

# PINEHURST SINGLES GOLF

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Pinehurst Chapter - American Singles Golf Association — June 2026

## WEATHER OR NOT

### From the Prez

Well, here we are starting the "Warm" season. Last Summer we had one of the hottest Summers on record, followed by a Winter with more snow than the past 5 Winters combined. This Spring we had more "False Prophets" (Disguised as Weathermen) than any religion has witnessed.

So what's in store for us? Flag Day on the 14th. The Summer Solstice (the beginning of Summer and the day with most daylight), Father's Day and International Yoga Day all coincide on the 21st. The 14th is also the final day of the U.S. Open. If your invitation got lost in the mail, as mine has been for over, well, over a lot of years, come and play with us on the Holly course at Pinewild CC. Rose (the wine) Day also falls in June. I don't think that the particular date matters to Rose connoisseurs - any day will suffice. Another special day is Kamehameha Day. Seriously. Kamehameha the Great, was the king who united the islands of Hawaii. They have a ceremony with leis. So - if you wanna get "leid".....

The drought may be over and the courses

will be lush and pusher so let's tee 'em up.

Please take a wee bit of your time to thank your officers. I work with them and not one of them takes a casual approach to their volunteer efforts on our behalf.

**Patty Allan** - Membership. **Kathy Schlagel** - Sunshine. **Jim High** - Invitations. **Jim Legg** - Treasurer. **Charlane** - Monthly Meetings. **Lynn** - President Emerita (and consultant). **Peggy** - Newsletter.

One thing is sure for June - we'll have golf events scheduled.

### From the Fairways

We have had some good weather to hit the fairways (and other environs). A few words about some of our local tracks. The Woods - I have spoken with the Director of Golf, Jason and the owner, Lee, about adding some forward tees. It would give players more options in tee selection, speed up play and lower scores (in theory). Many of our members favor the courses with forward tees. Hitting good

shots and not getting the satisfaction of being able to putt for pars and birdies can be discouraging. Some people have gone so far as to take up bowling. UGH!! We are scheduled to play The Woods on the 16th and the management has agreed to put in some 'temporary' forward tees on that day to see how their members and our members like them. We already know.

**Beacon Ridge GC** - The pro at Beacon ridge GC has contacted us to let us know that they have put in 'loads of sod'. They are dropping the price for us to \$40 to lure us back to see for ourselves. We'll be checking the conditions on the 7th.

**CC of Whispering Pines** - The Pines course continues their renovations. It seems that the final course will have double the sand that it has now. Let me rephrase that - there will be larger bunkers and more of them. I believe that the course will play tougher. November target date is what we've been told. The River course has had an upgrade in mainte-

### NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

#### Regular Meeting Date

Second Thursday of each month

#### Next Meeting/Location

Thursday, June 11th at Table on the Green

Our Chapter Website: [www.pinehurst.singlesgolf.com](http://www.pinehurst.singlesgolf.com)

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, Tues, Wed, Thurs. (Eastern)

National Office: 980-833-6450 or 1-888-GOLFMATE

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for Our Dues?**

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nance, but not a redesign. To Be Determined.

**Foxfire GC.** The Red Fox has been "spruced up" (I didn't see any Spruce trees.) with better grass conditioning. No plans on the table yet for any redesign. The Grey Fox should be ready for play with November as the target.

**7 Lakes GC** - There has been a gradual improvement in conditioning with several sparse spots sodded or planted.

**Pinewild CC** - The clubhouse and surrounding areas (parking, bag drop, etc.) are being redesigned. The clubhouse is fenced off and there are a couple of large trailers being utilized. The courses are still the same with a few new tees and better grass growth. The Holly greens did have a Nematode infestation which has been dealt with. (I told them to be wary.) The prices have held steady. For now.

**Quail Ridge GC** - Management has agreed to give us a "Summer Rate" of \$60 so, we'll be there on the 28th. The second hole is still as irascible as ever though.

**Cheraw State Park** - The greens are being replaced with October as the estimated re-opening.

Meanwhile, back on the fairways we have tested several of our courses.

**18 holes at the River course at CC of Whispering Pines.** I don't have all the scorecards so, a few of our players will be left out. **Jo Anne** went to town with her 7 iron off the tees. She hit some wonderful shots and kept the ball in play but, being new to the layout, she got victimized by some of the nuances. **Joe** made pars on the meanly testy 4th, the 12th and 14th, **Elaine** bagged pars on the looong 7th and 18th. **Rick** dropped a par on the boomerang 15th. **Peggy** got off to a rocky start but righted the ship and ended with a pretty good score. **Jim** had a case of the "lefts" for a while, yet managed to hit several greens in regulation. **Kevin** had pars on #2, #9 and a birdie on #4 which was the Highlight of the Day. CTP accolades went to **Lynn** and **Mike**.

**9 holes at The Woods** - **Joe** started us off with a par on the first hole, and captured the crown. **Michelle** and **Lois** both made par on the second, **Lois** just missing her birdie attempt. **Peggy** and **Lynn** each hit some good drives. **Charlane** won the CTP.

**18 holes at Longleaf G&FC** - Wonder of wonders, both **Mike Roche** and **Kim** came out to add to our enjoyment. **Mike** dropped in three pars showing little rust. **Kim** waited no time scoring back-to-back pars on the treacherous 4th and the banana 5th. **Peggy** had a solid front nine highlighted with a par on the sneaky 2nd. **David** had a slew of pars to go with a deft birdie on the 10th. **Martez** and **Rick** took the CTP wreaths. **Lynn** had the Highlight of the Day on the 3rd with an up-and-down from the weeds for a treasured par on a rascal of a hole. As if that wasn't enough, **Lynn** had several pars (I think the actual count was 7.) leading to her best 18 hole score EVER!! Way to go, **Lynn!!!**

**9 holes at Midland CC** - No scores to report but Phyllis snatched the CTP Trophy. 18 holes at Deercroft - The weather-guessers struck again but Mother Nature did not - She smiled on us. **Jim Legg, David** and I took to the fairways (and some adjacent areas). **David** did have a bunch of pars and, in a tragedy of errors, the CTP award.

**9 holes at Longleaf G&FC** - **Charlane** was the heroine as she took first place and the CTP accolades. **David** made a par on the slippery 4th and followed with a birdie on the 5th. However, **Jim** has set a record, dubious though it may be. **Jim** hit a fine drive on the eighth hole, but it kicked sideways into the fairway bunker. From this point Mel Brooks wrote the script with **Jim** going from bunker to bunker for 9 straight shots from the sand. As we all know - **Jim** laughed it off.

**18 holes at Sanford MC** - **Jolly** brought her smiling son, Todd along. This is not to say that Jolly has another son or two who don't smile. **Rick** had one of his best 9's to start the day. **Kevin** had a Clint Eastwood outing - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. On the par 4 12th, **Kevin** hit his drive pin high off to the left. With a 3 wood!!!

(Saliva tests proved inconclusive.) **Rick** went one better with a birdie on the hole. **Don** birdied the undulating 9th with a delicate approach shot to spitting distance from the hole. **Mike** took the CTP Cup with **Jolly** second. But the highlight of the Day goes easily to **Jim Legg** as he holed out from about 40 yards in the trees for a birdie on the 6th hole. Yoiks!!

As always we welcome your feedback. Words of Wisdom - Wear out, don't rust out.  
Extra Words of Wisdom - If at first you don't succeed, putt again.

## Schedule

### May

31st - 18 holes at Longleaf G&FC, 11:20, \$55

### June

- 2nd - 9 holes on the Azalea par three course at Pinewild CC, 12:30, \$25
- 7th - 18 holes at Beacon Ridge GC, 11:00, \$40 (Newly sodded)
- 9th - 9 holes at Longleaf G&FC, 12:10, \$30
- 11th - Monthly Meeting at Table on the Green, 5:30
- 14th - 18 holes on the Holly course at Pinewild CC, 12:36, \$80
- 16th - 9 holes at The Woods, Noon, \$25 (Forward tees just for us)
- 21st - 18 holes at Longleaf G&FC, 11:20, \$55
- 23rd - 9 holes at Longleaf G&FC, Noon, \$30
- 28th - 18 holes at Quail Ridge GC, 11:00, \$60
- 30th - 9 holes on the Holly course at Pinewild CC, 12:44, \$40



Happy  
Fathers  
Day!

## About Our Members

(THIS REPORT RAN 05/29/2026)

### Happy Birthday to these members:

Bobbi Amato - 06/15  
Richard Enright - 07/06  
Kimberley Schiffers - 07/08  
Elaine Simon - 07/05

### These members are up for renewal:

(date shown is last day of membership)  
Jo Anne Cutrer - 06/30/2026  
Nancy Willson - 06/30/2026

### These members recently renewed:

Michael Ethridge

### These members did not renew their membership:

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Robin Pinnix - 04/30/2026

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 42 members**

## Rules of Golf Review: Understanding 'backstopping' and when it's a penalty

**By Ron Kaspriske, GolfDigest.com**

Back in 2019, the LPGA Tour found itself in the spotlight for a curious ruling involving two tour players and a practice called "backstopping." If you've never heard the term, tour pros commonly use it to describe purposefully leaving a ball in place on the putting green instead of marking it. The thought is that it can potentially help another player who is hitting an approach shot onto the green. If the player off the green hits a shot that is too hot, the ball on the green might stop it from getting into real trouble.

[Rule 15.3](#) covers this practice and, as you might guess, it's a penalty (two strokes). Getting back to the incident on the LPGA Tour, [Ariya Jutanugarn and Amy Olson were paired in the same group at the Honda LPGA Thailand](#) and reached the final hole of the second round with Jutanugarn's ball on the green and Olson's just off.

Jutanugarn did not mark her ball and Olson's ensuing chip struck it. The incident got a lot of attention and scrutiny from LPGA officials because the two players fist-bumped on the green, suggesting there might have been some collusion.

The LPGA found in its investigation that the two players did not agree to leave the ball in place and they weren't penalized.

Setting aside your opinion on whether they did or did not collude to backstop, there was a bunch of talk on the pro tours about the practice in the following months, with major championship winner Jimmy Walker saying [he left his ball on the green from time to time to help other players](#).

What you need to know about [Rule 15.3](#) is that in stroke play, regardless of whether you knew the rule or not, you can't agree to leave your ball to help another player—or vice versa. Ignorance is not going to get either of you out of a two-stroke penalty. Worse, if you both know it's illegal and backstop anyway, you both would be DQd under [Rule 1.3b\(1\)](#) for deliberately ignoring a rule.

Interestingly, however, in match play there is no penalty if you do it for your opponent. That's because "the outcome of any benefit that may come from the agreement affects only their match," a clarification ([15.3a/2](#)) to the rule states.

The smart move under [Rule 15.3](#) is to mark and lift your ball if you think it might help another player who is about to chip. Keep in mind that in stroke play, you also can elect to hit the putt before the player chips, because there is no penalty for playing out of order.

Returning to the example of what happened in the LPGA tournament, procedurally if there was no intent to backstop and the ball on the green was struck, that ball must be replaced at its original spot. Meanwhile, the ball that hit the resting ball on the putting surface is played as it lies.

*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.***
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- 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)***

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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 the yellow signs to gain more members in your local chapter, **upon request** we will also provide you with ASGA business cards. More can be sent to you if needed, but we'll start out by sending you half a dozen 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!***

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

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Signature **X** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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