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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AT ORCHARD VALLEY - AUGUST 14 & 15



President's Message

I have been in ASGA Chicago for a long time. Over the years, a lot has taken place in a very turbulent world. At the start, we had more than 200 members join. As a group, we have been an active and significant chapter in the growth of ASGA as an organization.

In the last twenty-plus years, the world has survived many changes and events. 911. Financial crisis. The rise of social media. Obama. Trump. Our great political divide. Gun violence. Racial inequity. We are still in the midst of a global pandemic. Who would have ever thought the CUBS and SOX would win the World Series?

Our chapter has also seen change. Our membership numbers have reduced from

apathy, attrition, and to some degree, death. There are so many opportunities out there competing for our attention.

And yet, we put on two events almost every weekend during our golf season. Through the efforts of **Jay Thompson** for his annual Countryside outing and **Tim Dowling** for organizing the ASGA Club Championship, we have events that have continued to be held for well over a decade. The Chicago Challenge was just conducted for the 18th consecutive year. A lot has changed, some traditions carry on. ASGA will continue to give its members every reason to enjoy the great game of golf.

RIVALRY OF THE RICKS: BAD OVER-WHELMS GOOD

Over the weekend of July 17 & 18, ASGA Chicago held the 18th Annual Chicago Challenge. This year's captains, Rick Seaberg (GOOD) and Rick Bachman (BAD) led their respective teams in a Ryder Cup style competition at George Dunne in Oak Forest. With

different formats of play, the goal each year has been to give our members a way to compete in a low-key event. Camaraderie, mixed in with a little trash talk, will always be encouraged.

Among the 42 players that competed this year, it was very heartening to have 11 members that were new to the event. This is an important way to grow our membership. Credit goes to the captains and their assistants, **Linda Ciprella** and **Susan Barton**, along with **Marie Di Virgilio** for making this a spirited event with creative cart decoration and other festivities. After golf, dinners at The Square Celt and Papa Joe's organized by **Colleen Nelms** helped to complete both days. And a big shout-out to **Keith Reifel** for his work preparing the scorecards.

As for the competition, **Rick Bachman's** Bad to the Bone team was simply too much for **Rick Seaberg's** Saints. Right from the start, Team BAD took command on Day One, rolling to a 13-7 advantage. On Day Two, pairings changes for Rick Seaberg's Team GOOD could not slow their opponent's dominance. In the end,

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.)

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Team BAD romped to a thorough thrashing of Team GOOD by a score of 25-1/2 to 12-1/2. Congratulations to the winners. Please see the recap:

(GR -- Good Rick) (BR -- Bad Rick)

SATURDAY (Team Match Play)

- Linda Ciprella (GR) halved Alice Zyks (BR)
- Barry Mathews / Kathi Brown (BR) 3&2 Tim Dowling / Marie Di Virgilio (GR)
- Kurt Kupitz / Ronna Leibach (GR) 5&4 Keith Reifel / Cathy Hill (BR)
- Ray Kalal / Marie Bush (BR) 4&3 Rick Seaberg / Colleen Nelms (GR)
- Wayne Thompson / Carol Stewart (BR) 1-Up Mike Junior / Sheila Ramacci (GR)
- Kamal Dagher / Diane Lizama (BR) 4&3 Eruch Rusomji / Tracy Rae Crow (GR)
- Jay Thomson / Michaelene Nichols (GR) halve Greg Mieczynski / Susan Barton (BR)
- Peter Barbera / Chris Coyne (BR) 3&2 Tim Ryan / JoAnn Reifel (GR)
- Tom Ullsperger / Mike Madden (GR) halve Joe Torcivia / Rudy Ferrara (BR)
- Rick Bachman / Svetlana Popovic (BR) 3&1 Rob Davidson / Karen Boguslawski (GR)

SATURDAY (Alternate Shot)

- Alice Zyks (BR) halved Linda Ciprella (GR)
- Tim Dowling / Marie Di Virgilio (GR) 1-Up Barry Mathews / Kathi Brown (BR)
- Kurt Kupitz / Ronna Leibach (GR) 4&2 Keith Reifel / Cathy Hill (BR)
- Rick Seaberg / Colleen Nelms (GR) 3&2 Ray Kalal / Marie Bush (BR)
- Wayne Thompson / Carol Stewart (BR) 2-Up Mike Junior / Sheila Ramacci (GR)
- Kamal Dagher / Diane Lizama (BR) 3&2 Eruch Rusomji / Tracy Rae Crow (GR)
- Jay Thompson / Michaelene Nichols 2-Up Greg Mieczynski / Susan Barton (BR)
- Peter Barbera / Chris Coyne (BR) 3&2 Tim Ryan / JoAnn Reifel (GR)
- Joe Torcivia / Rudy Ferrara (BR) 2&1 Tom Ullsperger / Mike Madden (GR)
- Rick Bachman / Svetlana Popovic (BR) 1-Up Rob Davidson / Karen Boguslawski (GR)

Sunday (Team Match Play)

- Jay Thompson (GR) 2&1 Wayne Thompson (BR)
- Barry Mathews / Kathi Brown (BR) halve Kurt Kupitz / JoAnn Reifel (GR)
- Keith Reifel / Rudy Ferrara (BR) halve Tom Ullsperger / Ronna Leibach (GR)
- Ray Kalal / Scott Yonover (BR) 2&1 Tim Ryan / Colleen Nelms (GR)
- Kamal Dagher / Diane Lizama (BR) 5&4 Rob Davidson / Robin Rash (GR)
- Eruch Rustomji / Sheila Ramacci (GR) 4&2 Greg Mieczynski / Susan Barton (BR)
- Peter Barbera / Chris Coyne (BR) 4&3 Mike Madden / Marie Di Virgilio (GR)
- Mark Tolle / Ruth Wiechmann Browne (BR) 2&1 Tim Dowling / Linda Ciprella (GR)
- Rick Bachman / Svetlana Popovic (BR) halve Rick Seaberg / Tracy Rae Crow (GR)

Sunday (Team Scramble)

- Jay Thompson (GR) 3&1 Wayne Thompson (BR)
- Barry Mathews / Kathi Brown (BR) 3&1 Kurt Kupitz / JoAnn Reifel (GR)
- Keith Reifel / Rudy Ferrara (BR) 2&1 Tom Ullsperger / Ronna Leibach (GR)
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~Tom U



Golf Chair Message

Well golfers, the "dog days" of summer are back! Hot, humid, sticky. Be sure to bring and drink lots of water to stay hydrated while you enjoy your August rounds of golf.

Many thanks to **Tom Ullsperger** for running another great Challenge at George Dunne along with congrats to our winners, the entire Bad Boy Bunch led by **Rick**

Bachman (though apparel contest was won by **Rick Seaberg's Saints**).

Next up is our Club Championship at Orchard Valley this month with **Alice Zyks** and **Rick Bachman** defending their 2020 titles (thanks **Tim Dowling** for running this event again). Check out our full August schedule on our website to get details for our weekend events: Bowes Creek, Cog Hill, Balmoral and Pine Meadows. PLUS, for those who can, we have scheduled a Wednesday 8/25 outing at Foxford Hills (maybe the Broken Oar afterwards!).

We still are looking for volunteers to coordinate the following dates:

- Sunday, 9/5 - Maple Meadows (Labor Day weekend)
- Saturday, 9/11 – Heritage Oaks (previously known as Sportsman's in Northbrook)

Please contact me if you can help us out with any of these events

~Susan Herman, susan_herman@sbcglobal.net



The July 10 ASGA outing at Thunderhawk in Beach Park had high interest with 31 golfers attending. Luckily the rain stayed away and all groups were able to finish. It is a beautiful well-maintained course located in northern Lake County and part of the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Between the cooler, overcast weather and course scenery, it felt much like we were playing in northern Wisconsin. Two guest players attended and I hope Donna and Nick will decide to join the ASGA Chicago Chapter.

The group gathered in the clubhouse after golf to have a drink and learn the names of the closest-to-the-pin contest winners. Determining the winners was a bit complicated. **Peter Barbera's** guest, Nick Pomeroy, would have won the hole #3 closest-to-the-pin contest (playing from the 6631-yard brass tees), but Nick left directly after golf. (Winners must be present to win policy was stated in the tee-time email). We also thought **Gene Keefe** had left and his winnings for hole #13 were given out via raffle. Low and behold, I found Gene in the pro shop purchasing a new wedge when I was returning the contest markers. Gene was a good sport about his winnings going to **Tim Ryan**, so I was not forced to arm wrestle the \$\$ from Tim.

Hole # 3 winners: **Marie DiVirgilio** and **Kamal Dagher** (next on the list after Nick).

Hole # 13 winners: **Sue Herman's** guest, Donna Rutana, and **Tim Ryan** through a raffle. (I think Tim owes Gene a drink, but I will leave it to them to decide).

The Ricks need to get Nick and Gene signed up to play in the Challenge as they are both very good golfers!

After golf and drinks, several players made their way to The Shanty in Wadsworth for dinner thanks to **Jay Thompson's** knowledge of the area. Looking forward to playing Thunderhawk again next year, as it is a great trek!
Coordinator: Sharon Meyer



Two mighty teams sharpened their weapons and skills and met for battle on the tundra of George Dunne National Golf Course on July 17 and 18 for the 18th Annual Chicago Challenge. It was the classic good vs. bad (evil) scenario with both teams sporting team colors, decorations, and themed music.

The nod for best decorations must go to Seaberg's Saints and their signs, wings, logoed hats & golf balls; however, advertising alone does not win championships. The best team/theme music competition wasn't even close...the Bad Boy Bunch won it hands down...how can you top George Thorogood's "Bad-to-the-Bone?" After two days of bloodfest, smack-talk, imbibing, and good ol' camaraderie, the Bad Boy Bunch came out on top.

The most impressive thing about this year's Challenge was the number of new members who participated...

Ronna Leibach
Mike Junior
Carol Stewart
Eruch Rustomji
Diane Lizama
Michaelene Nichols
Peter Barbera
Bob Davidson
Svetlana Popovic
Scott Yonover

Thank you, new members and please spread the word to all about how much fun you had! Special thanks to **Tom Ullsperger** for coordinating another successful Challenge. **Keith Reifel** deserves special recognition for printing the scorecards. A huge thank you to **Colleen**

Nelms for reserving the post-round dinner venues of Square Celt and Papa Joe's.

The gauntlet for next year's champions has been handed down to the "Thompson Twins".

Reported by Rick Bachman



We had a beautiful but very warm day for the Arrowhead outing on July 25. We had 28 golfers including Mikey Bernard from the Sarasota chapter and his guest, Joe Gryzlak, as well as first-time player, **Connie Coe**. Tight fairways and water hazards greeted the golfers as we started on the West course. Proximity winners on the West course #5 hole were **Cathy Hill** and **Mark Tolle**. Making the turn we headed to the South course. The proximity hole was the tricky #4 hole over the water. Winners were **Chris Coyne** and **Wayne Thompson**. Many players stayed after to enjoy dinner from the award-winning restaurant. We had a brand-new server, Charlie, who did a great job including getting extra chips for **Sue Barton's** nachos!!
Coordinators: Ruth Wiechmann Browne and Barry Mathews



ASGA golfers played Mistwood Golf Club on a rare weekday, July 29. The weather was great and we had a great time! The women's longest-drive winners were **Kate Dudley** and **Colleen Nelms**. The men's contest holes were raffled off.
Coordinator: Rob Lewandowski



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



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



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

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 08/10/2021)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Marie Bush - 08/28
Michael Colligan - 09/04
Joe Cullen - 09/01
Ann Engelmann - 08/23
Paul Gentile - 08/17
David Halper - 09/06
Mike Junior - 09/09
Robert Lewandowski - 08/08
Robert Ptak - 08/29
Margaret Quinn - 08/21
Jeanne Schneeberger - 08/04
Gregg Straley - 08/07
Joe Torcivia - 09/15
Ruth Wiechmann Browne - 08/17

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Marie Di Virgilio - 08/31/2021
John Edmonson - 08/31/2021
Susan Herman - 08/31/2021
Joanne Jacobs - 08/31/2021
Ken Kusumoto - 08/31/2021
Tom McCarthy - 08/31/2021

Welcome newest members:

Andrea Donovan - Joined 06/08/2021
Chris Heim - Joined 07/12/2021
Laura Jolcover - Joined 06/30/2021
Mike Junior - Joined 06/09/2021
Tom Lynch - Joined 07/20/2021
Svetlana Popovic - Joined 07/07/2021
Scott Yonover - Joined 06/24/2021

These members recently renewed:

Tim Dowling
Paul Gentile
Eugene Keefe

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Jennifer Bender - 07/31/2021
Sherry Brandys - 07/31/2021
Bill Erickson - 06/30/2021
Michaelene Lewand - 07/31/2021
Charles Schmidt - 07/31/2021

To renew your dues today, go to Singles-Golf.com/renew If you wish to renew over the phone, call 980-833-6450, M-F, 9-2 Eastern Time.

Our chapter currently has 90 members.

How a Bunker Rake Can Help You Hit Perfect Sand Shots

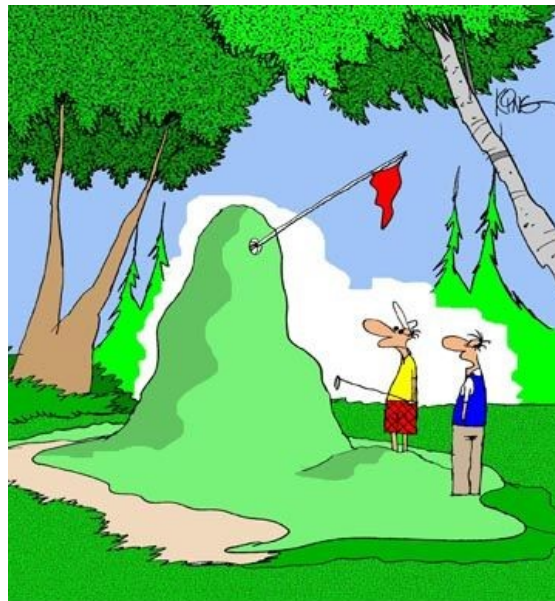
By Dave Allen, GolfDigest.com

Greenside bunker shots don't have to spell doom. Golf Digest Best Young Teacher David Armitage has a tip that will help you get out safely in one shot.

Grab the nearest bunker rake and set it about a foot behind the ball. Get into a wide stance with your weight favoring your front leg and the ball just forward of center. Your goal is to make a swing missing the rake both on the takeaway and again on the downswing. This helps make sure your attack angle is not too shallow and you don't bottom out the club too soon. You should strike the sand in the middle of your stance, just behind the ball, creating a high-spinning, soft-landing shot.



"Our company is giving you 10,000 free golf balls with our company's info on them. Since you'll lose everyone of them, it'll be good advertising for us."



"I hear this is one of the tougher greens to putt on."

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

The back side of the business card is a form with the following fields: "ASGA Member" followed by a blank line, "Call / Text" followed by a blank line, and "When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!". At the bottom, it provides the website "www.SinglesGolf.com/join" and the price "\$7.42/month payable annually".

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.



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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 _____

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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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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 and/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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