

THE VILLAGES SINGLES GOLF

The Villages Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - May 2020

EXECUTIVE GOLF RESTARTS MAY 11TH

President's Corner

Hello Members!

Well, here we are, another newsletter written while we're in social isolation, ugh! I hope everyone is healthy, and finding new interests to occupy their days. We have ASGA Good News to report - Executive golf will be starting up the week of May 11. Please see the signup sheet for details. However, the report from the Tee Time Office precludes the start of Championship Golf as they will not allow large groups to register at this time. Hopefully, this will change in the near future. Same goes with Pickleball - on hold.

More ASGA Good News - we hosted a Food Drive in April - and the response was fantastic! The Wildwood Food Pantry was very grateful for the contribution of food and money that was collected. Thank you everyone!

We may have another Food Drive this month; sometime mid-May to benefit a Food Pantry in Lady Lake and Fruitland Park that also serves The Villages. Most likely, we will not be having a May Social,

and this is a great way to give back, even if it's just one can of soup. I'll send an email with the details of the May Food Drive when available.

Again, I hope everyone and their family and friends are well and look forward to getting back to the new normal soon! Regards,

~Mary Joy, mjoy122@yahoo.com



Golf Chair

Executive Monday and Thursday golf starts May 11.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/>

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~Jane Boyle



Secretary's Report

No April Social/Meeting to report.

~Marianne Rogers, Secretary

PLEASE VOLUNTEER. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RUN OUR CHAPTER.

Member News

Mary Lou Ricchio, who has served our club in the past as Membership Chair, has moved back to New York State to be with family. She will be missed!

~Rose McGuirk, rosettamcquirk@yahoo.com

PACE OF PLAY

Be aware! **If you can not see the rumps of the group in front of you, you are behind!** Play 'ready golf'. If you think you are not the problem with pace of play; think and evaluate again. Here are some suggestions from USGA:

<https://www.usga.org/pace-of-play-resource-center/tips-and-suggestions-for-improving-pace-of-play.html>



NEW MEMBER CHAIRPERSON

DID YOU KNOW: THE VILLAGES CHAPTER OF ASGA IS A PRIVATE

GROUP ON FACEBOOK

~Nancy Hartshorn

NATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION

Upcoming Multi-Chapter Events (see SinglesGolf.com/events)

- **Memorial Day Weekend 2020** — We will be returning to Pinehurst (our home away from home) for a great 3-day golf and social experience. Arrive Thursday, May 21, for an optional round, or May 22 when everyone else arrives, depart Monday, May 25. **WE ARE REVIEWING THE DATES OF THIS EVENT AS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS MAY CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS ONCE FINAL PLANS ARE IN PLACE.**
- **ASGA in Europe** — We will do two (2) trips to Europe in 2020. We're looking at visiting Scotland in late July, 2020 and then Portugal in mid-to-late September. Stay tuned, information will be out in March for the Scotland trip, late April for the Portugal trip. **AGAIN, DUE TO THE COVID-19 / CORONAVIRUS epidemic, we are reviewing our travel plans to Europe. Please do not make firm plans until the website is announced to all members.**

LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Regular Meeting Date

Fourth Tuesday of the Month

Next Meeting

Suspended

Location

Rohan Rec Center

Our Chapter Website: asgavillagesflorida.net

(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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MONDAY 18-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF (MCG) SUSPENDED

Monday 18-hole championship golf is now in afternoon tee time slots. You must be a priority member to sign up for the Monday championship golf group. After we have been assigned our tee times, an email will be sent to all ASGA members, including non-priority members. If there are any openings, non-priority members can sign up for the openings through the tee time system. We generally have 12 to 20 golfers, and we follow golf with dinner in the country club restaurant. Sign up at the ASGA website/Events Calendar/ Monday Priority Golf. We play for points and require \$3 in the kitty for payout to winners of points and closet-to-the-pin(s).
~Larry Sheets, lga313@yahoo.com



THURSDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF (TCG) SUSPENDED

We are now playing golf later in the day with tee times starting around 11:00 a.m. We follow golf with a drink and/or meal in the clubhouse, and distribute prizes. Please remember to sign up by NOON Friday before.
~Marcia Smith, ommsmith@gmail.com



MONDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (MEG) RESTARTS MAY 11

Please join us Mondays, usually mid-day, as we play the executive golf courses in The Villages. All are welcome. If you don't have a golf cart, we will pair you with someone who does. Walkers are always welcome. We play various golf games, and meet for lunch at a nearby location. The emphasis is enjoying a day of golf with friends. Please sign up on the ASGA website/Calendar/Monday Executive Golf. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VC8yymTuX4Uy8UJWpBgnFLnHrMibqLhZ7UfuzNw2E/edit>
~Brent Mitchell, mitchellbom@hotmail.com



TUESDAY NINE & DINE IS SUSPENDED

THURSDAY 9 HOLE EXECUTIVE GOLF (TEG) RESTARTS MAY 14

Please join us Thursdays as we play the executive golf courses in The Villages. All are welcome. If you don't have a golf cart, we will pair you with someone who does. Walkers are always welcome. We play various golf games, and meet afterwards at a nearby location. The emphasis is enjoying a day of golf with friends. Please sign up on the ASGA website/Calendar/Thursday Executive Golf.
~Tom Boylan, tomboylan47@hotmail.com

FRIDAY EXECUTIVE GOLF SUSPENDED

Held a couple times per month, look at the ASGA calendar to sign up. Tee times are between 10 am and 1 pm.
~Charlene Barton



SATURDAY 18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF SUSPENDED

If you have any course suggestions, send them to me and we will evaluate to see how they can fit into our schedule. Saturday golf provides a venue for both Priority and Non-priority members, and guests, to experience golfing and socializing with our ASGA membership. Sign up on the ASGA website calendar.
~Chris Avent, cwavent@msn.com





SOCIAL CHAIR

Based on the announcement for reopening the Regional Recreation Centers starting on May 11, with social distancing and the statement no recreation

groups or lifestyle groups will be allowed to meet, our May social will be canceled.

Future socials will depend upon how and when various eating establishments reopen, and the social distancing required by Florida. It may be possible that we could have a Happy Hour at the Backyard Barn Winery and Microbrewery, as everybody would be outside as we were in March.

The social committee hopes everyone has fared well during this unprecedented time and we look forward to being able to start meeting again hopefully in June.

Gail Berman

Patrica Van Horn

Jackie Lewis

Joyce Kruk

Jack Donaldson

~Ken McGray, ken61mcgray@yahoo.com

Check the ASGA the Villages Calendar for information about the June Monthly Meeting. <https://www.asgvillagesflorida.net/ASGACalendar.html>

SUSPENDED REMINDER

Every Wednesday is ASGA Pickleball at Canal Street Rec. Ctr. From 12 Noon to 1:50 PM



USEFUL LINKS FOR GOLFERS

4 steps to improve your game:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uBBuVnbtDs>

HOLE-IN-ONE FUNDS

The Villages ASGA started voluntary hole-in-one insurance funds for both executive and championship golf in January 2018. Those who choose to participate, pay \$5.00 into the 'pot' (or \$10 to be included in both pots). If you get a hole-in-one while playing in any Villages ASGA golf event (executive, championship, or nine & dine), you will receive \$100 at the next ASGA Monthly Social.

If you haven't already joined the pool, and if you play golf with ASGA, now would be a good time to get your name on the list(s)... just in case.

We know that the odds of one of us making a hole-in-one are 12,500 to 1, but just think of how many of our fellow Village ASGA members have scored an ace. Just this past week two of our members had a hole-in-one. Only one of them was in the pot.

We've already paid out \$800 to members who had holes-in-one. (Six is the average number of hole-in-ones per day in The Villages!) We all have a chance to get lucky! Don't delay. Hurry and get your name on the participant list. PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNTIL YOU CHECK THE LIST TO SEE IF YOUR NAME IS ALREADY ON IT.

Below are the links you need to get started or you can find the information on our web site at:



https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fasgvillagesflorida.net%2FGolf_Info.html&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ddb7b78338643e51d7a08d796ab0289%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637143533534081498&data=KPVNiz%2BiSRcQCA%2BJkJXgbgPCvD13v9JUidRLct4dBLg%3D&reserved=0

List of Executive Hole-in-one fund participants. Please check before paying:

<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F1sk3Wq1hkjm2qW1mdu5DquS-bJvr6GK0wdBXCx1NahX3l%2Fedit%23gid%3D0&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ddb7b78338643e51d7a08d796ab0289%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637143533534081498&data=CgLnY4isbCtZssXR5dQUXcJ5M0ukNRKYLHtkcrdUSY%3D&reserved=0>

List of Championship hole-in-one fund participants. Please check before paying:

<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F1OB-MZv2oPdKlumr8hsyMRTOWKvDgCg9p-pH2b1qTKVyc%2Fedit%23gid%3D0&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ddb7b78338643e51d7a08d796ab0289%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637143533534081498&data=ICyvDJg4eJ2Yv7fIpuLg9qQc2eA0IUw3%2Bslq4NVdv0%3D&reserved=0>

TREASURER'S REPORT



Beginning Balance	\$ 4765.54
April Income	\$ 1190.55
April Expenses	\$ 0
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 1190.55
Hole-in-One Fund Payout*	\$ 0
PayPal Balance**	\$231.42
Checkbook balance	\$2313.35
Total Ending Balance April 30	\$5956.09

*Hole-in-One Account included in ending balance

** Included in ending balance

If a 'Hole-in-One Payout' is made, it will be included in expenses and the balance of fund will be in Ending Balance.

~Ron Horte, rhorte@yahoo.com



"In this YouTube tutorial, I'm going to show you how to be alone with yourself."

PayPal link for Executive hole-in-one fund:
https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fcgi-bin%2Fwebscr%3Fcmd%3D_s-xclick%26hosted_button_id%3DUXM88G5RF6GUU&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ddb7b78338643e51d7a08d796ab0289%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637143533534081498&sdata=IPIA4yeWZwm9bulh%2B4SuJ5%2B2wdBC7RMWgLt5QMDpgR8%3D&reserved=0

PayPal link for Championship hole-in-one fund- https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fcgi-bin%2Fwebscr%3Fcmd%3D_s-xclick%26hosted_button_id%3D2RUXQUFGV5KKG&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2ddb7b78338643e51d7a08d796ab0289%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637143533534081498&sdata=6VgZQ5vUJrANJhPCj%2Bd1zPBuqoBikVTNEIU3KMYrp8%3D&reserved=0

Please note that names will be added to the lists usually within 24 hours after we receive notice from PayPal that you have paid.

~Beth Disque Website/Communications

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS (THIS REPORT RAN 05/05/2020)

Happy Birthday to these members:

William Anthony - 05/23
Gail Berman - 05/26
Paul Burger - 06/03
Diane Caputo - 05/25
Margaretta Coller - 06/01
Anthony Cutillo - 05/23
Pete Daub - 05/19
Justin Doll - 05/31
Elizabeth Edwards - 05/29
Jenise Ferris - 05/11
Nancy Gipe - 05/20
Tom Heads - 06/05
Susanne Howells - 06/01
Pat Lake - 05/05
Dorine LeBlanc - 05/21
Annette Leonhard - 06/14
Christina Malse - 06/14
James Marotta - 05/11
Vicki McDermott - 05/31
Kathleen McManus - 06/12
Nancy Meeks - 05/21
Toinette Millar - 05/10

Kathleen Nicolay - 06/02
Daniel T O'Connell - 05/04
Pete O'Leary - 06/15
Donna Rogers - 05/12
John Rohe - 05/03
Laura Salter - 06/03
Randi Sexton - 06/05
Jeri Spriggs - 05/27
Judy Veldran - 05/11
Dana Wilson - 05/19
Sue Wisniewski - 05/27

These members are up for renewal: (date shown is last day of membership)

John Audet - 05/31/2020
Victoria Boyd - 05/31/2020
Rosalie Dominguez - 05/31/2020
Roni Feldblum - 05/31/2020
Roy Folmer - 05/31/2020
Robert Furphy - 05/31/2020
Nancy Hartshorn - 05/31/2020
Mary Hilke - 05/31/2020
Charles Hunter - 05/31/2020
Ross Irlam - 05/31/2020
Jackie Lewis - 05/31/2020
Kathy Maloney - 05/31/2020
Mozelle Mangus - 05/31/2020
Elaine McAllister - 05/31/2020
Rick Oldham - 05/31/2020
John Parker - 05/31/2020
Barbara Roberto - 05/31/2020
Lee Robinson - 05/31/2020
Christy Rodgers - 05/31/2020
Arne Rotne - 05/31/2020
Renate Sanghavi - 05/31/2020
David Sawyer - 05/31/2020
John Zabatta - 05/31/2020

Welcome newest members:
Robert Barnett - Joined 04/29/2020
Judith Clare - Joined 03/04/2020
Jim Hanson - Joined 03/25/2020
Mary Thomas - Joined 03/09/2020
Regina Whitnell - Joined 04/24/2020

These members recently renewed:

Adrienne Calvert
Sandra Dempsey
Sharon Ferlaino
Margaret French
Elaine Hirschfeld
Ron Horte
Mary Joy
Joyce Kruk
Richard Lorton
Edward McLaughlin
Robert Owens
Susan Price
Paul Rode
Charlene Soos

These members did not renew their dues:

(date shown is date membership expired)

Barbara Bonney - 04/30/2020
Robert Burns - 04/30/2020
Sandra Carter - 04/30/2020
Michael Conley - 04/30/2020
Tom Davies - 03/31/2020
Elizabeth Gualfetti - 03/31/2020
John Holmes - 04/30/2020
Dale Kennedy - 04/30/2020
Rosemary Macri - 04/30/2020
Susan Messing - 04/30/2020
Kathleen Mullin - 03/31/2020
Arlene Neumann - 04/30/2020
Jerry Schreck - 04/30/2020
Yuri Sohn - 04/30/2020
Sharon Stanton - 04/30/2020
Anna Whipple - 04/30/2020
Janet Zahorian - 03/31/2020

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 371 members.



**BEST VIDEO ON HAND WASHING:
www.SinglesGolf.com/WashYourHands**

“Better 6 Feet Apart than Six Feet Under”

And Other Quips of the Day

- ◆ Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- ◆ Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- ◆ I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- ◆ I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
- ◆ I could never decide where to go for Easter . . . the Living Room or the Bedroom.
- ◆ Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- ◆ Homeschooling is going well. Two students suspended for fighting and one teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- ◆ I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks, we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.
- ◆ This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog . . . we laughed a lot.
- ◆ So, after this quarantine, will the producers of *My 600 Pound Life* just find me or do I find them?
- ◆ Quarantine Day 25: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You must gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- ◆ My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- ◆ Day 15 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- ◆ I'm so excited . . . it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- ◆ I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- ◆ Day 26 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year. I'm offended.
- ◆ They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on.
- ◆ And lastly, I know a great joke about Corona Virus, you probably won't get it though.

AND HOPEFULLY, NO ASGA MEMBER OR FAMILY MEMBER WILL GET IT EITHER!

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.



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: **1-980-833-6450** or FAX COMPLETED FORM TO **1-980-225-0231**. 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.

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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: _____

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

Please charge my major credit/debit card indicated below:

No. _____ Exp. _____

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 _____ Date _____

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