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# PHILADELPHIA SINGLES GOLF

Philadelphia Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — February 2026

## FEBRUARY 18TH HAPPY HOUR AT CHAPS TAPROOM

### From The President

Hi golfers,

As I write this, I just dug out my car from the latest snowmagedon. Wow, what a difference a couple of weeks make.

Now that we're into the new year almost a month, it's time to put your thinking caps on. There's lots to plan, and if you want this year to be all it can be, whether it be golf or social, it's really going to take the proverbial village to make it happen, because many hands do make light work. (That should cover my cliché quota for this month)

The first order of business, since it looks like the first happy hour of the new year laid an egg, is our monthly happy hours. While I support our HH diva **Kelly Wall** in wherever she schedules. I do know she continues to put the word out for suggestions. Thanks to those that do, but hopefully there are other ideas out there to explore. I know it is quite the juggling act for Kelly trying to pick a place and date while dealing with the many activities scheduled at the various bars she considers and are suggested. So be patient, but keep the ideas coming.

Next on the list is our social calendar. I know our group loves its happy hours. Although, maybe minus the freezing temps.

There has to be other ideas/options out there that our group enjoys doing together. Meetup has mini groups for all kinds of activities. Well, we have the group already set up. Come up with something you enjoy, put the word out, and gather some members who are also interested. It's an idea that could continue throughout the year.

Lastly, the main reason we're here, golf. It's almost that time to start making calls to fill our calendar. Of course, I'm always hopeful that we can find common ground with the courses we enjoy playing at and not be expected to pay through the nose for reasonable tee times. Sadly, I don't think some places will consider our loyalty worth it to work with us on a fair rate. It all depends on what we're each willing to pay for golf on any given week. If you have a track in mind you'd like us to play reach to our golf chair **Kate Prendergast** to explore open dates and then reach out to the course and inquire on a tee time and rate for us. If you need some help with that, just ask, we're here to help.

In the meantime, stay safe and warm. Remember, warmer temps and green fairways will be here soon.

~Kurt Kraenbring, President

### February Happy Hour

This month's happy hour is on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Chaps Taproom located at 2509 W Main Street Eagleville PA 19403. Many of you have been there before after **Barb Wittenberg's** golf outings at Jeffersonville. For anyone who is interested, we will be hanging out after happy hour to do Trivia. Please RSVP to me at [kcwall1020@gmail.com](mailto:kcwall1020@gmail.com). I'm looking forward to seeing everyone after these long weeks of snow and ice.

Thank you,  
~Kelly Wall

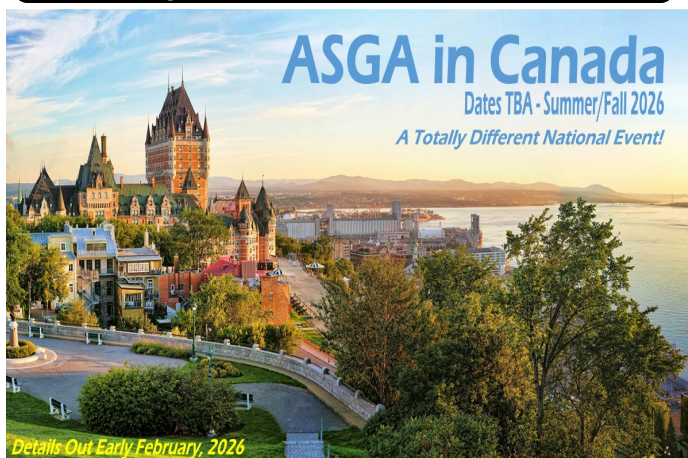
### From the Social Chair

Happy Snow everyone! While I mostly enjoy being hunkered down and staying inside during these winter months, it is probably best to get out once in a while. That being said, let's try to get together for some non-golf fun. People have suggested bowling and movies. I will be looking into these options, so look for an email from me in February. If you have any other suggestions, let me know and I can help guide you to setting them up. In the meantime, stay warm, stay safe, and continue putting on your living room rug!

~Caroline Brinker, Social Chair

### NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

#### Next Meetup

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

#### Meeting Location

Chaps Taproom

#### Our Chapter Website

[www.Philadelphia.SinglesGolf.com](http://www.Philadelphia.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

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## Post or Not to Post Scores with GHIN During Off Season

The active season according to Philadelphia GAP ended on November 12, 2025, and resumes on April 01, 2026. You need to post your golf scores during the active season, but if you play in an area with an active season (Florida) while your home area is inactive, you must still post those scores.

New rules for 2026 as established by PGA: (Note there are other rule modifications mostly pertaining to professional golfers. Google "2026 new rules of golf" for a list of all new rules. For fun try to explain "Internal Out of Bounds")

### Player Awareness of Ball Movement.

**Previous Rule:** A player faced a two-stroke penalty if they unknowingly moved their ball.

**New Rule:** If a player is unaware that they caused their ball to move, they will incur only a one-stroke penalty instead of two.

### Relief for Embedded Balls

**Previous Rule:** Players could only take relief if their ball was embedded in their own pitch mark.

**New Rule:** Players can now take free relief if their ball is in another player's pitch mark, provided it is in the general area. Players will receive embedded-ball relief if their ball finds an unrepaired pitch mark in any area, cut to the fairway height or less.

### Preferred Lies Modification

**Previous Rule:** Players could move their ball within one club length in wet conditions.

**New Rule:** Players can now only move their ball the length of a scorecard, which is a standard measurement, to reduce the advantage gained from moving the ball.

### Penalty reduction when the player is unaware ball moved

**Previous Rule:** Players were penalized two strokes if they caused their ball to move and failed to replace the ball to its original spot before their next shot

**New Rule:** If a player plays a shot from the wrong place and was unaware their ball moved, the penalty will be just one stroke.

### Obstructions close to putting greens:

**Previous Rule:** You are entitled to free relief if an obstruction interferes with your ball, stance or swing (or, if it's on the putting green, you also get relief if it's on your line of

play). How and where you take free relief depends on a few factors, but to simplify, you need to locate the nearest point of complete relief that is not nearer the hole. You can then take a drop in an area within a club length of that point. If it's on the green, you don't drop, you place the ball. **New Rule:** Players are usually given line-of-play relief from immovable obstructions when they are two club-lengths from the putting surface, and it will include holes or ground under repair caused by the removal of such objects cut to fairway height or less.

Thanks,  
~Joe Gunn, Handicap Chair

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 02/07/2026)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Gerry Chalphin - 02/22  
Paula Fox - 02/22  
Susan Mainhart - 02/11  
Connie Ritchey - 02/17  
Sara Thompson-Bell - 02/04

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)  
Christine Brady - 02/28/2026  
Caroline Brinker - 02/28/2026  
Mary Chevitski - 02/28/2026  
Erin Dunkel - 02/28/2026  
Jan Nader - 02/28/2026  
Lynn Procopio - 02/28/2026  
Mary Reinoehl - 02/28/2026

### Welcome newest members:

Ok Soon Lee - Joined 12/26/2025

### These members recently renewed:

Barbara Cutts  
Rita Kline  
Paul O'Connell  
Patricia Rose  
Katherine Serbin

### These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Paul Hayward - 01/31/2026  
Scott Mabry - 12/31/2025  
Bill Pizzi - 12/31/2025

To renew your dues today, go to [SinglesGolf.com/renew](http://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 65 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 Philadelphia 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/policy) and [www.SinglesGolf.com/bylaws](http://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 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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

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**Or Fax App Form to: 980-225-0231 or Scan & Email to [Info@SinglesGolf.com](mailto: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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