on a looping path that comes into the ball from outside the target line—the classic over-the-top move—with an open face in relation to the path. You can guess what happens next. The ball slices right of the target. If by some luck or last-second adjustment they can close the face, the ball flies on a straight line but left of the target. How many times have you heard another golfer get frustrated after setting up to hit a drive that flies left to right—and presumably in the fairway—only to see the ball go dead left and into the trees?

If a round of golf for you is constant guesswork of where the ball might end up, you can improve your accuracy if you fix the cause and control the clubface better through impact. It starts by making a better takeaway. No more whipping the club inside. Instead, pretend the clubface has vision, and its job is to swing back while keeping its eyes on the ball. In the photos above, my club starts squarely behind the ball and does not rotate open in the takeaway. Copy this move. I want you to keep it staring at the ball as long as you can when you take it back.

What you'll find is that this gets you to make a backswing where your club, hands, arms and body all turn together. This is the type of synchronized movement that allows you to control the clubface.

Ideally, it should return to the ball facing your target, and your shot will fly straight. Even marginal improvements in clubface control will reduce the dispersion of your off-line hits. You'll be in play a lot more often.

~David Leadbetter, golfdigest.com

From the ASGA National Office -

New Rules in Golf Geared to Speed-up Play

The biggest change in the *USGA Rules of Golf* in decades took place January 1, 2019. Many of the rules allow for a quicker pace of play. Please take a few minutes to review this video and begin to play a faster round of golf yet keeping the integrity of the game where it should be:

www.SinglesGolf.com/NewGolfRules2019



GET READY TO TEE OFF

FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

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 _____
YOUR USGA HANDICAP® _____ or
AVERAGE GOLF SCORE _____

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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Membership in the American Singles Golf Association (ASGA) becomes effective upon receipt of dues and is valid for the period of time requested as indicated on the application form, subject to these TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I am 21 years or older, single (i.e. never married OR divorced OR legally separated OR widowed), and have read and accept, as a condition of joining, the RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK shown above.

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

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