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CANTIGNY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH





President's Message

And just like that another S ASGA golf season is in the books. By the time this news-

letter hits your inboxes (or soon after) the last golf outing of the year will be over. A huge thank you to Marie Bush for an outstanding job booking, scheduling, and rescheduling a great selection of area golf courses. Thanks too to the many members who stepped up to volunteer their time as coordinators of the outings. And finally, a shoutout to the board members whose hard work behind the scenes is always appreciated.

As fall ends our golfing fun, the board will be meeting to plan an end of the year get together and to start making plans for 2020. If you have any ideas for social gatherings over the winter or suggestions for the board, please call or email. Your

input is valued and vital to our continued success as an organization.

It was great seeing and golfing with so many of you in 2019 - new members and long-time members too!

~Alice Zyks



Golf Chair Message

The summer is officially over and our last scheduled outing is Saturday, October 12, a rainout rescheduled for Cantigny. Here's hoping for good weather for our final round.

Just because the season is over, it doesn't mean you need to stop golfing. If the weather's nice, grab a few friends and get out there! In case you weren't aware, you can access our chapter roster with contact info for each member by downloading it from the national ASGA website. Just log in and follow the prompts. Reach out to your ASGA

friends and get out there! Please note the roster is only to be used for purposes of golfing. Please do not use it for solicitation or any other unauthorized purpose.

Also, don't forget the outings offered by the national office. The next one is at the end of this month in the Atlanta area, and there will be one in Florida around the new year. Check the national website and elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

A big thank you to all the coordinators who stepped up to run the outings this year. We literally can't do it without you. You're the best!

And speaking of the best, please let me know which courses you played this year that you really enjoyed and why, and similarly any that were on our schedule that you never want to play again and why. Feedback is important. We have a lot of choices available to us in the Chicagoland area and we want to increase our participation levels at our outings. So please provide some feedback so we can schedule the courses you really want to play.

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

- ASGA Post-New Year's Event Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida (Tiburon). January 2-5, 2020. Details out on the web very soon; watch your email box for notification. Play Tiburon, Raptor Bay + two additional courses for early arrivals and late departures.
- ASGA Cruise February 22-29, 2020. Sign-up quickly to get the best benefits. For more info, go to www.SinglesGolf.com/cruise
- Memorial Day Weekend 2020 We will be returning to Pinehurst (our home away from home) for a great 3-day golf and social experience. Details forthcoming.
- **ASGA in Europe** We will do two (2) trips to Europe in 2020. Working on details now. We're looking at visiting Scotland in midto-late July, 2020 and then Portugal in mid-to-late September. Stay tuned, information will be out mid-November.

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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Linda Ciprella, with assistance from Rick Bachman, hosted the Oak Brook event on August 31. It was well

attended with 39 golfers enjoying the nice day. We even finished on time! Winners were: Sherry Brandys and Marie DiVirgilio (women's proximity); Paul Gentile (men's proximity); Linda Ciprella (women's longest drive); Rick Bachman (men's longest drive); Ray Kalal and Dave Halper (longest putts); Marie Bush (Bogey GIR Women); Jay Thompson (Bogev GIR Men): Mike Madden (most improved score front to back nine --- by 8 strokes); and **Judy Johnson** (most water balls). Overall, 9 different men and 11 different women put their names on contest hole markers with no duplicates in terms of winners. Ray Kalal's downhill putt on heavily sloping #3 was a thing of beauty. After golf, the golfers headed over to Robin Rash's home. Attendees raved about the food, the decorations and the great company. Many thanks to Robin and her helpers!



TTERSWEE: Eleven golfers attended Bittersweet on September 1 GOLF CLUB coordinated by Bonnie

Linklater. Kate Dudley won women's proximity, **Tom Schweihs** won men's proximity and Jay Thompson won longest putt. While the day was absent sunshine, Bittersweet is a beautiful course and the rain stayed away. Players stayed at the course to enjoy a beer after golf.



Kurt Kupitz was the coordinator for Foxford Hills on September 7. Fifteen golfers enjoyed the fun course and rumor has it

that both **Kurt** and **Rob** had great rounds. Marie Bush won the women's proximity awards on both Hole 8 and Hole 17. Tom Goldbach won the men's proximity on Hole 8 and Kurt Kupitz won on Hole 17. Dinner was held at Kelsey Road House which was very enjoyable with 11 attendees on the enclosed patio with several TVs available to watch college football games. The blackened grouper sandwich was a winner. There were some lively sports discussions at our table, but nobody told us to be quiet (2) (as happened at The Rooster earlier this season)



Despite a cornucopia of Sanctuary weather conditions --rain, wind and sun ----

nine golfers enjoyed a fun day of golf on September 8, hosted by Colleen Nelms. The staff, especially Emily, was great. Colleen was very creative with her games. The first game, "score closest to 43 on the front nine" (the most common score), was won by Rick Seaberg who hit it on the head. Several other golfers came close to 43. The second game, lowest score on Hole 17 (the hardest hole on the course). was won by Kurt Kupitz with a birdie "should have been an eagle". Colleen commented that the best part of the outing was the outstanding sportsmanship of the golfers who attended --- great spirit given the weather elements. Post golf a group headed over to Little Joe's for pizza, chicken parm and brews --- for a definite restaurant recommendation.



Sixteen golfers attended the White Deer event on Septem-White Deer Ren ber 14, coordinated by Rob Lewandowski. Big winners

were Loren Mercola (women's proximity), Greg Mieczynski (men's proximity), Sharon Meyer (women's longest drive) and **Tim Dowling** (men's closest to the pin). Golfers headed to Mickey Finn's after golf.



Kathy Braun hosted twelve golfers at Willow WILLOWCREST Crest on September 15. If

your name started with a "K", it looks like you had a good day on the golf course. Winners were Kathy Braun (women's proximity), **Kurt Kupitz** (men's proximity) and Kathy Kaehr (longest putt). The bad news was that it was cart path only; the good news was that it didn't rain. After golf, the golfers enjoyed The Tin Cup Bar & Grill at the course. Everyone liked their meals (burgers, chicken, fish and salad) and were able to cheer on the Bears to a win over Denver on the big-screen tv.



Deborah Backman was the coordinator at Heritage Bluffs on September 21. Fifteen golfers attended. There was a brief shower but it was an otherwise rain-free day, although no one was going to get a

suntan. The course was in very good shape. It is a quiet place with no homes, streets or trees in the way. Coupon winners were: Linda Ciprella (women's closest to the line), Bob Ptak (men's closest to the line), Robin Rash (women's longest putt) and Greg Mieczynski (men's longest putt). Given the distant location, the golfers elected to forego heading to a restaurant.



Seventeen golfers played Pine Meadow on September 28.

Alice Zyks was our amiable host. Considering the major storms from the previous day, the course was in good shape and even allowed cart usage --- although we did have some cart hydroplaning. Members played in just over four hours and then headed to Mickey Finn's for a wellattended dinner. Kudos to Jay Thomp**son** for handling the dinner reservation. Golf winners were Alice Zvks (women's proximity), Rob Lewandowski (men's proximity), and Kathi Brown (longest -really long! - putt). Also, showing amazing skills to win coupons, Tom Goldbach had the best poker hand (scores on holes 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) and Cindy Pausic's name was pulled in a random draw.



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to clpausic@aol.com by the 5th of the month (i.e., August 5) for that month's newsletter.



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



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

About Our Members (THIS REPORT RAN 10/08/2019)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Peg Connorton - 10/04 Kamal Dagher - 11/02 Kathy Hendrickson - 10/02 Paul Hervey - 10/02 Judy Johnson - 11/06 Loren Mercola - 11/06 John Reavy - 10/06 Rick Seaberg - 10/05 J. Wayne Thompson - 11/03 Scott Wilson - 10/03

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
J. Wayne Thompson - 10/31/2019

These members recently renewed:

Loren Mercola Tom Schweihs

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Laurie Werner - 09/30/2019

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Our chapter currently has 90 members

Murphy's Laws of Golf

- Golfers who claim they never cheat also lie.
- A two-foot putt counts the same as a two-foot drive.
- Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.
- There is no such thing as a friendly wager.
- The stages of golf are Sudden Collapse, Radical Change, Complete Frustration, Slow Improvement, Brief Mastery, and Sudden Collapse.
- The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four-foot birdie putt two inches short of the hole.
- Don't play with anyone who would question a 7.
- It's as easy to lower your handicap as it is to reduce your hat size.

- If you really want to be better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.
- If your driver is hot, your putter will be ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.
- Progress in golf consists of two steps forward and 26.6 miles backward.
- One good shank deserves another.
- It takes 17 holes to really get warmed up
- No golfer ever swung too slowly.
- No golfer ever played too fast.
- One birdie is a hot streak.
- No matter how badly you are playing, it's always possible to play worse.
- Whatever you think you're doing wrong is the one thing you're doing right.
- Any change works for three holes.
- The odds of hitting a duffed shot increase by the square of the number of people watching.
- Never take lessons from your father.
- Never teach golf to your wife.
- Never play your son for money.
- Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.
- The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
- It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.
- The statute of limitation on forgotten strokes is two holes.
- Bets lengthen putts and shorten drives.
- Confidence evaporates in the presence of fairway water.
- It takes considerable pressure to make a penalty stroke adhere to a scorecard.
- It's not a gimme if you're still away.





Standard Package Includes (see "Check Appropriate Pkg" below for prices)

- 2 rounds of golf (incl. cart, green fees, range balls)
- 3 nights lodging (Thur/Fri/Sat, 10/31, 11/01, 11/02 depart Sun., 11/03)
- Welcome reception (hors d'oeuvres) + 2 dinners + 3 \$10 B'fast vouchers
- DJ dancing on 1st night (if 100 or more register by Oct. 1)
- · Welcome gift & golf competition prizes
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes, onsite transportation. See hotel link on <u>SinglesGolf.com/FallWeekend</u> for details.

Add'l. Nights: \$198/night to room alone and \$99 / person if dbl. occ. Stay up to 3 days early or later at these rates, subject to availability. Rate shown includes all taxes and fees.

GOLF: You'll play Jack Nicklaus' Bear's Best (11/01) and the Legacy Course at Lake Lanier (11/02). Play your own ball both days. Scoring: 2 best net balls of 4-some. Optional Rounds: Day-of-Arrival Golf at noon on Thursday at the Legacy course (on property) (\$85) & Day-of-Departure Golf at 9am on Sunday, Nov. 3 at Reunion Golf Club. Hotel has shuttle to their course but not to other courses. We'll have a Need-A-Ride / Give-A-Ride form at registration. NOTE: This is a MEMBERS ONLY event. To join ASGA, call 980-833-6450 or go to SinglesGolf.com/join. CANCELLATION: There is a 25% cancellation fee on or prior to 10/01/19. Absolutely NO refunds after 10/01/19. If your plans change, you can sell your position to another member. See event website for full details, cancellation policy, terms & conditions. CONFIRMATION: A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you don't receive confirmation w/in 10 days after registering, you must contact us at 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2, ET.

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