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Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - January 2022

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



President's Message Hello Chicago ASGA-ers! Happy New Year! I hope some

of your New Year's resolutions include more ASGA golf and fun! I know we had a few Chicago members just come back from Sarasota -- what a great way to kick off the year. I'm looking forward to participating in my first national outing, hopefully in 2022

Please take a moment to review the sidebar for our chapter board members. In addition to myself, we have some new members participating this year. Thanks to Colleen Nelms for stepping up to assume Treasurer duties in 2022, and Sheila Ramacci for being our new legal eagle.

Thanks to **Deb Backman** for your service as Treasurer, and Robin Rash for being our previous legal counsel. Many thanks to the other board members who are continuing on, and also much gratitude to Tom Ullsperger for his contribution as past President. We had over 40 events last year with 24 coordinators. Please take a moment and think about volunteering to be a coordinator, maybe at your favorite course, and take some of the burden off those who did double and triple duty last year. It takes a village to have a well-run chapter!

We have some high expectations for 2022: lots of fun on the course, hopefully we can get back to some socializing outside of golf, and we are looking to have a local getaway weekend or two maybe this year! Also, we'd like to keep growing our chapter with some new members. Bring a friend! I've got a racquetball buddy who wants to join us this year! Any ideas that you have for improving our ASGA experience, please let the board know!

~Rick Seaberg

Golf Chair Message

Happy New Year to all our members. Hope you will have a safe, healthy 2022 with lots of birdies this season!

A number of our members will attend the national ASGA Post New Year's event in Sarasota Jan 2-5th, staying at the Westin. What a fun way to bring in the new vear with friends from all over the U.S. As I'm in Florida for the winter, it will be such fun to see some of my Chicago buddies, including Cindy Pausic, Kamal Dagher, Candy Tidwell, Linda Blinks, Bill Brooks, Paul Gentile, Ed Horak, and Gene Keefe.

Thanks to all of you who submitted feedback on the golf courses you do and don't want to play. If you haven't gotten around to it yet, please send me a note with your comments and suggestions soon. I'll be starting on the schedule shortly.

~Susan Herman susan_herman@sbcglobal.net

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION Events Open to All Members Nationwide



OCAL 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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CDGA Membership New Member and Renewal for 2022 Season



Last year, you were able to knock \$10.00 off your \$40.00 CDGA membership fee by joining or renewing through ASGA-Chicago. This year,

CDGA is no longer offering "host club" discounts. If you join or renew through ASGA-Chicago, it will cost you the full \$40.00. If you join or renew through CDGA online, your dues will be \$40.00—but only if you enroll in their auto-renew program. If you choose not to auto renew, your dues will be \$50.00.

Bottomline, you have two options for new or renewing your CDGA membership:

- Mail a \$40.00 check payable to "ASGA-Chicago" to **Deb Backman** (202 E Forrest Knoll Dr, Palatine, IL 60074). Let me know via email (<u>timdowling00@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>) after you've mailed the check so I can process your renewal.
- 2. Go to CDGA.org and renew on your own.

Should you have any question's please contact me at timdowling00@gmail.com

~Tim Dowling ASGA Chicago Handicap Chair



Over 125 members from across the country attended the Sarasota Golf Outing. It was a really fun time with scenic courses (gators, hawks, waterfowl,

wide fairways) and lots of friendly people. There were some big winners for golf and for the raffle by current and former Chicago chapter members. While most of what happens in Sarasota stays in Sarasota, have to say ... one member decided to swing from a vine with her arm taking the brunt of the ensuing damage. Otherwise, the trip was lots of safe fun.

I'm sworn to secrecy given that plans are still tentative but I would encourage you to check www.singlesgolf.com/events for upcoming trips. They sound pretty great.

~Cindy Pausic



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

<u>aol.com.</u> Next month please send on by February 5 for February's newsletter.



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



About Our Members (THIS REPORT RAN 01/13/2022)

Happy Birthday to these members:

TracyRae Crow - 01/27
Tim Dowling - 02/08
John Edmonson - 01/16
Rudy Ferrara - 02/12
Cathy Hill - 01/12
Eugene Keefe - 01/17
Sharon Meyer - 01/02
Michaelene Nichols - 01/24
Margaret Onken - 02/10

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
Joe Cullen - 01/31/2022

Welcome newest members:

Bill Brooks - Joined 12/29/2021 Martine Derom - Joined 11/19/2021

These members recently renewed:

Patrick Banks Rebecca Marquardt Roger Schoepfle Mark Tolle

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Leonard Benbenek - 12/31/2021
Ann Engelmann - 12/31/2021
Bernadette Glass - 12/31/2021
Robin Rash - 11/30/2021
Gregg Straley - 12/31/2021
Candice Tidwell - 12/31/2021

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 85 members.

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)

SINGES PLAY GULF?



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!

AS GA	Single? Play Golf? Looking to enjoy more out of life? You're invited to join our local chapter of the American Singles Golf Association. My contact information is on the reverse.	
SOCIATION	National Office Information	
FUN — FELLOWSHIP — FAIRWAYS	SinglesGolf.com	
	SinglesGolf.com/join	
Singles Meeting Singles Through Golf	Info@SinglesGolf.com	
Since 1992	Call / Text: 980-833-6450	

ASGA Member
Call / Text
When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!
www.SinglesGolf.com/join \$7.42/month payable annually

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 lies 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
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