

# SARASOTA SINGLES GOLF

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Sarasota Chapter - American Singles Golf Association - April 2026

## MAY GOLF AT MISTY CREEK C.C. & SERENOA G.C.

### From the Sarasota Chapter Board

Since this is our Sarasota Chapter Reunion Year, we invite our former members to come play with us over the summer and consider rejoining our group. Bring your friends out to enjoy a fun round of golf and fellowship.

If you are a current member traveling to National Chapter events, please you're your photos and your thoughts on the event to our Meetup website. We would like to share your photos with other chapter members.

We welcome suggestions for upcoming quarterly events and are always open to feedback. Contact **Sue** at [suemarques5@gmail.com](mailto:suemarques5@gmail.com).

Make new friends, improve your game, stay involved by joining us for one of our May 2026 events at Misty Creek Country Club or Serenoa Golf Club. You are an essential part of our Sarasota Singles Chapter, and we look forward to your attending one of our upcoming events. Sign up at <https://www.meetup.com/asgasarasora/events>.

### Events and Pictures

We had such a great day for golf at Serenoa. We had 14 attendees from the chapter including a big welcome to new members **Brian Pence** and **Kathy Hartz Bennett**.

Lunch was held after our round at Cafe Barbosso where closest to the pin winner on #17 was **Debbie Hirsch** and Raffle winners for the event were **Bryan Pence**, **Charlie Damiano**, and **Garrett**.



### NATIONAL EVENT INFORMATION

Events Open to All Members Nationwide



### LOCAL CHAPTER INFORMATION

Next Meeting

TBD

Meeting Location

TBD

Our Chapter Websites

[www.meetup.com/asgasarasota](https://www.meetup.com/asgasarasota)

[Sarasota.singlesgolf.com](https://Sarasota.singlesgolf.com)

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

**Here's a Reminder:**

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

**About Our Members**

(THIS REPORT RAN (04/28/2026))

**Happy Birthday to these members:**

Linda Adsitt - 05/13  
Diane DeGennaro - 05/28  
Jim Johndrow - 05/16  
Angie Laing - 05/22  
Laurie Lawrence - 05/26  
Flo Wiener - 05/25

**These members are up for renewal:**

(date shown is last day of membership)

Linda Davis - 05/31/2026  
Jim Johndrow - 05/31/2026  
James Mazza - 05/31/2026  
Brian Spinks - 05/31/2026  
Flo Wiener - 05/31/2026

**Welcome newest members:**

Kathleen Bennett - Joined 03/18/2026  
Brian Pence - Joined 04/14/2026

**These members recently renewed:**

Sarah Brown  
David Davis  
Sally Scaman

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

(date shown is date membership expired)  
Melissa Steffy - 03/31/2026

**Our chapter currently has 62 members.**

**What happens when someone  
tending the flagstick deflects  
your ball from going in?**

*By Ron Kaspriske, GolfDigest.com*

A great rule change back in 2019 was when the USGA and R&A decided you could leave the flagstick in the hole when your ball is on the putting green. Back in the dark ages, striking the flagstick with the ball when on the putting green was a penalty (two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play).

The new rule speeds up play, and we're all for that. However, there is one important catch to [Rule 13.2](#): You have to decide whether you're leaving the flagstick in or having it removed before you make a stroke. You can't, for instance, have your caddie run up to the hole and pull the flag while your ball is in motion because you think it would go in if you made the last-second decision change. And you also can't run up and re-insert the flag if you think it will deflect and stop your moving

ball from, say, rolling off the green.

Now here's where things can get awkward.

What if you do everything right and the flagstick still comes into play? Let's say you ask your match-play opponent to tend the flagstick with the understanding that as soon as you strike the ball, your opponent will pull the flagstick out of the hole and clear out of the way (which is still fine according to the rules). It's a casual weekend match so you're opponent agrees and holds the flag at arm's length waiting for you to putt.

As you hit the putt, your opponent tries to remove the flag but it's stuck. He pulls and pulls but it won't come out. Meanwhile, your ball is tracking right toward the cup. At the last second, he's able to free the stick from the cup, but the ball strikes the bottom of the stick and caroms away from the hole.

What do you do now? Are you penalized? Is he penalized? Is no one penalized?

The answer is ... it depends on intent.

If it was an accident, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies. If your opponent was only pretending that the stick was stuck in the hopes it might interfere with your putt, that is a violation of [Rule 11.2](#) (ball in motion deliberately deflected or stopped by person). Your opponent would lose the hole. If it were stroke play, your playing partner would be assessed a two-stroke penalty and the stroke would be cancelled. You'd get to putt again.

The thing is, there are a lot of little nuances to removing the flagstick or leaving it in that you might want to know. For example, what if you decide to leave the flagstick in and then another player in your group, not authorized by you, removes the stick while the ball is in motion? There is no penalty as long as there was no chance the flagstick would have impacted the putt or if that person was unaware you were about to putt or that the ball was in motion.

Also, if you wanted the flagstick in but your caddie or partner didn't get the memo and pulled it while the ball was in motion, there would be no penalty to your side if that person was convinced your ball would not have hit the pole before coming to rest.

*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 Sarasota 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 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!***

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, Eastern Tues-Thurs) for your free cards.

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

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



# 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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