

ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — February 2025

BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM - WEDNESDAY MARCH 12TH



President's Message



Have you noticed? The days are getting longer. March is near or here. If Mother Nature is kind, we may be on a local golf course before the end of March - Woo Hoo 🐉

National has two trips scheduled: Portugal (no official date or pricing yet) singlesgolf.com/portugal and Savannah (registration opens to all February 27th) which is March 30 - April 3; singles-golf.com/savannah.

Our first Board meeting of 2025 will be held on Wednesday, March 12th at 7pm via zoom. An email will go out shortly with a Teamup link to sign up if you are interested.

We have 3 of the 6 monthly Formal golf events scheduled: May at Sycamore Golf

Course, June at Fox Run and October at The Edison Club. Once the courses open, we will schedule July, August and September.

We are always looking for ideas of new events or courses to try. If you have any suggestions on any topic, please send an email to albanyasga2002@gmail.com and in the subject area enter; *New Idea or Suggestion*. We will make sure the right Board Member gets the email and they will respond.

The weather was not very cooperative on most weekends this winter to get walks on the calendar. And, I was away several weekends in January. We did go out on February 15th at Capital Hills with lunch after. I will try to do more in March.

Noreen has held the monthly Happy Hours. **Laurie** took the reins and arranged a successful bowling afternoon. Thank you to both.

What to do while you are waiting for courses to open? Loosen up - start going for a walk if it's safe and start preparing your golf bag for the 2025 golf season! It will be here before you know it



~Deb Ptasinski

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 02/26/2025)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Jack Aernecke - 03/07
 Helene Chapados - 02/12
 Tom Cuite - 02/22
 Maria Czerwinski - 02/02
 Noreen Matt - 03/12
 Gary O'Brien - 02/20
 Judi Price - 02/06
 Andrew Przybylowicz - 02/12
 Deborah Ptasinski - 03/08

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)
 Tom Cuite - 02/28/2025
 Tony Milillo - 02/28/2025

These members recently renewed:

Mary Beth Allen
 Michael Congero
 Mary Kate Mueller
 Kathleen Patterson

These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)
 Marian Gogola - 12/31/2024

Our chapter currently has 54 members.

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide

We're Going to Portugal!

Tentative Time Period: September, 2025

This trip will happen. We've heard from about 200 members who've indicated their interest in going. **UPDATE:** Go to www.SinglesGolf.com/Portugal (updated 12/20/24) and see where we are in terms of planning. No specific dates yet as we'll need to visit Portugal and do a number of site visits on hotels, courses and restaurants. Deposits accepted early January.

Hosted by the National Office of the American Singles Golf Association



LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting Date

Board Meeting - Wednesday, March 12th

Meeting Location

Zoom Meeting

Our Chapter Website:

<https://www.meetup.com/Albany-Chapter-ASGA/>

Our Hotline: 1-888-465-3628

(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

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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BRUNCH:

On February second the ground hog predicted six more weeks of winter, and all you had to do was look out the window to see old Phil wasn't kidding around...



Despite the weather a group of hearty ASGA souls ventured out to Van Patten for Sunday brunch...



Thankfully the group chose indoor dining...



BOWLING

Another event organized to keep our group of golfers involved with ASGA during the winter months was a successful bowling outing organized by **Laurie Morse** February 7 at Kingpin's Alley in Latham. The group was joined by her guest Diane. There was also a small raffle for champagne and OJ and \$36, Noreen was the big winner. While scores were not passed on to your editor Laurie says a good time was had by all and the bowling was impressive. Enjoy the pictures...





It can be tough to find exercise opportunities during the winter, save shoveling snow. But something like bowling in winter can help with maintaining mobility for golf, and life.

Continuing to move, no matter at what, is a key to living as opposed to just being alive.



WINTER WALK:

It was a cloudy, chilly morning at Capital Hills. Actually, it was calm before the storm which was to arrive later that day. Six had signed up for the walk. Three canceled leaving 3 which then went down to 2, due to an injury. That didn't stop the two **Debs** who were left to take the walk around the course, up and down the hills.

Capital Hills is known as a place where dogs can run free when the course is closed. We encountered many friendly, furry friends as we followed the icy path. At one point, **Joan** surprised us when she passed us on the path.

After we finished the walk, we met **Ro** and **Ruth** at Martel's for lunch.



A couple of the furry friends enjoying winter...



HAPPY HOUR:

The month ended with a Happy Hour, delayed a week because of Valentines Day. The event **Noreen** organized was held at the popular Seven pub in Clifton Park...



If you need a little optimism that spring is on its way note this:
The average high temperature in the Capital Region on March 1 is 37 degrees, the average high temperature on March 31 is 51 degrees.
Golf season is coming!!!!

FUN – FELLOWSHIP – FAIRWAYS!

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 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)***

SINGLE? PLAY GOLF?



The Albany 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 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

The back side of the business card is a form with the following fields: 'ASGA Member' followed by a blank line, and 'Call / Text' followed by a blank line. Below these fields, it says: 'When joining, please be sure to reference my name or member number on the application form. Thanks!' At the bottom, it provides the website 'www.SinglesGolf.com/join' and the membership fee '\$8.25/month payable annually @ \$99'.

Back side of business card



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

** There is a \$25 charge for any check returned from your bank.

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