

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - December 2019

## HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



### President's Message

Alas, I took my golf clubs out of the trunk and put them into winter storage last weekend (needed space for Christmas gifts and ice scrapers and a snow shovel!). The golf season disappeared in a hurry this year, but the 2020 season will be upon us in no time. Hopefully, your winter plans include an escape to a warm, sunny golf destination but if not, keep your eyes open for winter ASGA golf and social events. Wishing all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

~Alice Zyks



### Golf Chair Message

Although it's officially cold here locally, don't forget about the opportunities to play with other chapters as you travel to warmer climates. Wherever you're going to be, check the local chapter website (available via the national website) and see if you can join in on one of their outings. I'm looking forward to the national office ASGA trip to Naples, FL right after New Years. Will I see you there?

As I indicated last month, I've agreed to be the golf chair for another season. I'll be starting to line up the outings for next year very soon. If there are any coordinators out there who want to run an outing at a course on a particular



date, please go ahead and let me know so I can try to accommodate you as I set up the schedule.

I've received some responses from a few of you regarding courses, but I'd love some more feedback. So I'm going to try again in this newsletter. I'm listing the courses that weren't special events with a predetermined location, and ask that you **tell me which courses you'd like to play again, and which ones you could do without.** And if there are any you'd like to add to the schedule, let me know that, too.

Please feel free to copy and paste the list into an email and drop me a note. You can also send it as a Word or Excel attachment. Pick whatever method works best for you. I look forward to your feedback!

- Broken Arrow – Lockport
- Old Orchard Country Club – Mt. Prospect
- Prairie Landing – West Chicago
- Cog Hill #3 – Lemont
- Bridges of Poplar Creek – Hoffman Estates
- Deerpath – Lake Forest

## NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

### Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see [SinglesGolf.com/events](http://SinglesGolf.com/events))

- **ASGA's Post-New Year's Event - Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida** (Tiburon). January 2-5, 2020. Details at [SinglesGolf.com/NewYears2020](http://SinglesGolf.com/NewYears2020) Play Tiburon, Raptor Bay + two additional courses for early arrivals and late departures. **NEW YEAR'S EVENT IS SOLD OUT**
- **ASGA Cruise — February 22-29, 2020.** Sign-up early to get the best benefits. For more info, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/cruise](http://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. Arrive Thursday, May 21, depart Sunday, May 24. Memorial Day back home! 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 mid-to-late July, 2020 and then Portugal in mid-to-late September. Stay tuned, information will be out mid-January.

## 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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Sunset Valley – Highland Park  
Arrowhead – Wheaton  
Stonewall Orchard – Grayslake  
Preserve at Oak Meadows – Addison  
Bloomingdale Golf Course  
Bowes Creek – Elgin  
Whitetail Ridge – Yorkville  
Harborside Starboard – Chicago  
Cary Country Club  
Thunderhawk – Beach Park  
Orchard Valley – Aurora  
Oakbrook Golf Club  
Bittersweet – Gurnee  
Foxford Hills – Cary  
Sanctuary – New Lenox  
White Deer Run – Vernon Hills  
Willow Crest – Oakbrook  
Heritage Bluffs – Channahon  
Pine Meadow – Mundelein  
Mistwood – Romeoville  
Prairie Isle – Prairie Grove  
Cantigny – Wheaton  
Ruffled Feathers - Lemont

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to [clpausic@aol.com](mailto:clpausic@aol.com). Next month please send on by January 5 for January's newsletter.

**Website**

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 Schwehs

**These members did not renew their dues:**

(date shown is date membership expired)

Laurie Werner - 09/30/2019

Our chapter currently has 90 members

**ASGA MEMBERS!**

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ALERT**

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# WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

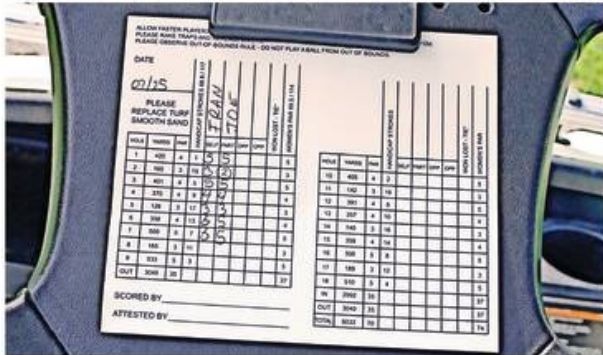


## 5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System

In January 2020, the new Rules of Handicapping will be introduced in the United States.

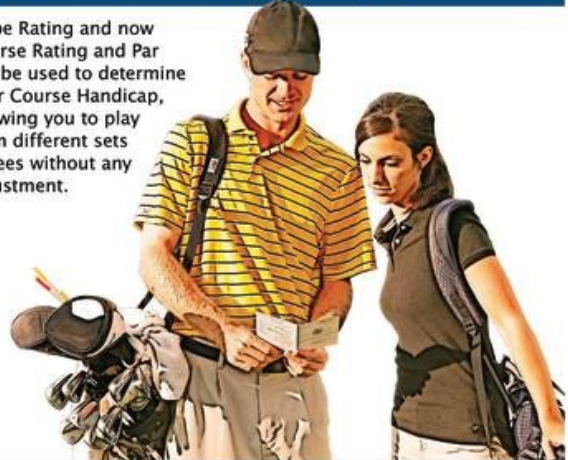
### The Handicap Index calculation is changing

Your number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played!



### Your Course Handicap will change

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Course Handicap, allowing you to play from different sets of tees without any adjustment.



### Net Double Bogey will replace ESC

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.)



### You'll have more responsive Handicap Index updates



Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score.

On days you don't submit a score, no update will take place.

### Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index



The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit [usga.org/whs](https://www.usga.org/whs).



# GET READY TO TEE OFF

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- ◆ Fax This Form to Us
- ◆ Email/Mail This Form To Us
- ◆ Online ([SinglesGolf.com/join](http://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 **\$89.00** (for 12 months) OR **\$178.00 for 24 months** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!). Best rate per year is **\$267** with our "buy 3 years, get 4th free + shirt" plan. Credit card users: JOIN BY PHONE: 1-980-833-6450 or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO 1-980-225-0231. Your membership kit will be mailed upon receipt of payment. **Free shipping if ASGA shirt is 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, you must immediately bring it to the attention of the person(s) running an event, your chapter president or golf course management personnel.**

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**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 accepted, as a condition of joining, the Release from Liability and Express Assumption of Risk shown above.

I understand that dues are non-refundable and are subject to change. I agree that all rosters, membership lists, e-mail addresses, or any other information provided to him/her as a result of their membership in ASGA are the property of ASGA and shall not be used for any purpose other than ASGA. I understand that the information provided on the Application for Membership may be reproduced on the chapter's roster and distributed to other ASGA members and published on www.SinglesGolf.com; otherwise, I will note at the bottom of this form if I wish certain information not to be published.

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**AGREEMENT TO POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (ASGA) AND LOCAL CHAPTER:** By submitting this form and payment, I agree to abide by the "ASGA Policies" as outlined in the Policy section of [www.SinglesGolf.com/policy](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/policy) as well as ASGA bylaws ([www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws)) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

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NOTES BY APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

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- DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$119 (includes shipping)
- DUES - 12 Months - \$89

If a shirt is included, indicate ( ) Male ( ) Female Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Paid To "ASGA, Inc." Enclosed\*\* TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my major credit/debit card indicated below:

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED!** By signing below, I agree to the Terms, Condition and Release ("Legal Stuff") as set forth at left and, if appropriate, authorize payment by my credit/debit card shown above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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