

# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SINGLES GOLF

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SW Florida Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - March 2026

## FUN - FELLOWSHIP - FAIRWAYS

### Message From the President



Hello Everyone, Welcome to spring golf!

It's that time of year when the days are getting a little longer, the weather is really trying to warm up, and we can all look forward to more great rounds together on the course.

As we head into this next stretch of the season, I wanted to draw everyone's attention to a very exciting and unique upcoming National Event that is sure to be a highlight for many of us.

On behalf of the National office, we are excited to share plans for a very special and completely unique upcoming National Event — one that combines our love of golf with the joy of travel, sightseeing, and great company.

Our journey will begin in beautiful Quebec, followed by a scenic cruise along the St. Lawrence River.

Destinations include Charlottetown (PEI), Sydney and Halifax (Nova Scotia), Portland (Maine), and Boston.

We'll celebrate the 4th of July and the United States' 250th Birthday in Boston — a truly memorable experience.

### Itinerary

- Arrive in Quebec on June 24, 2026 (up to 3 nights hotel – details to follow)
- Embark the ship on June 27, 2026
- Arrive in Boston on July 4, 2026
- Depart Boston on July 6 or 7, 2026

This promises to be an unforgettable combination of golf, travel, friendship, and celebration.

Please go to: [www.singlesgolf.com](http://www.singlesgolf.com) for more information and registration.

### Leadership Opportunity – A Note from Donna

As my term as President comes to an end, I just want to share how much this role has meant to me. It has truly been a rewarding experience, filled with great friendships, connection, and the joy of being part of such a wonderful group.

As we look ahead, we will be looking for someone to step into the role of President. This is a great opportunity to take a meaningful step forward and help support our chapter.

You don't need to have all the answers — just a willingness to be involved and work alongside a supportive and experienced

Board.

- You'll be supported
- You'll be appreciated
- And you'll help continue the spirit that makes our group so special

If you've ever thought, "Maybe I could do that..." — I encourage you to reach out. I would be more than happy to chat and share what the role involves.

Thank you all for being such an important part of what makes this chapter so special.

See you out there on the course! Warmly,

~Donna Gaines, SWFL ASGA President

### Communications Chair

By now many of you have seen that the Signup Genius app has made some changes to their looks. During the process you may be asked to log-in, so you'll need your email address and password. Always look for, and click on the "My Dashboard" link.

Once you are logged in and in your Dashboard you should see a page that has **SIGN UPS** in big bold letters. Directly

## NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



## LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

### Regular Meeting Date

We meet directly after our golf events at a restaurant to be named weekly

### Our Chapter Website

[www.southwestfl.singlesgolf.com](http://www.southwestfl.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](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/MyAccount) to make changes to your address, phone, etc. To join or renew your dues, go to [www.SinglesGolf.com/join](http://www.SinglesGolf.com/join)

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**What Do We Get  
for Our Dues?**

**Here's a Reminder:**

[SinglesGolf.com/benefits](http://SinglesGolf.com/benefits)

under that are three tabs:

**Created** (disregard this)  
**Invited To**  
**Signed Up**

The Invited To tab will show all the events that have been scheduled, and the Signed Up tab will show all the events you are signed up for. If you want to sign up for an event use the Invited To. Also, as always, you can still use the link in the weekly invite email to sign up as well.

Happy Sign Ups!

~Larry Bacci

**About Our Members**

(THIS REPORT RAN 03/23/2026)

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Lawrence Bacci - 04/09

Janice Chiaradonna - 03/13

Ellen Hallett - 03/12

Dianne Hand - 03/06

Inge Longpre - 03/15

Constantin Marioni - 03/11

Rachel Raker - 03/25

**These members are up for renewal:**

(date shown is last day of membership)

Susan Peltier - 03/31/2026

Jean Prior - 03/31/2026

Daleann Wessel - 03/31/2026

**Welcome newest members:**

Laura Worthington - Joined 02/03/2026

**These members recently renewed:**

Lawrence Bacci

Mary Fuller

Toni St Germain

James Sudol

**These members did not renew their membership:**

(date shown is date membership expired)

Nancy Ernstes - 02/28/2026

Renee Gee - 01/31/2026

Will Mckiddie - 02/28/2026

Barbara Oakley - 02/28/2026

Marilyn Pedroso - 01/31/2026

**Our chapter currently has 69 members.**

**San Carlos Park, March 14<sup>th</sup>**



*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)***



# 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!**

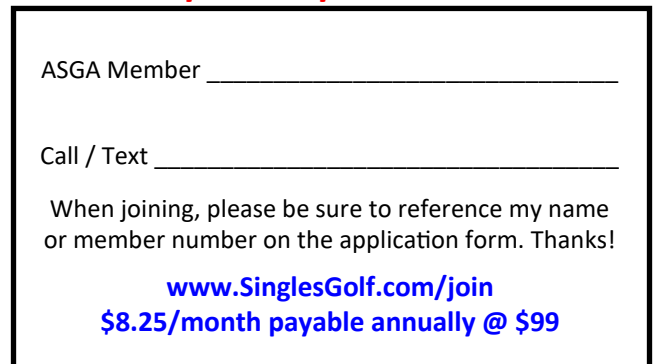
Below shows how your business card appears. They don't come to you automatically, you'll have to order them. E-mail [Irene@SinglesGolf](mailto:Irene@SinglesGolf) or call 980-833-6450 (9am—1:30pm, Mon-Fri, Eastern) for your free 25 cards.

**- - Tom Alsop**  
**President and Founder**  
**American Singles Golf Association**

**25 Business Cards Will Be Mailed to You Upon Request!**



Front side of business card



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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* **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](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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