

CHICAGO SINGLES GOLF

Chicago Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - September 2026

FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS

Event Recaps

ASGA Ryder Cup Challenge July 18 – George Dunn

Thanks to all who participated in the event, and especially **Cathy Hill** who ran it and captained Team Blue, and **Diane Perini** who captained Team Red. Although there was a pop up storm that shut things down for a bit, we managed to finish the event, although with soggy results papers, so we're not sure who actually won the longest putt on 18. Team Blue did emerge victorious, but it was by a slim margin of 11 to 9.

The individual winners were:

Men's Longest Drive – **Warner Dundas**

Women's Longest Drive – **Diane Martinez**

Women's Closest to the Pin #7 – **Marie Bush**

Men's Closest to the Pin #7 – **Scott Cohn**

Women's Closest to the Pin #13 – **Sheila Ramacci**

Men's Closest to the Pin #13 – drawing since no one got it, and we forget who won it ☺

Longest Putt #18 – someone got it but we aren't sure who ☺

Drawings to overcome the other competitions that no one was sure how they were working ☺ : **Linda Floyd, Mike Madden, Cate Dudley**

ASGA Chicago Golf Championship Recap Cog Hill Golf & Country Club August 8, 2026

The ASGA Chicago Golf Championship was held on Aug. 8, 2026, a beautiful summer day at the renowned Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont, where members enjoyed outstanding weather, great company, and a challenging course. While play moved at a leisurely pace due to a men's Ryder Cup event in front of our group, resulting in a six-hour round, spirits remained high and everyone made the most of a fantastic day on the links.

Congratulations to our 2026 Championship winners:

🏆 **Men's Champion: Dave Halper**

🏆 **Women's Champion: Sheila Ramacci**

Additional honors went to our Low Net Champions:

🏆 **Men's Low Net: Mike Madden**

🏆 **Women's Low Net: Marie Bush**

Dave Halper capped off an exceptional day by earning multiple specialty contest awards in addition to capturing the men's championship.

Specialty Contest Winners

Closest to the Pin

- Women's Hole #4: **Diane Martinez**
- Men's Hole #4: **Dave Halper**
- Women's Hole #7: **Marie Bush**
- Men's Hole #7: *No winner recorded*
- Women's Hole #14: **Linda Floyd**
- Men's Hole #14: **Dave Halper**

Longest Drive

- Women's Hole #8: **Diane Martinez**
- Men's Hole #2: **Bob Davidson**

Longest Putt

- Hole #18 (Unisex): **Paul Housey**

Random Draw Prize

- **Elvira Rafael**

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

Stay Tuned....

For Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events



Check out Previous Events at
www.SinglesGolf.com

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, Tues, Wed, Thurs. (Eastern)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to

www.SinglesGolf.com/join

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**What Do We Get
for Our Dues?**

Here's a Reminder:

SinglesGolf.com/benefits

Newcomers to the event, **Kelan Coffin** and **Elvira Rafael**, made the day extra special; The championship featured plenty of memorable shots, friendly competition, and the camaraderie that makes ASGA events so special. Congratulations to all of our winners and participants for making the 2026 Chicago Championship a success. Special thanks to **Warner Dundas** for arranging the contract with Cog Hill and to **Jay Thompson** and **Tim Ryan** who rescued thirsty golfers, **Cathy Hill** and **Linda Floyd**, on hole 15 with an adult beverage. We look forward to seeing everyone at future outings and at next year's event.

~Cathy Hill

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 09/06/2026)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Bonita Cailliau - 09/13
Martine Derom - 10/15
David Halper - 09/06
Michael Madden - 09/17
Diane Martinez - 10/05
Karin Rettger - 09/21

These members recently renewed:

Marie Di Virgilio
John Eber
Robert Lewandowski
Donna Salvatore

These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Scott Blumenshine - 07/31/2026
John Edmonson - 08/31/2026
Susan Herman - 08/31/2026
Joshua Neft - 07/31/2026

Our chapter currently has 45 members.

**Rules of Golf Review: He didn't
use a club to move his ball
marker. Is that legal?**

By Ron Kaspriske

Here's a golf rule you might not know that comes into play on nearly every hole of every round: You can mark your ball on a putting green, or anywhere on the golf course if it interferes with someone else's play, using virtually anything you choose.

You can use your hat, your glove, a tee, a rake, a 7-iron, get crazy with it. The only catch is the marker has to be artificial (no leaves or pine cones allowed). The reason

the *Rules of Golf* recommends you use a coin or a similar small object is because it's difficult to accurately replace a marked ball with a toaster.

That brings us to the main topic—putting the ball back in the correct spot from where it was marked and lifted. It's a must. If you don't, you're playing from the wrong place and that is a violation of [Rule 14.7](#) (loss of hole in match play/two-shot penalty in stroke play). How you proceed after playing from the wrong place in stroke play depends on if it was a "serious breach."

If you putted out after failing to replace your ball-marker in the correct spot, and it didn't give you a "significant advantage" in the competition, add two strokes to whatever score you made after holing out. If it did give you a significant advantage, say you intentionally foot-wedge your ball out of the rough and onto the fairway, you'd be disqualified if you didn't correct the mistake before making a stroke on the next hole or before turning in your score if it happened on the final hole of the round. You literally have to put the ball back in the correct spot and play out the hole from there (plus the two-stroke penalty).

In match play, none of this matters since you lose the hole no matter what.

That's why it's crucial to get it right when you're asked to move your ball on the putting green or elsewhere. It's so important, in fact, the *Rules of Golf* has specific recommendations on how to do it under [Rule 15.3/1](#). To summarize:

When moving a ball or ball-marker, it should be placed to the side by measuring with a club. You can use the clubhead or the entire length of the club to measure and move. You can do it either directly from the ball or by marking it first and then measuring from the ball marker. Also, you need to find a fixed object to align the clubhead or club with to make sure you reverse the steps correctly when you replace your ball in the right spot. You could line up the point with a tree, a golf cart, a sprinkler head, etc.

To finally tackle the issue in the headline, the *Rules of Golf* is only *recommending* how to determine the spot where you move your ball. It's not a penalty if you measured with your shoe or the flagstick, for example. The key thing is that you replace the ball in the exact spot from where it was marked and lifted.

Your chapter newsletter follows after the following pages . . .

ASGA Annual Dues are \$99.00. 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 (2) 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 the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you half a dozen 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!

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, Eastern Tues-Thurs) for your free cards.

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

25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!



GET READY TO TEE OFF

FOR MORE FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS!

4 WAYS TO JOIN / PAY

- ♦ Call / Zelle: 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 **\$99.00** for 12 months) or **\$198.00** for 24 months (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt when joining for two years!). Best rate per year is **\$297** 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 this 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 NOR 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.

NOTICE - View these terms online at www.SinglesGolf.com/Legal-Stuff

ASGA does not conduct background checks on applicants for membership or current members.

Golf Safety Warning: Golf can be a hazardous sport. Accidents may occur, including being struck by a golf ball, golf cart accidents, or falls. Please exercise caution when participating in ASGA events. Chapters and individuals organizing events are volunteers, not professionals. You are responsible for your own safety. Follow all posted safety rules, including those on the golf cart, at the golf course, and as outlined by the United States Golf Association (www.USGA.org). If you have a safety concern, promptly inform event organizers, your chapter president, or golf course management personnel.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK - By participating in activities organized or sponsored by ASGA, Inc. (d/b/a American Singles Golf Association), its chapters, or affiliates in the United States and Canada, you agree to the following:

- **Release of Liability:** You, the undersigned ("Releasor"), on behalf of yourself, heirs, distributees, guardians, and legal representatives, release and indemnify ASGA, its directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates ("Releasees"), from all claims, including those related to personal injury, death, property loss, or damage. This release applies to both known and unknown claims, except in cases of gross or willful negligence.
- **Assumption of Risk:** You acknowledge that golf and related activities inherently involve risks, including health-related risks. By participating, you voluntarily accept these risks, including potential injury, death, and property damage.
- **Legal Consequences:** You confirm you have read this release, understand its implications, and agree that it will be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by your state of residence. If any portion of this release is deemed invalid, the remainder will remain in effect.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Membership in ASGA is effective upon receipt of dues and remains valid for the selected membership period, subject to these terms:

- **Eligibility:** You must be 21 or older and single (defined as never married, divorced, legally separated, or widowed); and by joining, you accept the terms of the Release from Liability and Assumption of Risk above.
- **Non-Refundable Dues:** Membership dues are non-refundable and subject to change.
- **Use of Information:** Membership lists, emails, and other provided data are ASGA property and are for ASGA purposes only. Your information may be shared with other members and on www.SinglesGolf.com, unless you request otherwise.
- **Opt-Out Clause:** You may opt out of sharing specific personal information by emailing to info@SinglesGolf.com the information you wish to have excluded from your chapter roster. ASGA is not liable for inadvertent publication of opt-out information.

PRIVACY POLICY - See www.SinglesGolf.com/privacy for details.

DISPUTES - All disputes concerning membership terms or conditions are governed by the laws of North Carolina. Legal proceedings must be filed in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

AGREEMENT TO POLICIES - By submitting this application and payment, you agree to abide by ASGA's national and local chapter policies and bylaws, as outlined at: www.SinglesGolf.com/policy and www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws, as well as at local chapter websites or newsletters.

JOIN FOR 2 YEARS - GET A FREE GOLF SHIRT!

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

* **Note:** Credit/Debit cards carry a 3% processing fee. Zelle now accepted, no fee.

☐ **DUES - 24 Months - \$198** (includes free ASGA logo'd shirt - Most Popular!)

☐ **DUES** (Join for 3 years, 4th year free - \$297 (incl. free shirt - best value)

☐ **DUES - 12 Months + ASGA logo'd golf shirt - \$129** (includes shipping)

☐ **DUES - 12 Months - \$99**

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 _____

Pay by Credit Card: Call 980-833-6450 9-2 Eastern Time, M-F

To Pay by ZELLE (no fee), use Zelle ID: 980-833-6450

Or Fax App Form to: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to Info@SinglesGolf.com

Or mail application to ASGA, P. O. Box 848, Pineville, NC 28134