

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - May 2021

RUFFLED FEATHERS ON MAY 16TH



- Mother's Day celebrations
- The start of ASGA Chicago's golf season



Golf Chair Message

Spring and Swing! Two words we all love to hear this time of year. Here's to the start of another great golf season for ASGA Chicago! As warmer weather makes an appearance, and if we can keep it dry enough to play, we've got a great course schedule lined up for you in the coming months. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to run one or more outings. We can't do it without you! And let's all give a big "THANKS" to **Marie Bush** who put our 2021 schedule together.

At the moment **we are still looking for organizers** for the following events:

- Sunday, June 6 – Naperbrook (12 pm start)
- Saturday, June 12 – Stonewall Orchard (12:30 pm start)

We also need coordinators for future events. PLEASE consider coordinating an event this year (much easier than in past years as all monies are paid directly to the course at the clubhouse). Support

President's Message



As the calendar seamlessly moves from April into May, there are signs that many things are slowly returning to normal. Even though social distancing, capacity limits and other restrictions still exist to a degree, we are certainly moving in the right direction. Much that got put on hold last May is beginning to emerge as we strive to re-establish some of our routines. Examples:

- Pro & college sports in front of live fans
- Indoor & outdoor dining with greater capacities
- High school proms & graduations
- Planning for summer travel
- The Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May

The last item should be exciting to all that are reading this message. It is noteworthy that this is the 23rd year since ASGA organized a chapter in Chicago. Over the years, our chapter typically presents a schedule of more than 40 events. Nationally, other chapters, no matter the size or the climate, approach that number. And those that do are likely able to play year-round. Chicago runs all of its event in less than six months.

I want to commend those who have served as board members and event coordinators. Be they current or past, their efforts keep this group moving forward. **THEY ARE VOLUNTEERS THAT DESERVE APPRECIATION.**

Let's make this a year to remember. See you on the course.

~Tom U

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



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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your chapter so we can continue to have a robust golf schedule. Contact me if you can help us out.

UPCOMING MAY EVENTS:

Check our website, <http://asgachicago.org/> for links for coordinators to sign up.

Sat., May 15 **Chevy Chase** 12:00 start
\$59 to Share Cart; \$68 Single; \$44 to walk
(no driving range)
Cindy Pausic, Coordinator

Sun., May 16 **Ruffled Feathers** 12:00
start \$75 to Share Cart No walking availa-
ble. Single carts not guaranteed, but no
extra charge if available (per their website).
Range balls included.
Dave Halper, Coordinator

Sat., May 22 **Village Links of Glen Ellyn**
12:00 start \$80 to Share Cart; \$90 Single
Cart; \$80 walking. Range Ball included.
Cathy Hill, Coordinator

Sun., May 23 **Mt Prospect** 12:00 start
\$62 to Share Cart; \$43 walking (may have a
few single carts with possible upcharge.)
No range balls this year.
Sharon Meyer, Coordinator

Sat., May 29 **Water's Edge (Memorial
Day weekend)** 1:00 start \$50 to Share
Cart; \$35 walking. includes range balls.
Colleen Nelms, Coordinator

Sun, May 30 **White Deer Run (Memorial
Day weekend)** 1:00 start \$73 to Share
Cart; \$63 walking. if singles carts are avail-
able, they may charge \$10 extra. Includes
range balls for \$2 more.
Marie DiVirgilio, Coordinator

~Susan Herman, susan_herman@sbcglobal.net



Treasurer Message
ASGA coupons

Hi everyone! It's finally time to start playing golf again!

There are some outstanding coupons from 2019 that would have expired at the end of 2020. As you know, we did not issue coupons in 2020 because of Covid 19.

Since players paid the course for the most part in 2020, the board extended the expiration date of 2019 coupons to the end of 2021. Again, this year players will mostly be paying the course directly except for the Challenge at George Dunne and the Championship at Orchard Valley. If there are other courses, it will be noted when the event is posted. You can also cash them out through me, bring them to an event I am playing or send them to me. I will then send you a check.

This is for 2019 coupons only, nothing older.

Thanks,

~Deb, dbackman415@gmail.com



If you have a newsletter article/notice, please submit it to

clpausic@aol.com. Next month please send on by June 5 for June's newsletter.



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



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



"I don't know what it is about it, but I love this course!"

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 05/10/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Richard Bachman - 06/12
Susan Barton - 06/04
Kathi Brown - 05/18
Linda Ciprella - 05/15
Christine Coyne - 06/07
Thomas Golbach - 05/25
Ed Horak - 05/27
Joanne Jacobs - 06/04
Matthew Kogan - 05/13
Vijay Kumar - 06/12
Kurt Kupitz - 05/07
Robin Rash - 05/29
Eileen Zittnan - 05/30

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Susan Barton - 05/31/2021
Kathy Braun - 05/31/2021
Barry Mathews - 05/31/2021
Diane Meister - 05/31/2021
Margaret Onken - 05/31/2021
Ruth Wiechmann Browne - 05/31/2021
Alice Zyks - 05/31/2021

Welcome newest members:

Jill Claypool - Joined 03/17/2021
Vijay Kumar - Joined 04/09/2021
Ronna Leibach - Joined 04/23/2021
Diane Lizama - Joined 03/17/2021

These members recently renewed:

Kathi Brown
Christine Coyne
TracyRae Crow
Cathy Hill
Michael Madden
Colleen Nelms
Cynthia Pausic
Robert Ptak
Peggy Sodini
Karol Stirneman

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Peggy Beaver - 04/30/2021
Donald Hanson - 04/30/2021
Ray Kalal - 03/31/2021
Jay Thompson - 04/30/2021
Lynn Wesley - 03/31/2021

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 79 members.

5 Mistakes High Handicappers Always Make, According to Low Handicappers

~Luke Kerr-Dineen, *Golf.com*

Breaking 80 consistently is a goal every recreational golfer has. Accomplishing that doesn't require major technical shifts, but instead, eliminating simple mistakes. Enter GOLF's resident low-handicappers, who are here to offer some helpful advice, golfer-to-golfer.

1. They don't take enough club

Dylan Dethier (+3.3 handicap): High-handicappers rarely take enough club. Maybe I'm projecting — this can be true of low-handicappers, too. Max Homa had a particularly good line about this, so I'll let him take it from here: "Shane [Bacon] hit a 494-yard drive, and this was a legit 494. Now the thing is, the ball was straight downwind, straight downhill, got every — he hits it far, but got every break you could get. He does NOT now go around telling people, 'Yeah, I hit it 490.' That's just a story he has!

"Where my Dad will hit one 4-iron in his life 220 yards, and then every time he's 220 he hits 4-iron and tells people he hits 4-iron 220. It's like, 'Dude, you just don't. That's not your normal number. Yes, it could happen, but you could also play golf on a hill, you could hit it way down that hill and yes, the ball will go farther.'"

2. They don't know their miss

Luke Kerr-Dineen (2.2 handicap): There's really not a whole lot of difference between golfers who break 80 consistently and those who don't. But there is one big one: Ask a lower handicap what their most common miss is, and they'll usually be able to tell you pretty quickly. *"Good shot is a draw. Miss is a block out to the right."*

Ask someone who shoots mostly in the 90s, and the answer to the same question becomes more complicated. *"Either a block or a hook. Occasionally I'll top the ball."*

And therein lies the problem. Improving your handicap is the byproduct not of how good your good shots are, but knowing where your bad ones are going. You'll never be able to eliminate your miss. But you should have consistent way of missing the ball.

3. They overthink shots

Josh Sens (2.5 handicap): I rarely don't see high handicappers overthink and over-study all shots, but especially putts. Reading them from multiple angles. Taking forever over the ball. Occasionally plum-bobbing. For most of us, those kind of forever rituals don't help. They hurt. Play a round of speed golf and see how much better you play.

4. They get too angry after bad shots

Ashley Mayo (3.1 handicap): Most golfers I play with who shoot in the 80s/90s have far more exaggerated reactions to poor shots than the better golfers I play with. I think lower handicappers just understand that bad shots are a necessary evil, and that knowing how to stay calm while rebounding from them is essential to shooting lower scores.

5. They never play for bogey

Zephyr Melton (6.7 handicap): Play for bogey. When higher handicap players get in trouble, they rarely try to minimize damage and instead play for the hero shot. There's no shame in pitching out and playing for bogey. The easiest way to make the jump from mid handicap to single digits is to eliminate doubles from the card. Easier said than done, but knowing when to take your medicine and accept bogey is a good place to start.

ASGA National News

The Greenbrier Chosen for Spring Reunion 2021

SOLD OUT!

Sunday, May 31 - Thursday, June 3, 2021

Details at SinglesGolf.com/Greenbrier

Head to The Greenbrier on Memorial Day

The Greenbrier is America's Resort. It's a beautiful, luxury resort located in the Allegheny Mountains near White Sulphur, West Virginia. Since 1778, visitors have traveled to this part of the state. Today, The Greenbrier is situated on 11,000 acres of land with 710 guest rooms, 20 restaurants and lounges, more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities and sports, and 36 retail shops.

The current Greenbrier was built in 1913 by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and was owned for much of its history by that company and its successors, Chessie System and CSX Corporation. Following years of heavy losses, CSX had the hotel file for bankruptcy protection in 2009. Justice Family Group, a company owned by local entrepreneur and later Governor of West Virginia Jim Justice, subsequently bought the property and guaranteed all debts, resulting in dismissal of the bankruptcy protection. Justice promised to return the hotel to its former status as a five-star resort and to introduce "tasteful" gambling for guests to increase profit.

The last U.S. president to stay at The Greenbrier during a presidency was Dwight D. Eisenhower. A total of 26 presidents have stayed at the hotel. The Greenbrier is also the site of a massive underground bunker that was meant to

serve as an emergency shelter for the United States Congress during the Cold War. Attendees to the ASGA event will have an opportunity to purchase bunker tour tickets.

ASGA Member Writes Definitive Guide

51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50 is a non-fiction book for anyone who is thinking about or who uses the internet in search of love. The author is a long-time ASGA member from Tampa Bay. Ms. Lindberg offers humor and insight by using her true life experiences and lessons learned; she lived the information given in her book. The author's stories are funny, sad, baffling, moving, shocking, uplifting, and sometimes scary. She offers guidance when writing a profile, posting photos, and when messaging potential and not-so-potential prospects. Can you separate the wheat from the chaff or spot a scam or a bot? This book will answer these and many more questions.

Help make your story a successful one AND keeping yourself safe! You can get a signed copy of *51 Shades of Online Dating: A Guide for People Over 50* by ordering from www.sandralindberg-writer.com (\$14.95). Unsigned copies are also available on Booklocker, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. Available in paperback and eBook getting 5-star reviews.

Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .

ASGA Annual Dues are \$89.00. Do you want LOWER DUES?

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ONE YEAR OF FREE DUES?

You likely joined the American Singles Golf Association because you wanted to meet more singles and play more golf. We can't help you with your golf swing, however, we're on a mission to grow your chapter's membership. ***Golf season is upon us . . . are you onboard to grow your chapter or are you satisfied with your current membership level?***

Here's the plan:

- 1) on the following page, you'll see a revised "***Single? Play Golf?***" sign. It now has five (5) tear-off tabs instead of eight (8).
- 2) You write-in your identification (either your member number or first initial + last name) on each of the tabs. Use scissors to cut the tabs apart.
- 3) You print as many signs as you wish, keep them in the front seat of your car along with some push pins and post them ***anywhere you're permitted*** to post, e.g. golf shop bulletin boards, golf shop restrooms, driving ranges, stores, etc. ***If you would like ASGA National to print five (5) yellow signs for you, please let us know by emailing Irene@SinglesGolf.com or calling 980-833-6450 from 9am-1:45pm, M-F, Eastern.***
- 4) For every three (3) people who join using your name or ID on the yellow sign, you'll receive 12-months of ASGA membership. Note: your name or member number, as the referrer, must be submitted **with** the new member's application. No exceptions. No retroactivity. Please do not add your own name to an application form. It must be completed only the by the member currently joining and completing the application.
- 5) New members can join over the phone, at our website (SinglesGolf.com/join), fax, etc., however, **they MUST use your member number or name at the time of joining as the person who referred the new member. Again, no exceptions to this policy.**
- 6) ASGA National will keep track of how many new members you get credit for and will automatically add 12-months to your membership. Please, no slanting of these rules

**Be a Hero in Your Chapter.
Get the signs printed and get them hanging!
*(and remind others to participate)***

SINGLE? PLAY GOLF?



The Chicago Chapter of the American Singles Golf Association WANTS YOU!

We're 2,500 members in 50 cities and we're ALL ABOUT HAVING FUN! So if you're single (*i.e. divorced, widowed, legally separated or never married*) and enjoy meeting others through the game of golf, you're invited to inquire about joining by calling the American Singles Golf Association at 1-888-465-3628 (*1-TRIPLE-EIGHT-GOLFMATE*) or visit SinglesGolf.com.

Meet MORE Singles! Play MORE Golf!



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IN ADDITION, WE CAN SEND YOU FREE BUSINESS CARDS!

As you have seen from the previous two pages of this newsletter, ASGA National is committed to seeing your chapter grow. We believe by asking each individual member for help, your chapter will grow its membership.

Besides using just the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards as shown below. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you 25 business cards that you can give to anyone you believe might be a potential member. Are you out and about and see someone wearing a golf shirt or hat? **Start a conversation:** tell them you're a part of a local club for singles who play golf and simply ask **"are you single?"** Even if they aren't, chances are they know a golfer who is. Give them a card that's pre-filled with you name (or member #) and contact info.

Remember, you get free dues for referring 3 new folks who join!

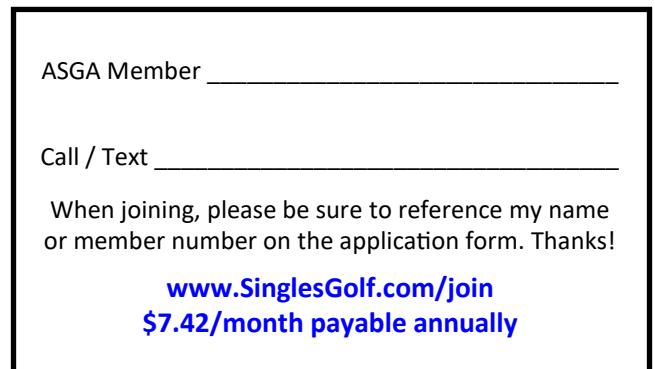
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail Irene@SinglesGolf or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - Tom Alsop
President and Founder
American Singles Golf Association**

25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!



Front side of business card



Back side of business card

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.



GET READY TO TEE OFF

FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

4 WAYS TO JOIN:

- ◆ Call Us at 1-980-833-6450
- ◆ Fax This Form to Us
- ◆ Email/Mail This Form 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 **\$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: **980-833-6450** or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO **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

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 may occur relative to my 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 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 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 as well as ASGA bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

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