

# CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - September 2020

## SEPTEMBER 19TH - PALATINE HILLS



### President's Message

What!! September already?! It seems like we were just kicking off the golf season and now there is only a little more than a month of outings left. While Fall is wonderful with cooler, crisp temperatures and beautiful leaves, it's bitter-sweet knowing that another summer and golf season will soon be winding up. Time does fly when you're having fun, and this has been a fun year of golf despite the challenges posed by the virus.

As 2020 draws to a close, so will the terms for some of the current officers including my term as president. Please consider whether you are willing and able to help run the Chicago chapter and let one of the officers know of your interest. Thanks!

Have a great September and hope to see you on the links.

~Alice Zyks



### Golf Chair Message

I want to use this month's column to talk about the personal meaning this game we play has for me. Some of you know that my Dad passed away unexpectedly on August 7. And you may have been surprised to see me out on the golf course right after he passed. But if you knew my Dad, you would know he would have been mad at me if I cancelled my golf plans on his account. You see, one of my Dad's great joys in life was playing a round of golf. Although he mostly played 9 holes at a time the last couple years, he just loved getting out there. And he was pretty good, too, even at the age of 85. He played in spite of his COPD, carrying his portable oxygen concentrator with him as he went. Yeah, he sometimes took advantage of his senior status to improve his lie out of a bunker, or to take a longish putt as a gimmie, but he had game. One of the beauties of golf is how we can continue to play well into our senior years, and as my Dad did, as recently as the week before he died. I hope I can say the same, that I played right up until it was time to turn in my final scorecard, like he did. So, as we wind down to the last official outings of the season, be sure to get out there and participate in the game that has been such a pleasant diversion in a tough summer for many. The remaining outings are listed below.

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com



Date	Course	Region	Coordinator
Sat Sep 12	Calumet Country Club	S	Colleen Nelms
Sun Sep 13	Prairie Isle	NW	Cindy Pausic
Sat Sep 19	Palatine Hills	NW	Deb Backman
Sun Sep 20	Sanctuary	S	Colleen Nelms
Sat Sep 26	Cantigny	W	Kate Dudley
Sun Sep 27	Deerpath Golf Course	N	Marie Bush
Sat Oct 3	Glencoe Golf Club	N	Sherry Brandys
Sun Oct 4	Ruffled Feathers	S	Colleen Nelms

### NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

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

ASGA National is slowly working towards a multi-chapter event for this year, however, contracts have not been signed but we are "penciled-in" with anticipation of signing soon. Details out soon\*:

- **Reunion in Pinehurst**— Arrive Sunday, Nov. 8, depart Wednesday, Nov. 11. Package includes 3 nights' stay, 2 rounds of golf, 3 breakfasts, welcome reception and 3 dinners. See [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst) for full details.
- **Bringing in the New Year 2021**—Arriving in Florida on Sunday, January 3, departing January 6. Looking at locations now. We believe we'll get some great rates as traditionally the crowds return home after the New Year's vacationers return home. Stay tuned.

\* All events subject to change once contracts have been signed.

### 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.)

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

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On August 1, 22 ASGA'ers gathered at beautiful Thunderhawk in Beach Park, Illinois to enjoy an RTJ Jr. designed, Audubon-certified gem with no homes anywhere. The day was cool and pleasant. The course generously allowed anyone who desired it to ride alone in a cart. We welcomed new member **Jan Bender**. We enjoyed some proximity contests on all 5 par 3 holes "for bragging rights only" and the winners are:

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| #3 women  | <b>Marie Bush</b>       |
| #6 men    | <b>Ed Horak</b>         |
| #6 women  | <b>Marie DiVirgilio</b> |
| #13 women | <b>Cathy Hill</b>       |
| #15 men   | <b>Scott Wilson</b>     |
| #15 women | <b>Alice Zyks</b>       |
| #17 men   | <b>Tim Dowling</b>      |
| #17 women | <b>Marie DiVirgilio</b> |

**Coordinator: Robin Rash**



Hot Hot Hot ---- Hot was the number of golfers wanting to play at Bowes Creek in South Elgin on August 9. Getting everyone's requests for tee times, sharing, walking, riding alone and the late adds turned out to be a fiery challenge. And, with a projected heat index of 100, our day of golf at Bowes Creek was definitely hot. Thirty-one ASGAers enjoyed what actually turned out to be a balmy, yet breezy relief day on the course. Yet, the weather wasn't the only thing that was hot. Hot shots turned into prizes for bragging rights awarded to:

- Closest to Pin #3: **Tom Golbach & Linda Ciprella**
- Closest to Pin #14: **Dave Halper** and sadly none of the women stayed on the green
- Longest Putt #18: **Tom Schweih**s eked out **Marie Bush** and **Kate Dudley**

But the day got hotter as the golf finished up and about 20 of us socially distanced on the patio with a cold beverage and fabulous, long-overdue comradery. What fun it was catching up with each other, sharing great shots, recent adventures and hopes of future times together. #hotwarmstheheart  
**Coordinator: Cathy Hill**



Thanks to all for competing in the 2020 Championships on August 15 and 16 at St. Andrews. Twenty-two golfers competed and there were four non-competitive players. Congratulations to **Alice Zyks** and **Rick Bachman** on winning the Club Championships. This is the 18th year we have crowned a champion.

Hope everyone will be back next year at a different venue. I am looking for suggestions on courses that you think could challenge our skill level. Please drop me a note with your thoughts.

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The winners:

- Men's Club Champion **Rick Bachman** 164
- Women's Club Champion **Alice Zyks** 184
- Men's Low Net **Rick Seaberg** 134
- Women's Low Net **Marie Bush & Cathy Hill** 140
- Men's 2nd Low Gross **Kurt Kupitz** 172
- Women's 2nd Low Gross **Marie Bush** 186
- Men's 2nd Low Net **Kamal Dagher** 137
- Women's 2nd Low Net **Eileen Zittnan** 144
- Men's 3rd Low Gross **Barry Mathews** 173
- Women's 3rd Low Gross **Linda Ciprella** 189
- Men's 3rd Low Net **Ray Kalal** 138
- Women's 3rd Low Net **Chris Coyne** 190
- Men's 4th Low Gross **Tim Dowling** 185
- Women's Proximity **Kathy Hendrickson, Sharon Meyer, Chris Coyne & Eileen Zittnan**
- Men's Proximity **Kurt Kupitz, Rick Bachman, Tim Ryan & Rick Bachman**
- Longest Putt Unisex **Kathy Hendrickson & Tim Ryan**

**Coordinator: Tim Dowling; Assistant Coordinator: Marie DiVirgilio**



Seventeen golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather at Chevy Chase on August 22. Among other golfer's feats, **Kurt Kupitz** got a birdie early in the round. The men ruled the day as far as closest to the pins on the par 3's (unisex contests). Winners of closest to the pin were: **Mike Madden** and **Rick Seaberg** (tie on #6), **Rob Lewandowski** (#13) and **Kamal Dagher** (#16).

No one hit the green on #9. Adult beverages and conversation were enjoyed on the patio afterwards.

**Coordinator: Cindy Pausic**



It was a beautiful day to play Bolingbrook on August 29. The course restaurant did not take reservations and was very busy. Only the outdoor section was opened – the indoor section totally closed.

The following are the results of the contests:

- Hole 4 Women Closest to the Pin: **Joanne Jacobs** just 3 feet away from the hole beat out **Cathy Hill**. It was an extraordinary shot since the ball has to be hit over a sand trap and on to a very hard dry green. I only have one question for Joanne – how many feet did the ball spin backwards after it hit the green to stay on?
- Hole 4 Men Closest to the Pin: **Paul Gentile** was 9 feet away to beat **Tom Goldbach**. Paul was in the zone since this is one of two contests he won.
- Hole 8 Women Closest to the Pin: No one. This green is over a lake with a brick wall in front of it.
- Hole 8 Men Closest to the Pin: **Rick Bachman** – boring.
- Hole 12 Women Longest Drive: **Cathy Hill**. Cathy was in my group and had a great day of golf. I hope I didn't aggravate her because that ball was gone! By the way, I hear that ball had one more day before it was going to retire. Poor ball.
- Hole 12 Men Longest Drive: **Paul Gentile** again. Paul beat out **Thomas Schweih**s, always lurking in the background ready to pounce any minute like he did on hole 15.
- Hole 15 Women Closest to the Pin: **Susan Barton** or as she spells it "Bar10" on her license plate. She signed it SuBar10 which I thought was Subario which I thought was an Italian girl who misplayed our contest hole. Good thing Susan was at my table afterwards, otherwise I would be searching for a girl named Subario. Susan beat out **Judy Johnson** who was very close to the hole.
- Hole 15 Men Closest to the Pin: **Thomas Schweih**s as usual beat out **Rick**

**Bachman and John Edmonson**. No surprise here. As I mentioned previously, Tom is always lurking in the background and ready to pounce at any given second. Beware!

Congratulations to all the winners!

**Coordinator: Kurt Kupitz**



On August 30th, twenty-eight golfers enjoyed a perfect summer day at Mt. Prospect Golf Course. An additional tee time was added to accommodate the demand. The spectacular weather, renovated golf course, and nice clubhouse all contributed to the high interest.

Mt. Prospect GC is great for walking and nearly half the participants hoofed it. Thank goodness, because we were allowed only two carts per foursome. The course is tucked away in a lovely neighborhood. So, along with golf, we also enjoyed checking out the homes surrounding the fairways, tee boxes, and greens.

The course was in great shape, and the greens very undulating and challenging. I am sure there were a number of occasions on which a player muttered a four-letter word while watching their putt slide just past the hole.

Golf pro, Jeff Langguth, was nice enough to provide our group with four 18-hole golf passes. We were not allowed to have any contest holes due to Mt. Prospect GC restricting the use of proxy stakes during COVID. Instead, a drawing was held on the lovely clubhouse patio after golf. Four members won a free round of golf. The lucky winners: **Cindy Pausic, Ken Kusumoto, Eileen Zittnan, and Kate Dudley!** A great way to round out a wonderful day.

**Coordinator - Sharon Meyer**



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

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 09/09/2020)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Peggy Beaver - 09/24  
Michael Colligan - 09/04  
David Halper - 09/06  
Kathy Hendrickson - 10/02  
Paul Hervey - 10/02  
Michael Madden - 09/17  
Rick Seaberg - 10/05  
Joe Torcivia - 09/15  
Scott Wilson - 10/03

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)  
Judy Johnson - 09/30/2020  
Tom Schweih's - 09/30/2020

### Welcome newest members:

Jennifer Bender - Joined 07/29/2020  
Eugene Keefe - Joined 07/22/2020  
Michaelene Lewand - Joined 07/30/2020

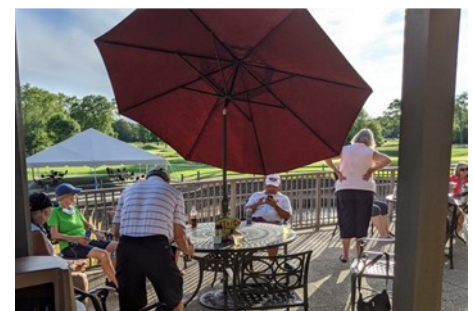
### These members recently renewed:

Sherry Brandys  
Marie Di Virgilio  
Susan Herman  
Joanne Jacobs  
Ken Kusumoto

### These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Patrice Al-Saden - 07/31/2020  
Bernadette Glass - 07/31/2020  
Madelon Silgalis - 07/31/2020

**Our chapter currently has 76 members.**



# At Last! REUNION IN PINEHURST

# The Elephant in the Room



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**SUNDAY, NOV. 8 - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 2020**

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 Event Website: [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst) Resort Website: [Pinehurst.com](http://Pinehurst.com) Resort Phone: 910-295-6811

See [SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/Pinehurst) for complete details, COVID, etc.

**One Package Price: Same Rate/Person rooming alone or not**

- 2 rounds of golf (includes cart, green fees & range balls)
- 3 nights lodging at Pinehurst Resort-Sun/Mon/Tue nights
- 6 food functions: Sunday arrival cocktail party (includes 2 drinks) followed by dinner; 1 cookout-style dinner and 1 awards banquet) + cash bars; 3 buffet breakfasts which will be staff-served
- DJ dancing (if attendance is 100 or more), welcoming gift & golf prizes
- Includes all resort service fees & taxes. Resort svcs. incl: on-site transportation, bicycles, afternoon tea, practice putting, driving range, in-room high-speed internet & more

**Add'l. Nights:** Come up to 2 days early or late, add'l. nights @ \$209/person to room alone or if double occupancy. See [Pinehurst.com](http://Pinehurst.com) for details on room types.

**GOLF:** You'll play Pinehurst No. 6 on Mon. (10:06 tee times) & Pinehurst No. 1 on Tue. (9:04 tee times). No shotguns. Play your own ball both days. **Scoring:** 2 best net balls of 4-some. Opt. Day-of-Arrival Golf on Pinehurst No. 3 (12:16 tee times) & Day-of-Departure Golf on 11/11 @ No. 8 (9:00 tee times).

**REUNION EVENT — former members, married or not, may attend for TOTAL COST + 5%. Otherwise, you must be a member to attend.** To join ASGA, call 980-833-6450 or go online at [SinglesGolf.com/join](http://SinglesGolf.com/join).

**CANCELLATION:** There is a 25% cancellation fee if you cancel before 10/18/20. For refunds on or after 10/18, see [SinglesGolf.com/Covid-Cancel](http://SinglesGolf.com/Covid-Cancel). Also, [See green tab at SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst](http://SinglesGolf.com/pinehurst) for cancellation policy, terms & conditions.

**CONFIRMATION:** A letter or e-mail confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of payment. If you do not receive confirmation within 10 days after registering, you must contact us at [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com) or call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2, Eastern.

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( ) \$109.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-ARRIVAL GOLF — SUNDAY AT PINEHURST NO. 3. 12:16pm tee times (reception begins at 7:00pm)

( ) \$159.00 — OPT. DAY-OF-DEPARTURE GOLF—WEDNESDAY AT PINEHURST NO. 8 (9:00am tee times)

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During ( ) One ( ) All golf rounds, please pair me with \_\_\_\_\_ (No putting together your own foursomes or forego prizes)

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 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mulligans (add \$10 here if you want 3 mullies for each of your 2 package days of golf. Mullies not avail. on opt. rounds.)  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 50/50 Raffle Tickets (put \$20 in this space if you want FIVE (5) 50/50 raffle tickets. (4 for \$20 @ event)  
 We'll have two (2) raffles. On our last night, each winner will receive HALF of the total monies received.  
 + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a former mbr. I am adding 5% to all of the above. ( ) I'm still single ( ) I'm married ( ) Spouse/partner also registering  
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## COVID-19 Rules and Handicapping FAQs

The guidance below supplements a memo released by the USGA as to how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply in response to questions received from golf course owners, administrators, tournament organizers and golfers. As was noted in that memo, it is not the intended purpose of the below guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, in our governance role, to help golf course operators, committees and golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to the various questions we have received.

The questions received fit into four main topics. In each of the four topics below, the guidance provided serves both to directly answer the questions asked as well as cover additional considerations that might also serve useful.

### FLAGSTICK

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**May a course remove all flagsticks to minimize the possibility of exposing players to coronavirus?**

**May a committee introduce a code of conduct that does not allow players to remove (or even touch) the flagstick?**

- The flagstick serves an important purpose in the game of golf – that is as an indicator to a player as to where the hole is located on the putting green or a target for shots.
- If a Committee decides to set-up a golf course without flagsticks, consideration should be given as to how best to support such a decision by providing players the location of each hole on the green. Whether this is general guidance (such as in the right front portion) or through a detailed hole-location sheet.
- As another means of minimizing exposure to players, a Committee might decide to introduce a code of conduct that prohibits players from touching or removing the flagstick. As is authorized under Rule 1.2b, such a code could also include penalties (such as one penalty stroke or the general penalty) if a player is in breach of its standards.
- Before a Committee decides to introduce such a restriction, it is recommended that consideration be given to the fact that removing the flagstick is an instinctual, even automated, act for many players. Drafting such a code of conduct to restrict only deliberate acts to affect the outcome of the hole would be reflective of that reality and would mean that a player who instinctually removes the flagstick would not get a penalty in doing so.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

### BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

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**We have removed all bunker rakes from our course to help stop the spread of coronavirus. What options do we have for players who end up in unraked areas?**

- By removing rakes from the course, the Committee has various options as to how best to address the likely possibility of a player's ball coming to rest in an unmaintained area of sand and should consider which is the best approach under your unique circumstances.
- If you have limited play and most players at your course use a golf cart, the best approach might be to ask that each player takes a rake with them.
- If it is decided that no additional Rules will be put into effect to deal with these areas, it would be advisable to strongly encourage that players try their best to smooth the disturbed area with a foot or a club.
- Additional options could include changing the status of bunkers to be part of the general area. This would give players additional options under multiple relief rules (Rules 16 and 19) and would remove the restrictions normally in effect under Rule 12.
- Ground under repair could be used in two different manners. The first being to declare all bunkers to be ground under repair and treat them as part of the general area. This would allow players the option to take free relief outside the bunker under Rule 16.1. The second is to treat disturbed areas only as ground under repair. This would still allow a player free relief from such areas, but would require such relief to be taken elsewhere within the bunker.
- As a last resort, we have fielded questions as to whether a Committee may add a preferred local rule that would allow a player to place the ball elsewhere in a bunker without penalty (such as within one club length of where the ball came to rest). While that may seem like a good option in that it requires players to play from the bunker, there will be times when no effective relief would be available to a player, such as when a bunker is frequently played from and large areas are unraked. It would be recommended that the other options, such as those listed above are considered first, noting that using

the ground under repair options above ensure a player will get full relief and when dropping from knee height, balls very rarely plug.

- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **SCORECARDS AND SCORING**

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**We are holding a competition, but want to limit how scorecards are exchanged both between players and after the round to the Committee. Do you have any recommendations?**

- The Rules already allow numerous options to address these concerns noting that certifying a score does not require a physical signature, nor does it require a physical scorecard.
- If a Committee wishes to run a competition using a form of electronic scoring, this could come in many forms, such as asking that each marker send an email to the Committee and the player he or she is marking for, including the player's hole-by-hole scores. The player can then reply to verify the accuracy of the card.
- When electronic methods are used, such as the email example above or similar methods that involve text messaging, the Committee should decide when a scorecard would be considered to have been returned. For example, this could be when the player responds certifying that the scores are correct or some other action that the Committee might consider more appropriate.
- A Committee might also wish to employ the above method but also combine these with a physical scorecard by having the marker take a picture of the completed scorecard and either email or text it to the Committee using the same process described above.
- If physical scorecards are the preferred method, a Committee may wish to have the player and marker not exchange cards but rather verbally communicate the hole-by-hole scores to the Committee verbally in the scoring area. Additionally, verbal confirmation could be a substitute for the physical signature. As with the electronic scoring methods described above, the Committee should be diligent to clearly define when a scorecard has been returned, such as when a player leaves the golf shop if that is where the process takes place.
- If a Committee takes any of the above actions, it is at the discretion of the Committee whether scores would be acceptable for handicap purposes.

## **MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOLE; NOT REQUIRING THAT PLAYERS HOLE OUT**

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A number of questions have been received that relate to modifying the hole so that players no longer need to reach into the hole to remove a ball to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to coronavirus.

These have included some courses setting holes so that the hole liner remains an inch or two above the surface of the green while others have placed various objects into the hole or around the flagstick (such as foam pool noodles or plastic piping) so that a ball is unable to fall to the bottom.

While in all of these instances, the ball is not holed per the Rules of Golf (Rule 3.3c), a round played under these conditions will result in an acceptable score for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines (see Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping).

While the most likely score procedure is intended to support certain formats of play where the player is not required to hole out (such as in match play when the player's next stroke is conceded or in fourball stroke play when a partner picks up), it is also temporarily in effect where the above described safety measures are being used.

When using most likely score, the player should consider the number of strokes most likely required to complete the hole, and determine whether the ball would have been holed or not. Most likely score is at the player's best judgment and should not be used to gain an unfair advantage.

This measure is temporary and in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA.

The above guidance will continue to be updated. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping departments by going to [www.USGA.org](http://www.USGA.org).



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YOUR USGA HANDICAP® _____ or
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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.**

**LEGAL STUFF:** Read this section in a larger font at [SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff](http://SinglesGolf.com/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 observation 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 may occur relative to my participation in and/or observation 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 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 observation 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 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.

**\* OPT-OUT CLAUSE:** I understand that I may, at any time, request any information on me not to be reprinted, reproduced or distributed, such as home phone, address, etc. in or on any newsletter, roster, website, etc. Such request to be noted below in "Notes by Applicant" section or emailed to [info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto:info@SinglesGolf.com). ASGA may not be held liable for inadvertent publishing of opt-out information.

**PRIVACY:** See our privacy policy at [www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy)

**DISPUTES:** In the event of any dispute of any matter or concerning the terms and/or conditions of membership, those matters and/or the interpretation of the terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of North Carolina and the parties agree to submit disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement to courts of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOIN FOR 2 YEARS - GET A FREE GOLF SHIRT!**  
**JOIN FOR 3 YEARS - GET 4TH YEAR + SHIRT FREE!**

- DUES - 24 Months - \$178 (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)
- DUES (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$267 (incl. free shirt - best value)
- 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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