

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - August 2023

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AT HIGHLANDS OF ELGIN - AUGUST 12TH & 13TH

From the Golf Chair

It was so good to see everyone at our July events, including meeting our newest members! At a recent outing, one three-some allowed a solo golfer to play with them and he attended our dinner afterwards and expressed interest in joining. That's great networking! Thanks to **Tim Dowling** for once again coordinating the Chicago Challenge. It was a great tournament with friendly competition, followed by a delicious dinner at Barraco's Pizza.

Our golf season is now in full swing, with warm and sunny days ahead. We have a full schedule of local courses, so be sure to review the schedule and reserve your spot now. Most courses require the final count of golfers a week in advance, so be sure to contact the coordinators early to ensure your attendance. Happy golfing!

~Diane Perini

Stonewall Orchard

Stonewall Orchard provided a fair yet demanding playing experience for our 20 players on July 9th. With 16 people participating in the skill contests, we had a nice size prize pot which was shared by: **Robin Rash** (hole #6, unisex longest first putt);

Brett Bradfield (hole #9, men's closest to pin); **Kurt Kupitz** (lowest number of putts for the round with 27 putts); and since none of the women hit the green on hole #17, **Kathi Brown** was the random draw winner. Congratulations to all!

I thought it would be interesting to report on the number of players who made it safely over the marshy area in front of the 13th green. As you can see from the photo below—it is all carry.

While only the 12th most difficult hole on the course, it is intimidating—but not to 64% of our players. Here is what a few people had to say about it:

"I actually made it over and onto the

green on the first try. Made me very happy!! P.S. I also made a par!!" Sharon

"Yup made it, and on the green! Best part of the round." Catherine

"Cathy and I both cleared it." Dave

"I had a skulled line drive after waiting on tee box, and it skimmed top of the reeds and made it to front fringe." Brett

"Made it over for a bogie." Susan

Following golf, eight players met at Lindy's Landing Restaurant & Marina in Wauconda for dinner. We ate outdoors under the Pavilion and enjoyed a great dinner with a beautiful view of the beach.

~Coordinator: Marie DiVirgilio



Stonewall Orchard Golf Club 13th hole par 3 (white tees:150 yds; turquoise tees:138 yds)

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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2023 ASGA Chicago Ryder Cup Challenge

The Green Giants squared off against The Chip Masters on Saturday, July 15th at George Dunne National GC. There was a total of 24 players and 6 matches. After the first three matches were complete the Green Giants held a slim 6 ½ to 5 ½ point lead. The Challenge stayed close through the fourth match increasing the Green Giants lead to 9 to 7. The final two matches saw the Green Giants pull out to a final score of 15 to 9.



The Green Giant Team Members included **Kurt Kupitz, Rudy Ferrara, Mark Tolle, Linda Floyd, Bob Davidson, Sheila Ramacci, Wayne Thompson, Marie DiVirgilio, Scott Wilson, Collen Nelms, Cathy Hill** and **Lori Patterson**. The Chip Masters included **Tom Golbach, Mike Madden, Warner Dundas, Kathi Brown, Paul Gentile, Diane Perini, Joe Torcivia, Robin Rash, Karen Stika, Marie Bush** and **Corrinne Suarez**.

Colleen Nelms and **Cathy Hill** enthusiastically volunteered to be the 2024 Captains. I am looking forward to working with them to make it the best Challenge yet.

~Tim Dowling: Coordinator

Thunderhawk Golf – Saturday, July 22

The weather threatened early, but all 24 players stayed dry and enjoyed the beautiful Beach Park golf course. Lots of challenges between the sand traps and tall grasses to hit over. Traffic accidents on 294 made the drive there even more challenging than the golf. Thanks to so many for coming so far: **Brett Bradfield** and **John Edmonson** (who brought his A personality but F game except for his 3 birdies!) with about 41 miles each, **Sheila Ramacci** and **Rob Davidson** with over 80!

You guys are troopers. And stayed for a enjoyable evening with great food/music (well it was a bit offkey) at The Shanty (18 of us stayed for dinner).

Contest winners: Low Putts Men—**Brett Bradfield** with 34

Low Putts Ladies- **Cathy Hill * Robin Rash** Tied with 31

Front nine Poker Hand Men – **Ed Horak** with five 6's

Back nine Poker Hand Women – Janet Nigrelli (guest) wi2th four 7's

Biggest winner (but almost loser) was **Rob Lewandowski** who when he changed tables left his car keys on the 1st table and ditsy Coordinator, **Sue Herman**, picked them up thinking they were hers. Thanks to **Warner Dundas** for driving **Rob** home to get 2nd set of keys and then back to the course to get his car! Sue discovered the keys when she got home and connected with Rob the following morning. GOOD END to that story!! MORAL: Keep your keeps in your pocket, gentlemen!!

Thanks to all who made it to Thunderhawk for a memorable day of golf.

~Susan Herman

To all ASGA Members – Please Read!

Your chapter board will NEVER send you an email requesting funds by way of a gift card. Always, always use due diligence when responding to an email. See below “How to Protect Yourself”

Spoofing and Phishing

Spoofing

Spoofing is when someone disguises an email address, sender name, phone number, or website URL—often just by changing one letter, symbol, or number—to convince you that you are interacting with a trusted source.

For example, you might receive an email that looks like it's from your boss, a company you've done business with, or even from someone in your family—but it actually isn't.

Criminals count on being able to manipulate you into believing that these spoofed communications are real, which can lead you to download malicious software, send money, or disclose personal, financial, or other sensitive information.

Phishing

Phishing schemes often use spoofing techniques to lure you in and get you to take the bait. These scams are designed to trick you into giving information to criminals that they shouldn't have access to.

In a phishing scam, you might receive an email that appears to be from a legitimate business and is asking you to update or verify your personal information by replying to the email or visiting a website. The web address might look similar to one you've used before. The email may be convincing enough to get you to take the action requested.

But once you click on that link, you're sent to a spoofed website that might look nearly identical to the real thing—like your bank or credit card site—and asked to enter sensitive information like passwords, credit card numbers, banking PINs, etc. These fake websites are used solely to steal your information.

Phishing has evolved and now has several variations that use similar techniques:

- **Vishing** scams happen over the phone, voice email, or VoIP (voice over Internet Protocol) calls.
- **Smishing** scams happen through SMS (text) messages.
- **Pharming** scams happen when malicious code is installed on your computer to redirect you to fake websites.

How to Protect Yourself

- Remember that companies generally don't contact you to ask for your username or password.
- Don't click on anything in an unsolicited email or text message. Look up the company's phone number on your own (don't use the one a potential scammer is providing) and call the company to ask if the request is legitimate.
- Carefully examine the email address, URL, and spelling used in any correspondence. Scammers use slight differences to trick your eye and gain your trust.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
- Set up two-factor (or multi-factor) authentication on any account that allows it, and never disable it.
- Be careful with what information you share online or on social media. By openly sharing things like pet names, schools you attended, family members, and your birthday, you can give a scammer all the information they need to guess your password or answer your security questions.
- **Remember – If you are doubtful there's probably a good reason. If you're not sure, call to the person in your chapter who is supposedly sending the email.**

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

Mail: ASGA, 1122 Industrial Dr. #107, Matthews, NC 28105