

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - October 2020

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2021



President's Message

As the colors are changing, it will soon be time to take the golf clubs and pushcart out of the trunk. Not sure about the rest of you, but this year I will push that day off as long as possible since my usual indoor sports are still banned due to COVID-19. Golf has been a lifesaver!!

I want to thank you all for another great season. As we begin to think about and prepare for next season, we are looking for members willing to join the board. The following positions will have openings next year – President, Secretary and Legal plus

Assistant to the Golf Chair. (See Marie's article for more on the golf assistance being sought.) By taking on one of these roles, you would be joining our returning board members who are committed to making ASGA Chicago a fun and vibrant group. It is an opportunity to share your experience and ideas to help make the chapter run smoothly and meet the needs of the members. You may have questions about the responsibilities and time commitment involved, but I assure you we do our best to work efficiently and limit the time required. As the outgoing president, I will be serving as chairman of the board for the next two years and will be happy to answer questions and help as needed.

Please consider joining the board – ASGA needs you! Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and be safe, healthy and happy!



~Alice Zyks



NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

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 for full details. **EVENT IS SOLD OUT**
- **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

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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Golf Chair Message



Our last official ASGA Chicago outing will be at Ruffled Feathers on Sunday, October 11. I'm really sad to see the season come to an end this year, as golf has been such a great distraction. It's been so nice to see so many of you out on the links and to share a drink or a meal afterward. Although the official outings are done, if the weather cooperates, reach out to some of your fellow members and head out there for another round. The club roster with contact info is available (for golf purposes only – no solicitations, please) at the national website from the My Account link: www.singlesgolf.com. A club roster link is also included in the email that contains the newsletter link.

If you don't know how to log in to your account, please reach out to the national office for assistance.

There are still some national events being planned if you're comfortable traveling. Check the national website for more info. In the meantime, fingers crossed for some more golf weather this month in the Chicago area.

One last point --- it's been my pleasure to be your golf chair for the last 2 years. This year was particularly busy with all the changes in rules by the state, and I'm looking to reduce my involvement for next year. I'm willing to set up all the outings over the winter, then have someone take over from there. This will include lining up the coordinators and handling whatever comes up during the season as well as the monthly newsletter columns. If you have an interest

in either sharing the responsibilities or just taking over as golf chair, please let me or **Alice Zyks** know.

~Marie Bush, Shrub8@hotmail.com



Twenty-three people showed up on a perfect, sunny Saturday to play beautiful Steeple Chase in Mundelein on September 5. This was the first time ASGA has played this course, and management was very cooperative. The consensus was: challenging greens, nice, fun course and people would play it again. A highlight was **Mark Tolle** making birdie on the very challenging 18th hole!
Coordinator: Kathi Brown



Sixteen players originally signed up to play Orchard Valley in Aurora on September 6. Due to overnight rain the course was very wet and was cart path only. Eight players ventured out and the afternoon did clear up. The course gave us 2 certificates for a round. A drawing was held and **Kathi Brown** and **Barry Mathews** were the winners. Thanks to Kathi for helping out as I did not play.
Coordinator: Deb Backman



We had a beautiful weather day at Prairie Isle on September 10. Seventeen golfers enjoyed the day and the great scenery. After three days of rain, we were lucky enough to have sunny skies and no "cart-path only". The 90-degree rule was

much appreciated. Closest to the pin bragging rights on the par 3's went to **Sharon Meyer** and **Kurt Kupitz** (#5); **Alice Zyks** and **Kamal Dagher** (#8); **Deb Backman** and **Rob Lewandowski** (#15); and **Marie Bush** and **Kurt Kupitz** (#17). Kudos to all! Most stayed afterward to chat and have a beverage at the well-spaced picnic tables. **Coordinator: Cindy Pausic**



On September 19, twenty-two golfers played Palatine Hills. The staff was great and the course was in good condition. The four holes that are often cart path only because of flooding were open. The weather was perfect and all had a good time. The course gave us a certificate for a foursome. A drawing was held and **Kurt Kupitz** was the winner. Kurt was anxious to play again so Kurt, **Ken Kusumoto**, **Cindy Pausic** and I played a couple days later. Another fun round!
Coordinator: Deb Backman



Sixteen golfers took to the links at Deerpath in Lake Forest on September 27. We had some lovely, sunny weather for our last outing in September. The course was in good shape, and all groups played in under four hours. There must have been some great scoring going on to finish that fast! We gathered under the canopy on the patio for food and drinks after to compare notes from a great day. **Coordinator: Marie Bush**



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to clpausic@aol.com. Next month please send on by November 5 for November's newsletter.



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<http://asgachicago.org/>



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

You'll Pitch Better If You Don't Hang Back

By David Leadbetter, *GolfDigest.com*

Great advice to remember when hitting pitch shots is to swing through impact on a shallow angle, letting the bottom of the clubhead slide along the turf.

Having said that, I've seen the application of this advice prove troublesome for some amateurs, because they try to do it off the wrong foot—the back foot. This typically happens because the golfer wants to help get the ball in the air with some unnecessary hand and body english. There's no need for that. Wedges have more than enough loft to produce a high-and-soft shot, especially if the angle of attack is shallow—think skim, not dig.

So what I want you to do is make sure your body is being supported by your lead foot as you swing through impact. An easy way to ingrain this into your pitching game is with the classic step drill. It's reminiscent of Gary Player's signature move of walking toward the target in a seemingly continuous motion after he struck the ball. In this drill, swing down feeling all of your weight shift into the front foot. As your club is about to meet the ball from that shallow approach, your back foot

should be off the ground and starting to move toward the target. Hit the shot and step forward as you see me doing here.

Getting your weight forward is going to help make your pitching game much more reliable.

About Our Members (THIS REPORT RAN 10/08/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

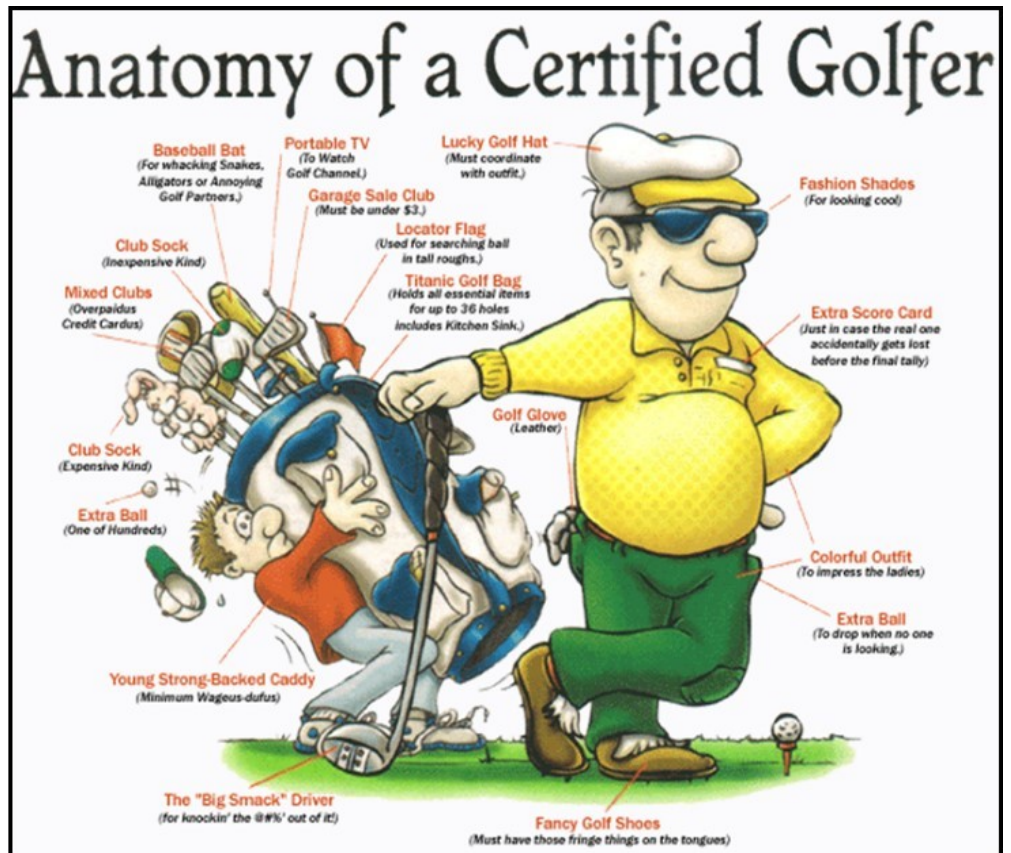
Kamal Dagher - 11/02
Kathy Hendrickson - 10/02
Paul Hervey - 10/02
Judy Johnson - 11/06
Rick Seaberg - 10/05
J. Wayne Thompson - 11/03
Scott Wilson - 10/03

These members are up for renewal:
(date shown is last day of membership)
J. Wayne Thompson - 10/31/2020

Welcome newest members:
Rudy Ferrara - Joined 09/24/2020

These members recently renewed:
Kathleen Burns
Judy Johnson
Tom Schweihs

Our chapter currently has 79 members.



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

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

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

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

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.



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