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Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - November 2022

BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE



President's Message

I think that the 2022 ASGA Season was a successful one and I'd like to thank everyone who made that possible.

From the Board Members who put it all together setting up outings and doing the communications and paperwork to the Event Coordinators who managed the outings, it took a lot of teamwork to make it all work.

Looking forward to the 2023 ASGA season, we need volunteers to take over some of the board positions. While we have a few members who have already raised

their hands, if you are willing to help, please email me at waynethompson715@gmail.com. If possible, give me an idea of what you would like to be involved with.

Below is the list of Board positions:

President - Social Chair - Membership Chair - Golf Chair - Communication Chair (blasts) - Newsletter Editor - Treasurer - Secretary

Keep an eye out for the voting ballot which will be emailed in the coming weeks.

~Wayne Thompson



Social Chair's Message

The End of 2022 Season Dinner was held on Saturday October 29th in The Grill at Mount Prospect Golf Club. It was a beautiful, sunny, unseasonably warm day and a number of members were able to play a round before coming to dinner. Twenty-two people enjoyed the sumptuous buffet and reminisced about the 2022 season. A shout out to Jose who tended the cash bar and took wonderful care of our group. While everyone munched on the golf-themed cake, President **Wayne Thompson** gave a speech noting that some Board Members will be stepping down next year, and asking members to consider volunteering. Fore to a successful and fun 2023!

~Kathi Brown



NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

ASGA Members Invited to PGA National Resort



Welcoming the New Year 2023 January 2-6 Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Play the Palmer and Fazio Courses - Enjoy PGA National's \$1,000,000 Makeover!

Full details at SinglesGolf.com/PGAResort including \$250 early bird credit.

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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NEWSLETTER

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

Website

ASGA Chicago website:

<http://asgachicago.org/>



ASGA calendar:

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

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 11/08/2022)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Wayne Bates - 12/04

Kamal Dagher - 11/02

Kate Dudley - 12/10

Sally Ganeski - 12/02

Maria Jurt - 12/11

Gopal Kasichainula - 11/14

Ken Kusumoto - 11/25

James Poplett - 12/02

Gary Viverito - 11/02

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Ed Horak - 11/30/2022

Mark Tolle - 11/30/2022

Welcome newest members:

Lori Rigby - Joined 09/14/2022

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Kathleen Burns - 09/30/2022

Robert Davidson - 10/31/2022

Judy Johnson - 09/30/2022

J. Wayne Thompson - 10/31/2022

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 82 members.



If You Struggle Around the Greens, Try My 'Chip-Putt' Shot

BY: Lou Guzzi, Golf Top 100 Teacher, Golf.com

We've all had that situation where we just hit our ball over the green and face a fast, delicate downhill chip.

Such a touchy shot this can become a real knee knocker. It's not always the case but most greens are built where the back of the green is higher than the front of the green. This design is ideal for accepting a properly hit golf shot. On greens like this, it's often better to miss short, rather than go long and have a downhill chip coming back.

Now, that's great planning but we all know that plans change, and those fast downhill chips are going to be there for us to deal with.

As for how to deal with chips like this?



I could use my chipping technique, but it's real fast and I don't want to put any unneeded power into the shot. Instead, I'm going to what is called a "Chip Putt" with my 60 degree wedge.

With this technique, I'm going to use my putting stroke. I'm going to take out my wedge and get set up exactly the way I would set up for a putt. Because the wedge is longer, I am going to grip down on it, stand the club up more, getting it to feel like my putter, make a couple of practice strokes and then go ahead and hit this shot. It will come out nice and soft and this shot is going to feel like about a 20-foot putt.

This technique can be used all around the greens and with many different clubs — just experiment with it when you have some time to go to the short-game area.

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 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!



TEAR OFF A TAB BELOW

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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

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

Back side of business card



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 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.

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

PRIVACY: See our privacy policy at www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy

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

AGREEMENT TO POLICIES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (ASGA) AND LOCAL CHAPTER: By submitting this form and payment, I agree to abide by the "ASGA Policies" as outlined in the Policy section of www.SinglesGolf.com/policy as well as ASGA bylaws (www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws) and my local chapter's bylaws and policies as currently in effect.

See above Legal Stuff in larger font online at www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff

NOTES BY APPLICANT: _____

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

- ☐ **DUES - 24 Months - \$178** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)
- ☐ **DUES** (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$267 (incl. free shirt - best value)
- ☐ **DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$119** (includes shipping)
- ☐ **DUES - 12 Months - \$89**

If a shirt is included, indicate () Male () Female Size: _____

REFERRED BY: _____

Check Paid To "ASGA, Inc." Enclosed** TOTAL \$ _____

Please charge my major credit/debit card indicated below:

No. _____ Exp. _____ 3/4 digit _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED! By signing below, I agree to the Terms, Condition and Release ("Legal Stuff") as set forth at left and, if appropriate, authorize payment by my credit/debit card shown above.

Signature **X** _____ Date _____

Credit Card Users Can Join By Calling 980-833-6450, 9-2 Eastern Time, M-F
Join By Fax: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to Info@SinglesGolf.com

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