

ALBANY SINGLES GOLF

Albany Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — April 2025

MAY 18TH - FORMAL GOLF AT SYCAMORE C.C.



President's Message

Hello Everyone and welcome to Spring in the Northeast!

One day it's 80* and the next day we are shivering in the 50s. I think it's referred to as false Spring. If April showers bring May flowers we should have lots of blooms very soon.

Sandy started scheduling our weekend golf at local courses; Saratoga Lake on Easter and Stadium this past weekend. I regret to announce Noreen Matt has resigned as Social Chair. We all thank **Noreen** for her last couple of years arranging happy hours, restaurant week dinners, holiday parties, etc. We are actively seeking a replacement. If anyone is interested in the position or perhaps even sharing the position, please reach out to me. I will be glad to assist.

The Boston Chapter has informed me they lost 2 contracts for the 2025 Tri-Chapter. They are currently looking into scheduling a one day event at a course in central MA.

We are constantly seeking new members for our chapter. When you are play-

ing golf outside of our group, please take the opportunity to spread the word about ASGA. Especially, if you get paired with strangers and learn they are single. Start talking the group up! What's not to like - golf every weekend and most holidays in season, make new friends, play various courses, access to a roster of 50+ local members to invite to your next 4-some at your favorite course and group golf trips outside of our area and the USA!

National ASGA has announced the dates for the Portugal Trip: September 24th - October 5th. I believe we have 9 Albany members signed up for the trip. They have not yet announced the price.

Our first formal for 2025 is coming up - Sunday, May 18th at Sycamore Country Club in Ravena. You should have received an email to sign up. This outing will be our normal 4-person team scramble with contest holes. Dinner follows golf at the course.

I hope to see you on a course soon.

~Deb Ptasinski

About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 04/29/2025)

Happy Birthday to these members:

Barbara Ashbee - 04/03
John Garrity - 04/26
Mary Kate Mueller - 04/24
Marie Rossi - 04/15
Ken Schwartz - 05/10
Cathy Sheridan - 05/08
Gregory Shields - 04/01
Rui Sun - 04/21
Ruth Zeising - 05/06

These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)

Cathy Sheridan - 04/30/2025
Ning Zhu - 04/30/2025

These members recently renewed:

Cindy Applebaum
Tony Milillo
Deborah Ptasinski
Marie Rossi

These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)
Joe Candee - 03/31/2025

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



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LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting Date

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

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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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 51 members.

FIRST INFORMALS OF 2025!!!

At long last your chapter newsletter can
publish pictures of our members playing
actual golf! Sandy and her team arranged
two weekend informals, the first at Sarato-
ga Lake and then the last weekend in April
at Stadium on a cold, windy, rainy Sunday.
Enjoy the pictures...

Saratoga Lake





"You're away, no you're away, no....."



I found it, want to play it from here???



Stadium, to say it was windy, chilly and damp is an understatement. This was truly golf while wearing layers...







When the rain grew in intensity shortly after the front nine everyone decided it was time to call it a day, and we retired to the warmth of the newly renovated restaurant at Schenectady Muni, The Parlor...



BOWLING

To show just how changeable the month of April can be in the great northeast, our month started with bowling. Kingpins Alley in Latham was the location on April 2...



The scores, some of those numbers would be pretty good for a round of golf!



Note Deb P's 163, that was the high score...



Afterward a meal and conversation at the 110 Grill...



In honor of her 163 Deb had the "thrill" of wearing the trophy, a bowling pin hat donated by Helene. We plan on having bowling next winter season so be ready, you too could have the honor of wearing the trophy...



For now though bowling can wait, golf season is here, **Deb** has sent out the email for the first formal of the year so check and make sure you have the information so you can sign up and we can kick off the golf season in grand style. See you on a golf course soon.

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, "Call / Text" followed by a blank line, and a paragraph: "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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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.**