

HARTFORD SINGLES GOLF

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Hartford, CT Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — March 2025

MARCH 22ND - BOWLING & DINNER



Meet our Handicap Chairmen Rich Zdunczyk and Don Schmitt.

They create fun, equitable golf games for us in HASGA. People have asked *why should I have a USGA GHIN #.*

Here are some answers and suggestions for you to consider

1) It's a great way to track your progress

There's no better feeling than seeing your Handicap Index go down after posting a

good score and knowing the hard work is paying off. And since your scoring record is carried over from year to year, in just a matter of seconds, you can look back and see how you've progressed over time. Conversely, if your number goes up, you can review your statistics and identify which parts of your game need the most work.

2) You can use it to set a target score

Before teeing it up, you can use your computer or mobile app to convert your Handicap Index into a Course Handicap™ – which represents the number of strokes you need to play to par from the tees you'll be playing. You can then simply add together your Course Handicap + par and you'll have your target score for the round – which is the score you'll shoot if you're able to play well.

3) It opens up new playing opportunities in your area

When you sign up for a Handicap Index through the Connecticut State Golf Assoc and HASGA, you become part of a growing community of golfers in your area.

4) You can experience competition within our games in HASGA

Rich and Don will set up games for us so we can have fun and fair play, regardless

of the difference in skill levels. And you don't even have to play a serious 18-hole round to do it! Since scores from many formats, including match play, are acceptable for handicap purpose

5) It's easy to get started

All you need to do is post scores from a total of 54 holes, made up of any combination of 9- or 18-hole rounds, and you'll have a Handicap Index the very next day. Your handicap will continue to update the day after you play, so whether you play once a week or once a month, you'll always have an up-to-date measure of your ability. Be sure to get in the habit of posting your score right after your round.

A GHIN # from the USGA enables golfers of all abilities to play with and compete on a fair basis, in any format (fun games, scrambles, etc.) on all course

Many signed up last year and will be renewing; if you have a GHIN # already you can switch your number over to HASGA; Third option: you can sign up for the first time to help Rich and Don equalize our fun golf schedule for 2025.

Here is the link to click onto if you're a first timer or switching your GHIN #:

<https://join.ghin.com/ag1gg3/club/56155>

NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting & Location

Please check our Website calendar for upcoming events.

Our Chapter Website:

www.hartford.singlesgolf.com

(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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Save the dates:

- Saturday, March 22nd: Bowling 6 pm, followed by dinner at Mykonos in Newington
- Saturday, April 5th: Chris Cote Night, 5 pm, Portland
- Saturday, April 12th: Annual Open House, 6 pm at Southington Country Club
- April 19th - 20th: Easter Weekend
- **Saturday, April 26th – Opening Day**
- Saturday, May 17th: Hawthorne Inn for music and dinner

All events are subject to rescheduling or cancellation. We encourage members to suggest social events. Share with us your suggestions.

Rules of Golf Review

I love my lie, but I have to stand in ground under repair to hit the shot. Is that allowed?

By Ron Kaspriske, GolfDigest.com

You've probably seen golf tournaments on TV where a player opts to hit a shot off a paved cart path or has to stand on the cement because the lie is better than if the golfer took relief from the immovable obstruction. Play it as it lies is a fundamental aspect of the game.

Just last year, Mackenzie Hughes took his shoes off—seriously—believing he would have a better chance of gripping the hard surface of a cart path with his feet than in his spiked golf shoes. That's how motivated he was to play from a drain grate instead of taking relief. To be clear, as long as a ball is on the course and not in an area marked for mandatory relief like a no-play zone (think environmentally sensitive areas), you're entitled to play it. Sometimes taking free relief puts the ball in a better lie. Sometimes it doesn't.

You might wonder if you're allowed to do the same if your ball is in ground under repair or if your ball is outside the GUR area but your stance leaves your feet inside it. Maybe you like the lie, but there's the overall concern about doing further damage to an area that needs some TLC.

The answer: When it comes to ground under repair, *it's your choice*. Take relief or play your ball from that sweet lie ([Rule 16.1a](#)). You might make the damage worse to the GUR, but the superintendent is the

only one who will probably take issue. Incidentally, the outside edge of the stakes or paint lines that mark the area are also considered ground under repair. If your ball, stance or area of intended swing is interfered with by this abnormal course condition and you decide to take relief, you must find the nearest point of *complete* relief from the ground under repair and drop your original ball or another ball clear from it and within one clublength of that point, not nearer the hole. There is no penalty.

Getting back to areas on the course marked as no-play zones, this is the one instance where you *must* take relief even if your ball is not in the zone but your area of intended stance or intended swing would be interfered with by the NPZ. If you're wondering how no-play zones are typically marked, the *Rules of Golf* doesn't designate a specific color of stakes or lines, but the following is recommended: Penalty area no-play zones should have red or yellow stakes with green tops. Abnormal course condition no-play zones should have white or blue stakes with green tops.

About Our Members
(THIS REPORT RAN 03/15/2025)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Cynthia Abrams - 04/07
Frederick Jackson - 03/14
Beth London - 03/28
Donna Pardo - 04/07
Patricia Rondinone - 03/28
Paul Silverio - 03/04
Vi Smalley - 04/10
Joseph Tycz - 03/05
Cheryl Woodin - 04/11

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

Cynthia Abrams - 03/31/2025
Susan Clark - 03/31/2025
Laura Petrella - 03/31/2025
Patricia Rondinone - 03/31/2025
Linda Yurkunas - 03/31/2025

These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Florence Dubek - 02/28/2025
Jacqueline McQuay - 01/31/2025
Purushotam Puri - 02/28/2025
William Van Alstyne - 02/28/2025

Our chapter currently has 61 members.

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 Hartford 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 price '\$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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